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PGM LAUTENSCHLAGER HONORED FOR SERVICE

THANK YOU! Doesn't say enough. As I sit here writing I want to take the time to Thank all of the lodges that helped pull Paul's Testimonial dinner off. After two years as Grand Marshal I had the opportunity to travel all over the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania with Paul. We visited many lodges. All of them welcomed us like we were a member of their lodge.

On September 19, 85 Brothers, Sisters, family and friends gathered at the Holiday Inn in Dunmore PA to celebrate Paul. As Chairman of the testimonial committee, it was my duty to make the night unforgettable. We started the evening off with a Surprise guest that came from the jurisdiction of Iowa, PGM Jami Clark (we had told Paul since February that she would NOT be able to make it). After he was allowed in the ball room, he was overwhelmed with all the guests that showed up. After a delicious dinner Paul presented his charity with a check for $24,000.00. We had Jami Clark & Thomas McHugh speak then the very handsome Justin C. Bailey roasted Paul and his wife Monique. I then presented Paul with his PGM's ring (surprise # 2).



PGM Paul and PGMa Andy presenting the check to Northeast Suicide Prevention

We then danced the night away with the Luongo band. I would like to thank Jessica Kilmer and Nadine Hager along with Tracy & Russell Knight for the help setting up the ballroom.

Again, thank you for all of your donations and help to make this a night that Paul won't forget.

Andrew Kilmer PGMa



Paul and Monique with the members and family of his home Lodge, Freedom #88 in Honesdale

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GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Wow, October was a very busy month. Between the visits and officer installations I'm glad to have that month behind me. By now your officers should be installed. Officers, keep in mind the obligations you all took and agreed to. You're not in this position by yourself. Your fellow lodge members are there to support you. Use their knowledge and experience to help you be successful. Now it's time for a new and eventful year. Take some time and plan out what your lodge will be doing over the next year. Get out, get involved and active with your community. Show pride in our order! Let others see what we are all about. Something as simple as a brief notice posted on social media or even at the local post office. Give a brief description of who and what you do and offer. Always put down a contact name and number. The more the public hears and understands us the better our chances to obtain new members.

November can be a busy month keep in mind Veterans Day is on the 11th. Take a moment to thank those who have served. They risked all so we can have the freedoms we all take for granted. Recognize the veterans in your lodges. If your lodge is able maybe have a special meal for them. This is the month hunting comes into full play. Be safe out there and mindful of your environment. Make sure you are certain before you pull that trigger. Always practice gun safety. And let us not forget Thanksgiving is this month. (Psalm 106:1 Praise The LORD. Thanks To The LORD, For He Is Good; His Love Endures Forever.) This is a time for family and fellowship. Be thankful for all the gifts and rewards you have. Keep those less fortunate in mind. Maybe your lodge can help out the local food pantry. Or even put on a dinner for those who are in need. It's hard to understand in a country that is so rich why we have so many people in need. We are Odd Fellows so let's try and help in any way we can to ease the burden.

Now football is starting to heat up. I'm sure we all have our favorite teams. Here is a hint for my college and pro team. I'm an Irish Renegade. Make sure you stay awake after eating that turkey. Enjoy the games with family and friends. Maybe have a game day at the lodge. It's all about fellowship. Your lodges are like an extended family. Try and be devoted to both your family and your lodge. If I haven't been to your lodge I soon will be. I enjoy the visit I get to see all kinds of Odd Fellowship. Just a heads up in case you might have forgot. My charity this year is Camp Victory in Millville, PA. It's a special camp for special kids. Check them out on social media they do a ton for kids. I feel honored to be able to support them.

Friendship, Love and Truth
Jim Fuller Sr. Grand Master

VINCENT LODGE HAD A GREAT DAY AT THE SPRING CITY MUSIC AND MARKET FEST!

We gave out soft pretzels, water and collected donation for the Grandmaster's campaign for Camp Victory.

We met a lot of people, educated them on who we are and what we do and some of them were interested in joining!!





COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

2 – Malvern-Pocahontas #201 OV – 7:30PM
3 – Newburg #562 OV – 7:00PM
4 – Brady #116 OV – 7:30PM
9 – Mineral #285 OV – 7:00PM
12 – Mackinaw #380 OV – 7:00PM
14 – GL Brd @ #307 – 10:00AM
17 – Tunkhannock #699 – 7:00PM
21 – Vienna #847 OV – 10:00AM

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS
E. Keith Harvey, Jr., PGM#471

35 YEARS
David G. Richardson, #8
Robert E. Raffensberger, #74
Gary R. Hallock, #96
James W. Abraham, Jr., #201

45 YEARS
Steven W. Toll, #270

50 YEARS
Terry L. Caldwell, #1004

60 YEARS
Arthur M. Danley, #116

80 YEARS
Bushkill Encampment No. 55, Sellersville

160 YEARS
Shenandoah Lodge No. 591

180 YEARS
York Springs Lodge No. 211

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH

COME ALONG FOR THE RIDE

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

After a brief pause in the visitation schedule during the end of summer, the road is about to get busy again.

Beginning September 28, I have seven official Encampment visitations scheduled over the following three weeks, followed by another in early November. We will travel from Strasburg to Philadelphia, Malvern, Leesport, western Pennsylvania, Ambridge, Norristown, and then Tamaqua.

Last month I wrote about what I learned during my first visitations and concluded with a simple thought: sometimes leadership begins with something as simple as showing up. As we begin this next round of visits, I would like to extend that thought beyond the office of Grand Patriarch.

Come along for the ride.

I encourage our Grand Encampment officers, Past Grand Patriarchs, and Patriarchs throughout Pennsylvania to join me whenever your schedule permits. You certainly don't need to make every visitation. Pick one close to home—or better yet, choose an Encampment you have never visited before.

One of my goals this year is to increase visitation between our Encampments. It is easy for each of us to become comfortable attending our own meetings, seeing the same familiar faces, and conducting the business immediately before us. But Odd Fellowship was never intended to stop at the doors of our own hall.

When we visit another Encampment, we strengthen the connection between its members and our larger Order. We exchange ideas. We see different ways of doing things. We renew old friendships and make new ones. Sometimes simply having visitors walk through the door can bring new energy to a meeting.

There is another important reason for getting on the road.

Not every Encampment in Pennsylvania faces the same circumstances. Some are doing well. Others may be struggling with attendance, membership, officers, degree work, or simply maintaining enough active members to keep moving forward. We cannot understand those challenges from a report or a list of numbers nearly as well as we can by sitting down with the members themselves.

I want these visits to help us identify where assistance may be needed and, more importantly, determine what we can do to help. Sometimes the answer may come from the Grand Encampment. Other times, another Encampment may already have faced the same problem and found a solution.

That is one of the reasons increasing visitation matters.

Our Encampments should not operate as islands. We are part of the same branch of Odd Fellowship, sharing the principles of **Faith, Hope and Charity,** and we are stronger when we know one another and support one another.

So as the fall visitation season gets underway, I hope you'll consider joining me. Come for an evening. Bring another Patriarch with you. Visit somewhere you've never been before.

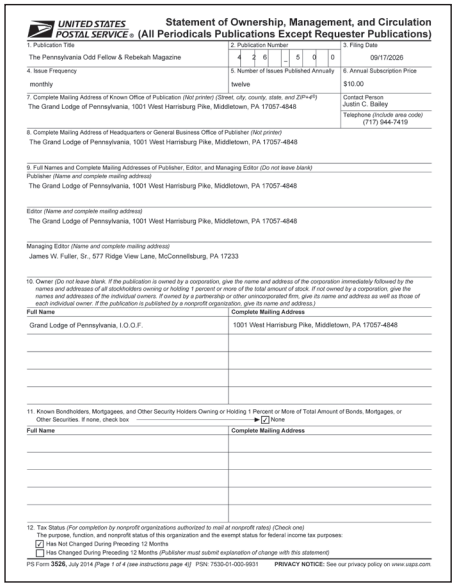
Let's see what is happening throughout Pennsylvania, learn from one another, and perhaps leave each Encampment a little stronger than we found it.

