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PENNSYLVANIA WELCOMES NEW LODGE

On August 29th, more than 50 Members came together in Butler to welcome Bantam Lodge No. 26. The four degrees were conferred by members throughout the Jurisdiction. After which, the Lodge was properly instituted, officers were nominated and elected, and then

installed by the Grand Lodge Officers. Special thanks to BG Meredith Moore, the Ambassador of Good will from the General Military Council, who traveled from Texas to be part of history and to DDGM Shawne D. Balash who coordinated many of the events throughout the day, as well as the delicious food.

Notes of congratulations may be sent to Taylor Hedglin, Secy, 97 West Patterson Avenue, Butler, PA 16001.



Past President RA
Doris M. Goerlitz,
called Home Aug 8, 2026 (Page 8)



From left to right: Taylor Hedglin, Secretary; Jessica Smith, Treasurer; Cody Schaffner Inside Guardian; Russell Custer, Chaplain. Standing: Angelina Diaz, Warden; Grand Master Jim Fuller; Noble Grand Zachary Milbert and Vice Grand Brandon Olinger. Our apologies to the other members of Bantam Lodge who left before the picture was taken.



Most of the Officers of the Grand Lodge appeared for this occasion. Present but missing from the picture is Grand Chaplain Laurel Voss



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GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Wow! Hard to believe it's October already. With summer behind us get ready for fall. Enjoy the change in seasons and the fall colors that come with it. October means time to install your officers. Your District Deputy Grand Master should be there to help out. Keep in mind you voted for these officers. Support them in their positions. For some this might be their first time. Guidance is always welcome. For others that might have been doing this for a while remember to keep in mind the oath you took. Do the best job you can for the office you are in. Don't be afraid to ask for help. Keep in mind everyone had a first time. You are human and mistakes will happen. Learn from them and make yourself a better Odd Fellow. It has been a pleasure going around and visiting our lodges. Thank you all for the warm welcomes. Keep a watch full eye I'll be coming to see you at your lodge soon. Before winter sets in get out and visit a lodge. Make some new friends. Or visit with some old ones. These visits help build a bond between us. You will find out you have more in common than you think. For my home lodge October is a bust time. We have the Fulton County Fall Folk Festival. It's a county wide event. Our lodge makes and sells kettle soup. Thanks to Mt Hor. This has become a great fundraiser for us. It allows us to get out and talk with the public. You have a chance to explain what Odd Fellowship is all about. Make sure you take the time to talk with others. You just might be talking with a new member. Along with telling them about Odd Fellows share with them what your lodge does. October is a great month to reach out to the public. Halloween is perfect time to share a sweet snack with others. Do a trunk or treat at your lodge. Or, maybe your community already has one. Get out and get involved! The more others know about us, the better the chances are we get new members. With just a little devotion in our order it could make a big difference. When you are out and about be safe in your travels. Remember to always keep Friendship, Truth & Love in all that you do. Fraternally, Jim GM

BIBLE HANDOFF

Foster Lodge #333 received a family Bible from the Grand Lodge that had been in the possession of Tuna Lodge #411, Bradford, before it was consolidated into Foster Lodge. When Foster #333 went defunct, Grand Lodge became the owner. After Foster Lodge #333 was reinstated, they again acquired the Bible and began the hunt for the relatives of those listed in the Bible. After some searching the Bible was handed over to the owner of the Hartle Tarbox Funeral Home in Smethport Pa, who is a descendant of the Tarbox's listed in the Bible.

~Tracy Knight, Secretary



COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Fuller has scheduled the following visits for October.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

- 6 - Nucleus #377 OV - 7:00PM
- 7 - Clover #348 OV - 6:30PM
- 9 - Mt Hor #736 OV - 6:30PM
- 10 - IOOF Rally, York - 10:00AM
- 20 - Falls Creek #957 OV - 7:30PM
- 26 - Somerset #438 OV - 7:30PM
- 30 - Ridgway #969 OV - 8:00PM

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Emilie J. Cupp, PGM/PGP

30 YEARS

Michael J. Parkes, #270

Robert N. Ham, #361

Barry T. Aiello, #1175

35 YEARS

Paul Lapinson, #37

40 YEARS

M. Todd Gray, #523

Anthony S. Gray, #523

50 YEARS

Andrew S. Farrow, #125

Harold A. Boden, III, #150

Benjamin T. Donahey, #523

Robert S. Nester, #802

Jesse M. Moore, #1010

55 YEARS

Marc R. Rosenwasser, #1004

65 YEARS

Derry L. Over, #523

70 YEARS

Samuel W. Black, #87

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Greetings; looking at my last article, it was from June of 2025. I apologize I haven't written sooner, but there have been so many articles, I didn't want to waste the room on my somewhat mindless babbling. The other thing, it is great to see so many Lodges doing things and so much activity.

