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*Have a blessed holiday season and a happy new year!*

## "GREAT DAY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP HELD AT NUCLEUS"



"A GREAT DAY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP" happened on Saturday, October 27th when 4 new members received their degrees for Odd Fellows. Eighteen brothers and sisters, from 4 lodges, came together at Nucleus Lodge #377 to confer the degrees for new members, Jeff Butler and Marianne Hunnell, both from Nucleus Lodge #377; Monica Griffiths from Clover Lodge #348; and Casey Marshalwitz from Hampton Lodge #1004.

## PGM REGINALD V. COOK ANSWERS FINAL CALL OCTOBER 19, 2018

Obituary on Pg 10



### *Places to Go... People to See*

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+ denotes details to follow

#### DECEMBER

2 / Session Committee mtg, Red  
Lion, Harrisburg / 1:00PM

9 / Grand Lodge Brd meeting, GL  
Office, Middletown / 10:00AM

\*\* On the second Sunday of  
each month, at 1:00PM, year  
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# Thank You!

Thank you for the scholarship that I have received. This scholarship will  
definitely relieve some debt that I gained through my journey. I will continue  
to strive to maintain my 4.0 GPA while I am now going for my Bachelor's  
Degree in Accounting. I greatly appreciate everything that the Odd Fellows has  
done for my dad and me. We have been able to travel the world and meet so  
many nice people. Thank you so much again!

Sincerely, *Samantha Ramsey*

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 35 YEARS

Charles H. Bailey, PGM #86

### 75 YEARS

George J. Molden, Jr., #87

### 115 YEARS

Boyertown Lodge No. 708

## Thank You!

I am writing to thank you for your generous scholarship. I was very happy and appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of your scholarship.

Next year, I will be a sophomore at Penn State University. I am majoring in chemical engineering and over the next three years working to achieve my dream career.

Thanks to you, I am one step closer to that goal.

By awarding me this scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me.

Sincerely, **Megan Himmelreich**

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Wooden has scheduled the following visits for October.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

4 - Leesport #141 OV - 7:00PM

8 - GL Board Mtg, GL Office - 10:00AM

20 - Mahanoy #551 OV - 7:30PM

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

Henry Disston Lodge No. 8, Tacony

Peter J. Montini - initiated August 6th

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74, York

Richard Blankenship - initiated August 6th

Freedom Lodge No. 88, Honesdale

Matthew Kinzinger - initiated September 19th

Carter Terysen

Lewisburg Lodge No. 96, New Columbia

Jessica Ackley - initiated October 14th

George Edinger

Victory Lodge No. 658, Sellersville

Jack Malone - initiated September 18th

Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699

Katherine Cuff - initiated September 19th

Richard Lathrop

Alert Lodge No. 936, Rochester Mills

Kenneth Hill - initiated November 1st

Falls Creek Lodge No. 957

Warren L. Baker - initiated October 9th

## Thank You!

Thank you for choosing me to receive a scholarship for school. It really means a lot to me that you are willing to help with my education. It fills me with joy knowing that you care so much about helping others.

Again, thank you!

Sincerely, **Rebecca Kinzinger**

## HALLOWEEN AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME

Happy Halloween from the Middletown Home! We had a lot of Halloween fun this year. We had our annual Trick-or-Treat event in our chapel with our staff's family and local kids from Middletown. The residents handed out candy as we all watched old Scooby-Doo episodes. There were coloring pages for the kids and root beer floats for all! But the Halloween fun didn't stop there! That Wednesday we had a very special Halloween Happy Hour. Residents listened to music by Tune Weaver, drank specialty drinks, and voted on the winner of our staff costume contest. Staff went all out this year. We had scarecrows, "birds of a feather", a butterfly, The Phantom of the Opera, a leprechaun, a baby, and a rabbit in a hat. Some of our residents even dressed up! We had a great time celebrating Halloween together and we look forward to the upcoming holiday season.



### LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE #558 INSTALLS LADY HALL REBEKAH LODGE #202



Mary Landes acting DDP assisted by Linda Torrence Marshal. Food was great before installation. A great time was had by all.



### LODGE NO. 96 INITIATES ITS FIRST FEMALE MEMBER!

The Degree Team flanks Our newest members! Front L to R: Noble Grand, Rick Reed, Initiate George Edinger, Initiate Jessica Ackley, Vice Grand Scott Robinson. Jessica joins Lewisburg No. 96 as our first female member!