After all, **Building Upon a Strong Foundation** isn't something we accomplish from one place.

Sometimes, we have to get on the road.

Upcoming Official Visitations
Friday, November 6 – Scott Encampment No. 132 – 7:00 p.m.

In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Courtney V. Franklin
Grand Patriarch



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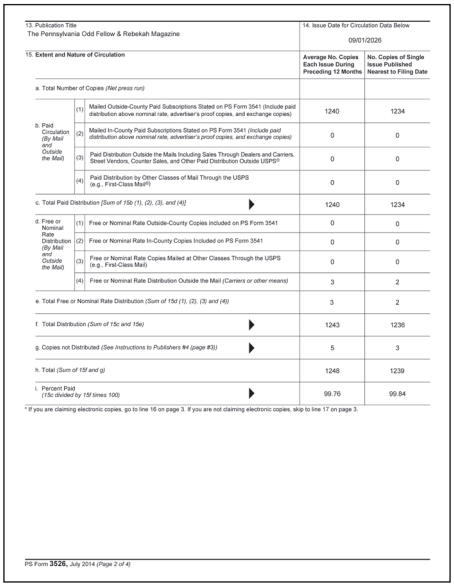
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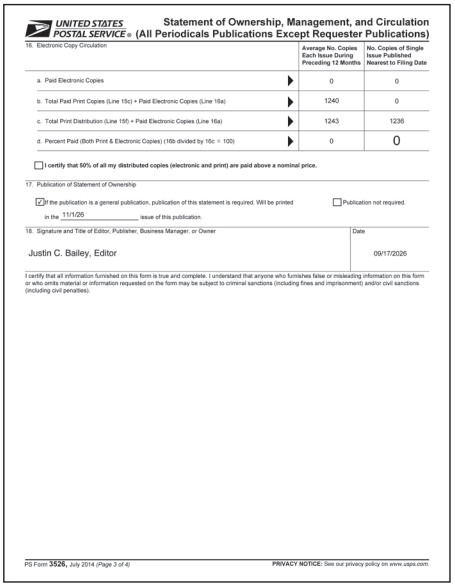


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Frank & Eileen Hilt with Paul and Monique Lautenschlager. Frank served as Deputy Grand Master for Paul's first term as Grand Master, and Grand Herald for Paul's second term.



DGM David & PGM Thomas McHugh with PGM Lautenschlager. David served as Grand Guardian for Paul's first term, and was then elected as Grand Warden for Paul's second term.



Paul's children, JP Lautenschlager and Colette Raebiger presenting Paul with a beautiful plaque

NEW LODGES ACROSS THE CONTINENT

Not only is Pennsylvania proud to announce the opening of Bantam Lodge No. 26, but two other Jurisdictions welcomed new Lodges since then!

Welcome to Theoria Lodge No. 250 of English, Indiana. Lodge 250 was originally assigned to Azur Lodge No. 250 of Campbellsburg, Indiana, in Washington County. Azur Lodge was founded on January 25, 1866, beginning a legacy that would span more than 130 years.

Sadly, Azur Lodge eventually closed its doors in October 1998.

For years, the number 250 remained part of Indiana Odd Fellows history.

Now, in 2026, Grand Master Louis D. Ketchum chose to give Lodge 250 another chance to serve Indiana communities, and the timing could not be more meaningful. As America celebrates its 250th anniversary, the historic number 250 has been brought back to life through the formation of Theoria Lodge No. 250.

Capital Vista Lodge No. 162, of Edmonton, Alberta. Newly instituted lodge and installation of officers attended by Grand Master Bruce Allonby and his grand officers as well as fellow brothers and sisters from Calgary, Lethbridge, High River, Ontario and the Philippines.