The reason I wanted to write, I was just reading another IOOF Magazine from another Jurisdiction, wherein one of their members have served on seven trial committees over the past year. Throughout our growth, many jurisdictions develop "growing pains." Pennsylvania is certainly one of them. We have had our issues, and we still are.

This Brother gave such a simple answer to this issue, and it's something we should do (DDGM's, pay attention!). 95% of the issues in Pennsylvania, and in Odd Fellowship worldwide, is the fact the members are not taking their oaths to heart. They are just repeating what the DDGM is saying, not thinking or realizing what those words are that they are saying. In this Brother's own words, "Officers, Please do not just say your charge of office. Take it to heart and live by it. Members be decorous, treat all members nicely, great everyone warmly. If you see a member not doing

something they should be or not correct, Talk to them after the meeting. One on One. Not in front of the whole Lodge. Do not scold the member for doing something wrong, or not at all. Find out what is going on with this member, maybe they have a personal problem in their life. Give instructions where needed. Treast other the way you want to be treated. All these things will go a long way in keeping you out of trouble." I say this now, to tell you, watch who you nominate. The Grand Lodge gets a lot of questions, how can things be the way they are? It's because YOUR Lodges are nominating members you know do not have their best interest at heart.

Getting off my soapbox, I hope you all take this to heart. In closing, I was at the institution of Bantam Lodge. What a breath of fresh air! I wish our new Lodge the best of luck in the future! Give them some love and encouragement! Their Secretary is Taylor D. Hedglin, 97 West Patterson Avenue, Butler, PA 16001. I know their Lodge would like to hear from everybody. See you on the Road to Odd Fellowship!

Fraternally, Justin C. Bailey, PGM Grand Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA SHOWS STRONG SUPPORT IN TEXAS!

Though we were half way across the country, Pennsylvania was well represented at Sovereign Grand Lodge, IARA and GMC. Congratulations to all who made it!



At the Sovereign Grand Lodge - Grand Rep from GL David Young, Sovereign Grand Musician Debra B. Young, Grand Rep from GL Andrew Kilmer, PGM/PGP Emilie J. Cupp, PSGM and Grand Rep from GE John S. Cupp, Jr., VG James Manton



At the International Association of Rebekah Assembly - RA Sec PPRA Judith Wert, IARA Treasurer PPRA Sarah Baer, RA Warden Julie Stokes, PPRA Mary Delong, President Ruth A Good, RA Marshal Candy Walter-Bowser



Representing the General Military Council was our Representative LTC Paul E. Lautenschlager, Dept Chaplain Maj Jessica A. Kilmer, Chaplain General BG Nicole B. Inama, Aide to the XO MG Justin C. Bailey and Chief of Staff LTG William F. Hanby, III.

WARREN LODGE KEEPING BUSY

One of the annual events that the Warren Lodge participates in as a public service is running the restaurant at the Warren County Fair. This years crew was Dan Mechling, deep fryer, Dan Swab, deep fryer, Jim Tellman, pretzels and drinks, Tom Ruth, griddle, Shawn Estes, desserts and drinks, Daryl Kittell, walking tacos, Wendi Donachy, food service and slushies, Miranda Estes, orders and cashier and Lou Dussia, stocker and refills. Besides helping the Fair the crew has a lot of fun. On Saturday night a smaller crew helped out including John Webster from Warren and Russ and Tracy Knight for Foster Lodge in Rew.

One of the major functions that the Warren Lodge sponsors is Scouting Activities. On August 6th several members of the Warren Lodge attended the Scout Court of Honor for two scouts who have been involved in many activities at the Lodge for the past 6 or 7 years. Parker Mowrey and Cole English were presented their Eagle awards by their parents. . Pictured from left to right Danielle English, Joe English, Cole English, Parker Mowrey, Emily Mowrey and Jason Mowrey. Danielle is a member and officer of



the Warren Lodge and also a Scout Leader. As a graduating senior who has been involved in Scouting activity at our Lodge, they are invited to become IOOF members and the Lodge pays their dues for two years.