Welcome to both Jessica and George! We are blessed to have both of you!



## LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96 TOURS GETTYSBURG



41 members, family & friends toured the Gettysburg battlefield on October 13. The tour was led by our very own Scott Robinson, a member of the 2nd Maryland Infantry, Company A, C.S.A. We were given a very different perspective, that of a Confederate soldier during the war. Scott led us to significant spots on the field, such as the site of General Reynold's death on the first day, Iverson's Pits, where a North Carolina regiment met their untimely deaths, but we also learned about Sallie, the 11th Pennsylvania's mascot, and her personal story (members left special treats for her!). We learned of the valiant 20th Maine and their desperate struggle on Little Round Top, about General Sickles' wounding, and then the Confederate's desperate struggle on Culp's Hill where the 1st Maryland from Baltimore, and the 2nd Maryland from the Eastern Shore fought against

each other...and the 2nd Maryland's dog, Grace and his death on the field. We also viewed locations on the battlefield that the general public is unaware of. Finally, we visited the Pennsylvania Monument and the High Water Mark of Pickett's Charge.

We also read stories of Lodges during the war, and how they were used as field hospitals...and how our Brothers helped each other even though they were on different sides.

We were treated to a wonderful buffet lunch and constant snacks and beverages during the bus ride! The weather was beautiful. It was a great day to share with family and friends, and to honor our heroes of the Civil War on both sides.

## GRAND LODGE AND REBEKAH ASSEMBLY ASSIST THE PHILIPPINES

The Philippines is flourishing with Odd Fellowship again. Through the efforts of Brother Louie Sarmiento, he has been trying to help these Lodges out and they have been growing very rapidly. These Lodges did not have regalia, gavels, ballot boxes, etc. The Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly stepped up to donate sets of rope regalia for both

Odd Fellows & Rebekah Lodges, as well as ballot boxes, gavels and member's regalia.

Both branches are overwhelmed with the large numbers of sets of officers' regalia, and they do not fetch much in auction, so it was nice to see these re-used and to be given to such dedicated Brothers and Sisters.



Shown is Sandugo Lodge #9, in Tagbilaran, Bohol with their new regalia.



Shown is Quezon City Lodge #10 in Quezon City, Manila

## GRAND MASTER VISITS VICTORY

Tuesday, October 2, 2018, Grand Master Sherman Wooden and Cindy Wooden, his wife and sister in IOOF, visited Victory Lodge # 658, Sellersville, and to swear in the elected Officers and Appointed positions for 2018 - 2019.

Prior to the meeting, the members and visitors met together for fellowship and were joined by a prospective member that was eventually elected as a member that evening.

During the meeting, Noble Grand Jason Viola presented Grand Master Sherman Wooden a check to his charitable cause for 2018 - 2019, The Wounded Warriors and for prostate cancer.

After the meeting, the Officer, members and visitors had another fellowship that consisted of a specially decorated cake for the occasion.

Pictured is Noble Grand Jason Viola presenting a check to Grand Master Sherman Wooden; and, the Officers and members of Victory Lodge # 658 with Grand Master Sherman Wooden and Cindy Wooden, his wife and sister in IOOF and sister in IOOF; and Grand Master Sherman Wooden and Cindy Wooden, his wife and sister in IOOF cutting the cake for the fellowship.

~ Steve Nathan, PG Victory Lodge #658



## Thank You!

Thank you very much for your generosity in awarding me the scholarship you did. It is organizations like yours that make it possible for a small town PA kid to pursue his professional aspirations and for that I am grateful. Thanks Again!!

Sincerely, **Thomas L. Williams**

## Thank You!

Thank you for your generous contribution towards the completion of my higher education! My mind can be at ease knowing that some of my books will be paid for. I look forward to my future at Penn State for nursing.

Thank you so much!  
Sincerely, **Courtney Varcoe**

## IOOF VICTORY LODGE #658 NEW MEMBER OBLIGATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF NORRISTOWN AND JAMISON LODGES

Tuesday, October 16, 2018:

The members and officers from Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge # 57, Jamison Lodge # 447, were hosted by the members and officers of Victory Lodge #658 at their Installation and the Obligation of a new member of Victory Lodge. There were twenty-five (25) members and officers in attendance that made for fellowship before and after the ceremony.

Attendees were treated to dinner by Victory Lodge #658 before the ceremony, and had specially decorated cake afterward.