WARREN LODGE ENJOYS FELLOWSHIP

The 1st Annual Magical Mystery Cruise was a HUGE success. Everyone had a great time. We departed Warren across 59 then down Songbird Lane to Bradford where our first stop was at the CASE/ZIPPO Museum. A very interesting place full of the history of both companies. And if you are into knives and lighters you couldn't ask for a better selection in their store. You can get anything special ordered with your name or company logo, etc engraved on it.

From there we headed down 219 to the Kinzua Bridge State Park. The Visitor Center is amazing with the technical history of the bridges. And EVERYONE braved the walk out onto the walkway over look. And almost everyone stood on the glass floor at the end of the walkway.

After spending time at the Park, we headed to Lantz Corners and the Barrel Room Restaurant for a fantastic supper and lots of conversations about untold various subjects.

The final stop on our Magical Mystery Cruise was outside of Kane to Bob's Trading Post where everyone selected ice cream from the largest selection of flavors in the area.

Members John Wood, John Webster, Jim Tellman and wife Sandy, Daryl Kittell and wife Stephanie, Connie Elston, Kate Glasgow all blindly followed the organizer Lou Dussia with absolutely no idea where or what Lou had planned. I have a very good feeling they are all looking forward to next years Magical Mystery Cruise #2.
~ Lou Dussia

~ Grand Secretary's note – What an interesting way to get the Lodge to do something fun together. This Lodge traveled throughout their county, and the neighboring one, to visit many sites. It's such a great way to get to know each other, get to know your area, pretty inexpensive, and it's spreads Odd Fellowship! I'd love to see other Lodges try this!





BOYERTOWN LODGE IN ACTION

Thank you everyone for coming out to the Boyertown Octoberfest this past weekend.
While we Sponsored a table and sold shirts to support charities in the area, we also made 5 new friends! (we also ate and drank!). A special thank you to the T shirt committee for doing a GREAT JOB!!! ~ Steve Boyko, DDGM





MT. VERNON ENCAMPMENT DONATES TO YWCA

Mt. Vernon Encampment No. 14, of York, recently donated 250 gym bags to the YW for preschool children to use during swim classes and for other activities. The bags display the Mt. Vernon Encampment logo in recognition of the organization's sponsorship. The bags were well received.





MICHAEL SERVERSON HONORED AT TESTIMONIAL

On September 24, friends, family, and fellow members of the Order gathered to honor Past Grand Patriarch Michael Serverson and recognize his tenure as Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

The evening provided an opportunity to celebrate Mike's service and leadership while enjoying the fellowship of those who shared in his year as Grand Patriarch. Members of the Odd Fellows family joined Mike's family and friends for an evening of conversation, memories, and well-deserved recognition.

A testimonial is more than an opportunity to look back at a year of service. It is also an opportunity to recognize the time and commitment that go into serving our Order, as well as the family, friends, and fellow members who provide their support along the way.

Congratulations to PGP Michael Serverson, and thank you for your service to the Grand Encampment and Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania.





First Photo: Pictured, left to right: Grand Patriarch Franklin, PGP Dorothea Oertel, PGP Michael Serverson, and PGP Thomas Kutchner.

SCOTT ENCAMPMENT NO. 132 OF TAMAQUA

On September 5th, a dozen Patriarchs gathered to confer the Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees on two candidates, Kenneth Bailey of Harmony Lodge #86 and Julie Stokes of Shenandoah Lodge #591. The Golden Rule Degree was conferred in Lecture form, and Patriarch Kenny Bailey traveled the rough road of life, by a spectacular guide.

The following month, we had our installation wherein Jennifer Joann Swett took over the helm from Andy Kilmer. We had 16 Patriarchs present and are looking forward to another progressive year. We also voted on three applications. Things are certainly looking up!