~ Lou Dussia

LODGE 254 OUTREACH

Nathan Lewis - Fort Necessity Lodge #254, New Salem, PA completed our Summer Outreach Program, for the Fayette Friends of Animals Center. Our Lodge collected several bags of dog and cat food, litter, pet bowls, treats, cleaning supplies and many other items for the animal center. Pictured below are members of Lodge #254 with a few of those supplies that were delivery to the animal center by two of our members in August.



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

Bantam Lodge No. 26, Butler

Zachary R. Milbert - initiated August 29th	Colton J. Schaffner
Taylor D. Hedglin	Beth A. Milbert
Brandon M. Olinger	Brandon E. Henzes
Angelina Diaz	Danielle N. Henzes
Russell J. Custer	John W. Bruse
Jessica L. Smith	Karley P. Bruse
	John T. Noellert

Jordan Lodge No. 192, Schnecksville

Elliot Steffy - initiated August 18th

Justin Keller

Matthew Sierocinski

Clover Lodge No. 348, Baden

James R. Wagner - initiated August 29th

Matthew J. Wagner

Newburg Lodge No. 562

Richard I. Johnson - reinstated - Welcome back!!

Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30, York

Suzanne Diehl - initiated September 5th

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58, Dornsife

Michael J. Wallis - initiated September 5th

Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182, Leesport

Mark E. Baer - initiated August 9th

Lisandra F. Romero - initiated September 5th

Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202, Nazareth

Jeffrey J. Fassl, Sr. - initiated August 9th

Courtney V. Franklin

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Fuller visited York Springs Lodge #211 for his official visit.

Members of the lodge joined him in a meal before the meeting and his remarks. One of the best part of visiting different Lodges is the amazing hospitality



Friday, August 21, 2026 GM Jim Fuller did his Official Visit to Aluta Lodge #488. DDGM Bob Gallagher Grand Conductor & Pat Faustner, Grand Herald were in attendance with the Grand Master. We also had two visitors from Jordan Lodge in Schnecksville. We had dinner and fellowship before the meeting, and it was a birthday social for Aluta members, and we had cake afterwards, it was also GM's birthday on the 24th, which was great. We had a good turnout of members from Aluta as well.



August 25th 2026, Foster Lodge #333 of Rew had their official visit from the Grand Master, Jim Fuller. A grand meal of baked ham, maple, leek and gator sausage, mashed potatoes, corn, carrots and green beans, stuffing and apple pie we had by all. Pictured are Mary Schultz treasurer, Grand Master Jim Fuller, PGCh and Foster lodge secretary Tracy Knight, DDGM and Foster lodge Vice Grand Al Webster, Steve Rizzo Chaplain, Noble Grand Russ Knight and John Webster, Noble Grand of Warren #339. Missing from picture is Warden, PDDGM Troy Herzog.



SPRING CITY PARTICIPATES IN THE NATION'S 250 ANNIVERSARY



Vincent Lodge assisted the East Vincent Historical Commission in celebrating the nation's 250 anniversary. The event was held at the Revolutionary War Soldiers Cemetery in East Vincent where 22 unknown soldiers were buried in unmarked graves. The

soldiers died after falling ill in the winter of 1777-1778 during George Washington's encampment in Vally Forge. They and many others were cared for in a near by church converted into a hospital. The monument to their memory was erected in 1831.

There were several speakers and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Our lodge helped the commission set up for the event, handed out water to those attending and held a raffle for apple pies.



SANDY LAKE LODGE RECOGNIZED MEMBERS

On August 30, 2026, Sandy Lake Lodge 573 hosted a 1:00 PM luncheon. Membership pins were presented by Grand Master Jim Fuller, and everyone enjoyed a wonderful lunch.

Membership Recognition:

- Jim Donley – 50 years
- Jessica Brown-Bence – 10 years
- Art McCutcheon – 5 years
- Shawne Balash – 5 years