*Pictures and story by Steve Nathan, VG*

## FREEDOM LODGE #88 HALLOWEEN PARADE

Members of Freedom Lodge and their families enjoyed building our float and participating in the Honesdale Jaycees Halloween Parade!



## PENNSYLVANIA LAYS WREATH AT FLIGHT 93 MEMORIAL



The week of October 29th was warm and mild, temperatures rising up into the 60's. Sunday, November 4th even, was nice and warm. However, as things often happen, November 3rd in Shanksville was 36 degrees and rainy/sleeting. That did not stop the almost 100 Brothers, Sisters, friends, family and dignitaries from attending the joint memorial service hosted by the Department Council of PA, Patriarchs Militant, and the Department Association LAPM. We were fortunate to have so many visitors from all over the continent, from PPIALAPM Debra Lavergne in California, to President of the IARA Patty Heighton from Nova Scotia. We had other visitors and dignitaries from Virginia, Washington DC, and all five branch heads were present to lay the wreath at the flag pole. Captain Scott Robinson of Lewisburg Lodge #96 and Canton Ridgely #8 gave an incredibly moving speech as he remembered volunteering in the clean-up efforts at the Pentagon and the Twin Towers. During this time, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry was also bestowed upon the 40 heroes that perished in the flight and a check was given to Brook Neel of Friends of Flight 93 for raising \$2,053.00 towards the memorial park.

Next month will show the pictures of the PM/LAPM Rally at Johnstown and we will welcome Canton Allegheny No. 3! Thank you all for attending and for your support in this.

~ Chivalrously,

Brig Gen Justin C. Bailey, Dept Commander



## ENCAMPMENT RALLY

On October 13, the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania held their Fall Rally at the hall of Bushkill Encampment in Allentown. We were proud to welcome 4 new Patriarchs to our ranks. Remarkably, there was representation from ten encampments during the day, as well as also hosting 7 Past Grand Patriarchs.



All Patriarchs present for the rally, with the Grand Encampment staff



Grand Patriarch Tyler Arnold presents the Sovereign Grand Lodge "Coming Together" Award to Chief Patriarch Rory King, in appreciation for his work promoting the Big Brothers Big Sisters "Bowl for Kids Sake" event within the local lodges



Grand Patriarch Arnold with the four new Patriarchs. From left to right, Edward Accor, James Dimpter and Stephen Bradley all of Norristown Encampment #37 and Robert Zakos of Bushkill Encampment #55

## TAMAQUA ODD FELLOWS, REBEKAHS AND PATRIARCHS TAKE TO THE STREETS

October 16, 1843 was when Harmony Lodge #86 was initially instituted. Though as the way of most Lodges, they had to consolidate in 1987. During this time of dormancy, however, Hester Rebekah Lodge #29 and Scott Encampment #132 of Tamaqua, still held on, and kept Odd Fellowship in Tamaqua alive, until December 11, 1999 when Harmony Lodge reinstituted under the leadership of PGM Charles Bailey. In 2010, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86

instituted. This year for the annual Halloween parade, we took a step back, donned our old fashioned collars, and celebrated 200 years of American Odd Fellowship and 175 years of Odd Fellowship in Tamaqua. Thanks to Chief Patriarch Nicole Inama, also PG of Harmony and PNG of Lady Harmony, her, along with the help of other members, made large cutouts of the different emblems of our Order. A great time was held by all and we hope to continue to be known in our community.



## LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96 HOLDS ACTIVE SHOOTER CLASS AND DONATES TO NEW COLUMBIA CIVIC ASSN.

On Oct 23, Lodge No. 96 held an Active Shooter class. The class was instructed by our very own Vice Grand, Scott Robinson, a retired FBI Unit Chief who is CEO of SRTactical, LLC ([www.srtactical.net](http://www.srtactical.net)) (@srtacticalLLC). Donations were accepted at the class to help the New Columbia Civic Assn maintain the Old School House.

*Pictured right are, Noble Grand Rick Reed handing check to NCCA Treasurer, Nelson Doeblner. To the right is Scott Robinson.*



## OBITUARIES

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

### REGINALD V. COOK

Past Grand Master  
Walker Lodge No. 306  
Perseverance Encampment No. 135

Brother Reginald "Reg" Van Dyke Cook, 72, of Levittown, PA, and Rio, WV, was initiated an Odd Fellow into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, on January 11, 1993, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 21, 1999. He then went on to lead the Jurisdiction as our Grand Master from 2001-2002 having been installed in Grantville.