Front Row (l to r) Junior Warden Thomas P. Dargis, Jr.; Scribe Justin C. Bailey PCP; Treasurer Julie A. Stokes. Back Row Senior Warden William Oertel; Chief Patriarch Jennifer J. Swett; High Priest/ Outgoing Chief Patriarch Andrew L. Kilmer; DDGP Paul E. Lautenschlager





NOVEMBER OBITUARIES

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



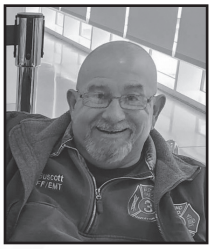
Jo Anne Williams
Past RA Flag Bearer/ PDDP
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22
September 17, 2026

Sister Jo Anne (Myers) Williams, 88, of Bellefonte, PA, was initiated into Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, PA, on March 20, 1957, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 19, 1981, and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on November 21, 1981. She served as District Deputy President from 1981 – 1983 and eventually served the Rebekah Assembly as Canadian Flag Bearer for PPRA Jean Woods from 1985 – 1986. She was active in the Lady Emily Degree Team and helped decorate the Rose Float in Pasadena in 2001. She served as Mom on the Pilgrimage for Youth in 2002. On June 20, 2000, she received the Decoration of Chivalry. She became a member of Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22, Cassville, PA, through consolidation on July 9, 2019. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

She was a member of the Milesburg United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Williams, Jr. Surviving are five children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Unionville, PA.

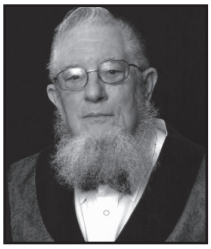


Gerald W. Guscott, Jr.
Harmony Lodge No. 86
September 24, 2026

Brother Gerald W. "Jerry" Guscott, Jr., 62, of Hazleton, PA, was initiated into Hazleton Lodge #65 on May 29, 1998, where he became a Past Grand on October 29, 1999 and received the Grand Lodge Degree on November 13, 1999. He became a member of Conyngham Lodge #308 through consolidation on February 28, 2003, and a member of Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua, through consolidation on January 23, 2008. He was active on the District 6 First Degree Team.

Surviving is his father, Gerald W. Guscott, Sr., his son Joshua, and wife, Ashley, all members of Harmony Lodge #86, and one granddaughter, Lily.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.



Douglas B. Eaby
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Strasburg Lodge No. 361
Ridgley Encampment No. 217
September 27, 2026

Brother Douglas B. Eaby, 82, formerly of Kirkwood, PA, was initiated into Colerain Lodge #544, Kirkwood, on November 2, 1975, where he became a Past Grand on October 24, 1977 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on April 3, 1978. He became a member of Hebron Lodge #437, Cochranville, PA, through consolidation on August 27, 1979. At the time of the consolidation, he was the Noble Grand of Colerain Lodge. He served as DDGM from 1985 – 1998. After Hebron Lodge went defunct in 2004, he transferred membership to Strasburg Lodge #361 where he presently held membership. He joined Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201, Malvern, as an associate member, on May 22, 2006. He was active in the Initiatory Degree Team, serving as Warden. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Colerain Lodge #544. He was also serving as the Right Supporter to the Noble Grand.

He became a Patriarch at Ridgely Encampment #217, Strasburg, on December 11, 2006, where he served most of his time as Scribe, up until the time of his death. He was an associate member of Chosen Friends Encampment #88, Malvern, where he became a Past Chief Patriarch on October 6, 2025. He served many years as a Director to the Odd Fellows Home of Pennsylvania, Middletown, where he passed away.

He was a U.S. Veteran of the Coast Guard and Army National Guard and was a member of the Nottingham Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Quakers.

Surviving is his wife, the former Janet Plummer, two children and one granddaughter.

Service were conducted by the members of his Lodge.

Places to GO...People to See

NOVEMBER

14 / Grand Lodge board mtg, Middletown – 10:00am @ #307

21 / Odd Fellows Home of PA Ann'l mtg, Middletown

\+ denotes details to follow

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

THE TREASURER'S TALES - NOVEMBER 2026

November is the month of Thanksgiving, which took place on November 26 in 1931. Some of you may have noted that the 2026 calendar is the same as the 1931 calendar. This coincidence makes some planning easier.