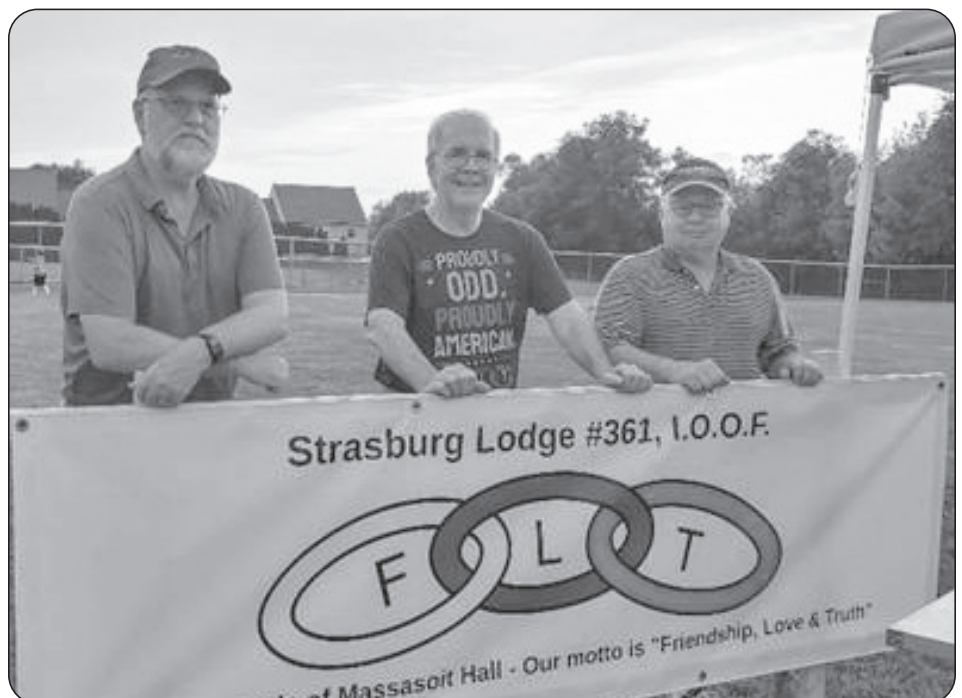
STRASBURG LODGE PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On Tuesday evening, August 4th, 4 members of Strasburg Lodge #361 & Ridgely Encampment #217 participated in the National Night Out event held in Jaycee Park in Strasburg, PA.

Brothers William Koch III, Brian Barr, Dale Binkley, and Alan Tshudy, along with their families, spent the evening at the canopy set up by the lodge for this event. They handed out pens, brochures about the Order, and a brochure prepared with information and history about the lodge and Massasoit Hall - a local landmark in town.

Turnout was good, and lots of people stopped by and engaged in conversation as we worked to publicize the Order in Strasburg.

~ Dale E. Binkley



OCTOBER OBITUARIES

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

Doris M. Goerlitz, Past President
Past IARA Representative
Past IARA Guardian
 Called home August 8, 2026

Sister Doris M. (Bortree) Goerlitz, 94, of Moscow, PA, was initiated a Rebekah of Lady Hamlin Rebekah Lodge No. 543, Sterling, on the sixth day of November, 1975. She became a member of Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge #559, Newfoundland, PA, through consolidation on November 8, 1982, where she became a Past Noble Grand in October of 1998 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on June 21, 1999. She went on to hold several positions in the Rebekah Assembly: Canadian Flag Bearer from 2000 - 2001 and Rebekah Assembly Chaplain from 2009 - 2010, 2017 - 19 and 2021 - 22. She served as our President from 2005 - 2006 and was IARA Representative from 2007 - 2008. She became a member of Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Honesdale, PA, through consolidation on August 6, 2008. She served as Iceland Flag Bearer in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 2009, she served the International Association of Rebekah Assemblies as their Guardian. She was an active member of her Rebekah Lodge and at the time of her death, was the Lodge's oldest living member. Shew as a member of the St. Thomas More Church, Lake Ariel. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur, in 2001.

Services were conducted by many Rebekahs and burial was held in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst, PA.

Doris' theme for her year was "Serving to Serve Others" and Harmony in Nature, music and Rebekah - Odd Fellowship. Her colors were rose and jade green and her flower was the pink rose. Her projects were the homes, Camp JRA and the Pilgrimage for Youth. Her songs were In the Garden and Rambling Rose. She stressed quality "There is a time for all things. orrow/disappointment about the decline in membership and decline of active lodges, but the joy of being here to move forward by providing the very best in quality of service. Traveling throughout the state, I have witnessed quality in action. May this value and objective continue.