On November 3, Alka Seltzer was invented, just in time for Thanksgiving. On November 10, the Academy Awards were held. Lionel Barrymore was awarded best actor, Marie Dressler was awarded best actress, and Cimarron was awarded best picture. If you follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GK12rSuLVVw you will be able to watch whole movie on your computer. On November 17, Charles Lindbergh inaugurated Pan Am flight service from Cuba to South America. On November 21 the film Frankenstein was released. You can see parts of it here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLE7D31BBA24A6F75D.

As always, people come and go. Famous births in 1931 include Monica Vitti on November 3, Ike Turner on November 5, director Mike Nichols on November 6 and Darla Hood of Little Rascals fame on November 8.

School was in full swing in November and Barney tried to use plays to keep his students interested. He hoped to attract interest by having the students perform plays. The Thanksgiving Dance was in the minds of most of his students. And Barney proved he was lucky by being drafted to chaperone the dance. Barney wanted to keep this dance very routine and boring. The students were all for livening things up. Prohibition was still in full force. This meant that no liquor was easily gotten. Unfortunately for Barney, one of his students had an uncle who lived in Canada and visited often. Rather than spiking the punch with cheap moonshine, the student had Canadian Club.

Barney and Miss Wilton watched the punch bowl. Miss Wilton was 76 years old and the senior member of the faculty. She taught mathematics and was known to fall asleep in the afternoons. Although we will see some mischief here in a few paragraphs, the real problem lay outside. The students put two, almost empty whiskey bottles in the trash.

Melchizedek approached the trash soon thereafter, attempting to give his young newphew Saul a lesson in foraging. Since there were two bottles, Melchizedek taught Saul how to lift a bottle and drink from it. Even a small amount of Canadian Club is a lot for a raccoon. Tipsy is the best way to describe these two knights of the forest. They proceeded to eat the cafeteria garbage after drinking the whiskey. Melchizedek had been drunk before, Saul had not. Before Melchizedek could get very much stale bread in him, Saul passed out.

Boys and girls at high school dances want to get together. Everyone should be friendly, but not too friendly. Every ten minutes, Barney checked the boys room. Every 20 minutes, Miss Wilton checked girls room. When the teachers were running checks, the liquor hit the punch. The students had poured it out of the bottles and into milk bottles.

Miss Wilton liked punch. She especially liked the spicy punch in cool weather. She drank the punch, unaware that it was almost one-third Canadian Club, 80 proof. After the second glass, she needed to sit down. Barney did not like punch and went to the teacher's room and made coffee. Boys and girls found each other and went to a number of empty rooms. Barney was kept busy chasing them out of their hiding places and back to the dance floor. When 10:30pm hit, Barney was the happiest teacher in Grovers Mill.

Barney spent a half hour flushing the students out of the school. Miss Wilton fell asleep in a chair. Barney had to wake her and help her to her car in the parking lot. A couple students found Saul passed out beside the walkway to the parking lot. They decided it would be great fun to put him on the ground in front of Miss Wilton's car. They were lucky he didn't wake up and bite them.

Barney helped Miss Wilton get in her car. He was reluctant to let her drive but she insisted. She had a 1912 Baker Electric, which she had owned for almost twenty years. Barney made sure she got in the driver's seat before he went to his Model A. As soon as Miss Wilton turned on her headlights, she screamed. She saw the raccoon lying on the ground and thought she may have killed it.

Barney rushed over to see what was going on. A few students were hiding in the bushes and laughing their heads off. Barney quickly found the unconscious raccoon. He had seen this before, with Melchizedek. He carried the raccoon to the back seat of his car. He told Miss Wilton she had to leave her car and let him take her home. On the way, he stopped at Vic's house. Miss Wilton had attended school with Vic and he knew her well. Barney told Vic he had a drunk raccoon. That needed a cage for the night and then took Miss Wilton home.

When Barney returned home, Elizabeth was baking pies for Thanksgiving. She gave Barney a glass of cider and asked how the dance went. Barney gave her the whole story. By the time Saul had arrived at Vic's, Elizabeth had heard enough and wanted to go to bed.

Happy Thanksgiving to all, no matter how furry you are.

Next month is December and our story will probably surround Christmas or something else seasonal. Again, I will try to incorporate raccoons in my Christmas story. They like candy canes and always want to check out the Christmas cookies. By the way, are you an elf?

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

MALVERN AND BOYERTOWN LODGES INITIATE MEMBERS

On Friday, September 18, Malvern Lodge #201 held an initiation. Directed by DDGM Steve Boyko, 20 brothers and sisters from seven lodges joined forces to initiate three candidates: Maria, Mary, and Matthew. The group photo captures the wonderful diversity of those gathered - and, even more importantly, the sincere smiles in every row.



VINCENT LODGE PARTICIPATES IN THE COMMUNITY

Vincent Lodge No. 762, of Spring City, recently participated in Royersford's Community Day.

We had a great time meeting people from our community. We handed out free water, collected monitory donations for our local food bank Project Outreach and spread the word of Odd Fellowship!

Our lodge also organized and held a drive up and donate event to collect food for Project Outreach. We collected 14 boxes of food to help those less fortunate in our community.

Besides being in a local vicinity, why does Vincent Lodge feel the need to go to Royersford? Royersford Lodge No. 1038 was instituted in 1892 and lasted about 50 years before consolidating with Vincent Lodge on April 3, 1941.







ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA 2026 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Pennsylvania is offering up to four (4) Graduate Scholarship Awards during the Fall of 2026. A maximum award of **$3,000** will be determined based on whether the applicant is enrolled full-time or part-time, as well as the total number of credits completed and currently in progress.

Eligibility Criteria

We welcome applications from all eligible candidates who meet the following criteria:

- **Membership Status:** The applicant must be a current member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) or Rebekahs of Pennsylvania, **or** the son/daughter or stepson/stepdaughter of a living member.
- **Academic Status:** Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate or post-baccalaureate degree program at an accredited college or university. All areas of concentration are eligible. Applicants must meet one of the following criteria:
  - **Option A (Conferred Degree):** A college graduate who has earned a Bachelor's degree and is continuing their education toward an advanced degree (e.g., Master's, Ph.D., Ed.D., M.Ed., M.M., etc.); **or**
  - **Option B (Accelerated / Direct-Entry Track):** A student enrolled in an accelerated or integrated multi-year professional degree program requiring study beyond the traditional 4-year undergraduate level (e.g., Doctor of Physical Therapy [D.P.T.], Doctor of Pharmacy [Pharm.D.], Physician Assistant [P.A.], or 5-year combined Bachelor's/Master's programs). **Applicants in these direct-entry programs qualify for the Graduate Scholarship once they enter the graduate/professional phase of their curriculum (typically Year 4 or 5), even if a separate Bachelor's degree is not conferred.**

Note on Past Applicants/Recipients: Past applicants and recipients of the *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Pennsylvania Scholarship Award* (undergraduate or graduate) are encouraged to apply. However, an applicant may only receive a Graduate Scholarship Award **once,** beginning with the 2026 Graduate Scholarship Program.

How to Apply

To request a copy of the official **Rules** and **Application Form** for the 2026 Graduate Scholarship Awards:

- **Email:** Request application materials via email at robag@comcast.net
- **Website:** Download directly from www.glpaioof.org (available from September through mid-November).
- **Mail:** Contact Robert Grant, 40 Cypress Way, Charleroi, PA 15022.

Submission Deadline: Completed application packets must be **postmarked by Saturday, November 21, 2026**.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Interesting Facts:

Though the Encampments numbers ended in the early 300's, there were over 500 encampments in their almost 200 years of existence! Some of the numbers, you'll also see more than once, as some of these Lodges only lasted a few years.

Even having thousands of Chevaliers, we only had approximately 60 Cantons in Pennsylvania. There were around 30 Auxiliaries.

How many Encampments or Cantons were in YOUR County?? Did your County even have an Encampment or Canton? Did you ever wonder if your town had one?