Lois E. Butts
Past RA Appointed Officer/ PDDP
Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
 August 17, 2026

Sister Lois E. (Robbins) Butts, 82, of Elizabethtown, PA, was initiated into Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge #559, Newfoundland, PA, on May 24, 1964, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 3, 1968 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on May 7, 1969. She served again as Noble Grand from 1990 - 91 and 2003 - 05. She became a member of Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, PA, through consolidation on August 6, 2008 and transferred her membership to Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown, on November 27, 2012. She served as District Deputy President from 1999 - 2003, 2006 - 2008 and 2014 - 2015. She was an active attendee to Unified Session, serving many years as Representative. She served the Rebekah Assembly as Right Herald from 2005 - 06, Inside Guardian from 2008 - 09, Pennsylvania Flag Bearer from 2011 - 12 and Right Herald from 2021 - 22. In 2017, she was nominated for the Office of Rebekah Assembly Warden, but had to withdraw her nomination at a later date due to health reasons. At the time of her death, she was Red Rose Rebekah Lodge's oldest tenured member and the Lodge's Warden.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William. Surviving his one son.

Services were held my members of the Rebekahs and burial was held in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst Twp, PA.

Places to GO...People to See

OCTOBER

10 / IOOF Rally, York, PA

17 / OF & Reb of PA mtg

NOVEMBER

14 / Grand Lodge board mtg, Middletown -

10:00am @ #307

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

+ denotes details to follow

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THE TREASURER'S TALES - OCTOBER 2026

October 1931 is the real beginning of fall. The weather has started to turn cooler and the last of the crops needs to be harvested. Barney had taken his corn to a mill to be mixed and ground for animal feed during the coming winter. All his vegetables were picked and Elizabeth spent the first two weeks of the month canning every day. Barney sold his extra hogs and butchered one. He would butcher two more in late November and Elizabeth would do a lot of canning with the pork. The finished part of the basement in his farm house had a series of shelves like a library, filled with canned goods. New for 1931, Barney raised a strain of pumpkin specifically used for pies. They were long and light green on the outside and orange inside. Elizabeth canned 20 quarts of pumpkins, she likes pies.

On October 1, Philadelphia Athletics began the world series, seeking a third straight win, unfortunately they lost the series to St. Louis, 4-3. On October 4, Dick Tracy first appeared in the comics. On October 18, Al Capone was convicted on 23 counts of income tax fraud. On October 29, Lefty Grove was named the American League's most valuable player, having won 31 games for the Philadelphia Athletics. On October 30, W2XB. A TV station in New York began broadcasting.

Many notables were born in October 1931. On the 3rd Bob Skinner, hall of fame outfielder for the Pirates and later manager of the Phillies was born in La Jolla, California. On October 7, Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop of South Africa was born. On the 19th John Le Carre, spy novelist was born. October 20 welcomed Mickey Mantle into the world. October 23, Jim Bunning, baseball hall of fame pitcher was born; he played for the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies. Bunning later became a congressman and US Senator.

The most notable death of 1931 was Thomas Edison on the 18th. Edison is known as a great inventor and collaborator with Henry Ford.

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

October is known for Halloween. We introduced Saul this year, and as you may imagine, he followed the children on their trick or treating, picking up any dropped treats. On the night of Halloween,

Barney sat on his front porch and drank cider as he watched children going house to house. Barney's farm ran all the way into town, with the house just outside the area where streets were laid out. He had a view of the eastern end of town. Elizabeth joined him on the porch as he watched the children in the moonlight.

Barney was amused by Saul and his antics. Saul had learned from his uncle, Melchizedek. As the night wore on, the children started to go home. Saul had managed to get a bag and dragged it over to Barney's porch, soliciting a handout. Elizabeth thought it was so cute, she went in the house and brought out several chocolate chip cookies and gave them to the raccoon. His antics were beyond tame.

Barney was inspired by Saul's antics to sponsor a pet show. The lodge was not doing anything, since Thanksgiving was a family holiday, so the first Saturday of November became the day for a pet parade. The morning was warm on Saturday, November 7. There were dozens of cats and dogs. Elizabeth dressed up her Pomeranian. Her younger brother, John, cornered Saul, put a collar on him, after being bitten twice, and led him in the parade. Vic told all his clients and the whole town was out for the parade. Ever the entrepreneur, Barney had the lodge sell cider and apple dumplings, while the lodge had buckwheat cakes for lunch at the bargain price of \$0.30, the same as \$6.59 today. The lodge made money.

The trustees of the lodge judged the entries and gave the first prize of \$2.00 to a French Poodle that was groomed to look like a lion. The second prize of \$1.00 went to a cat, being pulled in a wagon, doing tricks on wheel. The entire town had fun and the lodge made money. After John took the collar off Saul, he disappeared. A shriek was heard at the apple dumpling booth. A small hand was reaching from under the tablecloth to grab an apple dumpling, it was Saul. He ran off with the dumpling, but no one took chase. The event was too funny and the lodge was already planning a similar event next year.

Next month will be November and I hope I can come up with something new. I sort of infringed on November this month, so I will need to be spectacular.

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.

SGL FLAG PRESENTATIONS

Presenting the flag for the opening ceremony in Frisco, TX was PPRA Mary D. Delong and PGM/GR David A. Young



Presenting the Pennsylvania Flag at the opening of the IARA was Sisters Candy Walter-Bowser and Julie A. Stokes

OAKLAND CEMETERY CHAPEL

With the original cemetery in Warren running out of room at its location on East and Fifth Avenues, Warren Lodge, Independent Order of Oddfellows purchased land from Thomas Struthers in 1863 and established Oakland Cemetery. In 1908 they built a small chapel near the entrance to the cemetery. It was originally meant for small services and burials. The Chapel has remained in place since its inception, but has been unused for many years and had fallen into a state of disrepair.



The foundation and core of the building have remained intact throughout the years, but the stained glass windows and interior stenciling and design were in a deteriorating condition and the building was mainly used for storage.

Upon completion of a restoration project for the Thomas Struthers vault, a group of Oakland board members and interested parties from the community were fascinated by the beauty of the chapel and a restoration project was launched



and financed by private donors. Lead donor was Robert Metzgar. His wife had always loved the chapel while she was alive and as a result the restored chapel was named the Sally Metzgar Memorial Chapel. The restoration of the chapel began in 2025. Several unique craftsmen were located and the stained glass windows, stenciling, doors, electrical, plumbing, masonry, and hardware were all restored to their original beauty. A rededication ceremony was held on July 31st, 2026. Now owned by the Oakland Cemetery Association, there are currently 22,000 graves at Oakland. This beautiful restored chapel can now be re purposed for many activities and is once again a cornerstone of the cemetery.

Submitted by

Jim Tellman, Chaplain, Lodge 339

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.glpaoof.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 BUTLER 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!

In Honor of Bantam Lodge No. 26 in Butler, we thought it'd be great to do the Butler County Encampments and Cantons this month!

BUTLER COUNTY ENCAMPMENTS

Butler - Clement Encampment #238 - defunct 1993
 Chicora - Chicora Encampment #143 - consolidated 1936
 Evans City - Evans City Encampment #317 - defunct 1992
 Harmony - Harmony Encampment #197 - defunct 1927
 Hilliard - Hillard Encampment #56 - consolidated 1937
 Saxonburg - Saxsonia Encampment #237 - defunct 1902
 Slippery Rock - Slippery Rock Encampment #195 - defunct 1949

CANTONS & AUXILIARIES

Butler - Canton Butler No. 52 - defunct 1990s
 Butler - Butler Fortress No. 15, L.A.P.M.,
 later Butler Auxiliary No. 52

1st Encampment - Saxonia Encampment No. 237 in 1873
 Last Encampment - Clement Encampment No. 238 in 1993

7 Encampments with 0 remaining

NEXT MONTH - Lackawanna County

REBEKAHS BOLSTERING THEIR NUMBERS

Over the past month, the Pennsylvania Rebekahs have been on the move recruiting and bringing in new members! Two successful degrees were held in Wysox and Leesport, where three members each joined four different Lodges. Thanks to all who helped out and welcome to the new Rebekahs!



Taking the Rebekah Oath - candidates from Left to right, Courtney Franklin of Lady Hall #202, Mark Baer of Lady Colfax #182 and Jeff Fassl of Lady Hall #202.



The large group of Rebekahs in Wysox. Not pictured is PPRA Oradell Banker



On Saturday, September 5th, three Rebekahs were initiated. From left to right: Lisandra Romero into Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182, Leesport; Suzanne Diehl into Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30 of York and Michael J. Wallis into Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 182, Dornsife.

Periodicals

AUGUST DONATIONS

GM FULLER PROJECT - CAMP VICTORY		
307	Triune	100.00
PGM LAUTENSCHLAGER PROJECT - SUICIDE PREVENTION		
88	PGH James Lautenschlager	100.00
VISUAL RESEARCH		
1004	Hampton	50.00
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
		75.00
PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE		
2	Unified	25.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
488	Aluta	100.00
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		150.00
PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND		
2	Unified	50.00



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 *November. 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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