If you can take a picture of the Lodge Hall that was once in your town and mail it in, or even a story about an encampment, we'd be glad to have it for our archives and it could perhaps end up in the magazine!

LACKAWANNA COUNTY ENCAMPMENTS
Carbondale – Lackawanna Encampment #16 – defunct 1954
Clark's Summit (Clarks Green) – W. S. Rogers Encampment #221 – consolidated 1924
Jermyn – Rush Brook Encampment #263 – defunct 1902
Olyphant – Colfax Encampment #176 – consolidated 1933
I don't know – Is anyone paying attention to these #200
Scranton – Scrantonia Encampment #81 – consolidated 1972
Scranton – Armin Encampment #124 – defunct 1912 (German speaking)
Scranton – Electric City Encampment #249 – consolidated 1924

CANTONS & AUXILIARIES
Carbondale – Canton Carbondale No. 40 – defunct between 1903 – 1908
Carbondale – Canton Carbondale No. 60 – defunct after 1922
Scranton – Canton Scranton No. 4 – consolidated 1962
Carbondale Fortress No. 15, LAPM – defunct after 1930

1st Encampment – Lackawanna Encampment No.16 in 1845
Last Encampment – Scrantonia Encampment No. 81 in 1972

7 Encampments with 0 remaining

NEXT MONTH – Erie County

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

Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201, Malvern
Mary Giannone – initiated September 18th
Matthew Giannone

Triune Lodge No. 307, Middletown
Ebin P. Sheehy – initiated September 15th

Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown
Debra Oliver – initiated July 25th
Richard C. Robertson
Alexis D. Thomas – initiated September 19th
Kimberly Geyer
Daniel Geyer

Boyertown Lodge No. 708
Maria Barreras – initiated September 19th

Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch
Jason Harvey – initiated September 14th
Cameron Coley

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
Terry Newstrom – initiated September 17th

Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202, Nazareth
David R. Gallahar, Jr. – reinstated October 1st
Welcome back!

FRED R. KORMAN LODGE #55

Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, of Glasgow, PA, held its annual Labor Day picnic on Sunday, September 13th at 4:00PM in the William Oshall Memorial pavilion with over 40 members and guests in attendance. Hamburgers, hot dogs and chicken were served with many covered dishes and plenty of homemade desserts. After dinner was finished the members and guests relaxed and enjoyed some fun playing bingo and winning door prizes. What a beautiful day for Odd Fellowship!

~ PG Michael Delfosse.





Periodicals

SEPTEMBETR DONATIONS

	GM FULLER PROJECT – CAMP VICTORY	
74	Mount Zion	500.00
488	Aluta	150.00
		650.00
	VISUAL RESEARCH	
488	Aluta	100.00
2	Unified	25.00
C8	Canton Ridgely	20.00
		145.00
	PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE	
2	Unified	25.00
	ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION	
2	Unified	50.00
	PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND	
2	Unified	50.00

SEPTEMBER OFFICIAL VISITATIONS TO STRASBURG

Grand Master James W. Fuller, Sr. made his official visitation to Strasburg Lodge #361 on Monday evening, September 14th. Grand Conductor David Gallahar and Grand Guardian Yvonne Calhoon accompanied him.

Grand Master Fuller discussed his publicity project to advertise the Order at several minor league sports venues across the jurisdiction. He also spoke of his support for Camp Victory, which offers outdoor opportunities to young people with special needs.

A good evening of Odd Fellowship was enjoyed by all present.

On September 28th, Ridgley Encampment #217 hosted the official visitation of Grand Patriarch Courtney V. Franklin, accompanied by Grand Outside Sentinel Thomas Kutchner.

Grand Patriarch Franklin spoke about the importance of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship. He also shared his project of support for Angel Flights East. After the encampment meeting, Brother Franklin stayed and visited Strasburg Lodge #361. This was Brother Franklin's first trip to Strasburg to visit our encampment and lodge.

The IOOF members in Strasburg were pleased to host both Heads of the Order at our meetings.