He was a Patriarch of Perseverance Encampment #135 of Philadelphia, joining June 1, 1996 and was a former Chevalier of Canton Philadelphia #1, Patriarchs Militant. In the past, he also held membership in the Rebekahs, joining New Century Rebekah Lodge #244, Cochranville, on May 10, 1998, and transferring to Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173, Philadelphia, on December 16, 2003. He held membership up until September 27, 2011.

Born in Dover, DE, he was one of six siblings. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, one being PGM Paul C. Cooke, Jr., and two sisters. Surviving is his daughter, Heather, also of Walker Lodge #306, four grandchildren and one sister.

Odd Fellow services were conducted by the Grand Lodge in Levittown and burial was private at the convenience of the family.

As we close the last chapter of Past Grand Master Cook's earthly life, we look back to when he was installed as our Grand Master and as many Grand Masters have done, he stressed membership. However, he hit the nail on the head when he stressed it's the attitude that keeps prospects away. His motto, and pin, "Attitude is Everything" is something that each one of us need to keep in the back of their minds when at Lodge, when talking to your Brothers and Sisters, and in your interaction with the world at large. "You may have noted that I keep referring to reactions to change rather than change itself... That is because change is inevitable and constant but it is the way we react that shaped who we are, how we interact with family, friends, chosen vacations, hobbies, and organizations, among the many, many variable parts of life. We must find way to take advantage of as many of these changes as possible when it is to our advantage."



### RICHARD R. ELLINGSWORTH

Paoli Lodge No. 290  
August 22, 2018

Brother Richard R. "Dick" Ellingsworth, 84, of Coatesville, PA, was initiated into Star of Hope Lodge #199, Coatesville, PA, on November 2, 1959. He then became a member of Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, PA, through consolidation on November 17, 2005.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Olivet United Methodist Church, Coatesville.

Surviving is his wife, the former Freida Hall, one daughter, one son and one granddaughter.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

### FRANK K. SCHMIDT

Latrobe Lodge No. 541  
August 24, 2018

Brother Frank K. Schmidt, 87, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Latrobe Lodge #541 on April 20, 1989.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Elizabeth Schipp, two sons, one stepdaughter and two grandchildren.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.



### EVA J. BROWN

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58  
August 28, 2018

Sister Eva J. (Klinger) Brown, 99, of Leck Kill, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, PA, on April 27, 1977.

She was a member of St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Klingerstown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Luther, one son and one grandson. Surviving are one daughter, four grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in St. Michael's Church Cemetery.

### ROBERT H. GANGEWERE

Aluta Lodge No. 488  
September 17, 2018

Brother Robert H. Gangewere, 93, of Wind Gap, PA, was initiated into Wind Gap Lodge #1082 on March 26, 1946, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Aluta Lodge #488, Nazareth, PA, through consolidation on May 25, 1984. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Wind Gap Lodge #1982 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran, having survived D Day and the Battle of the Bulge and a member of Hope UCC, Wind Gap.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Doris Lemley, and one son. Surviving is one son and six grandchildren.

Burial was held in Wind Gap Cemetery, Plainfield Township, PA.

### RAY W. MARTZ

Grand Jurisdictional Lodge No. 0  
September 28, 2018



Brother Ray W. Martz, 92, of Vowinckel, PA, was initiated into Clarion Lodge #252 on November 15, 1958, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Grand Jurisdictional Lodge when Clarion Lodge #252 went defunct on December 7, 2011. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Clarion Lodge #252 still affiliated with the Order.

He was an Army Air Corps Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth Werner, one son and one daughter. Surviving are four children, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Burial was held at Mt. Olivet, Glencoe, PA.

**ALFRED B. COOPER**

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74  
October 2, 2018

Brother Alfred B. Cooper, 90, of Fawn Grove, PA, was initiated into Mt. Hebron Lodge #516, Delta, PA, on February 15, 1956, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, through consolidation on May 19, 1980. He served as Noble Grand of Mt. Hebron Lodge #516 at the time of the consolidation, and at the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Mt. Hebron Lodge #516 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and a member of Faith Orthodox Church, Fawn Grove.

Surviving is his wife, the former Eileen Kauffman.

Burial was held in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Stewartstown, PA.

**ROBERT C. DUNN**

East Brunswick Lodge No. 802  
October 10, 2018

Brother Robert C. Dunn, 77, of New Ringgold, PA, was initiated into East Brunswick Lodge #802, New Ringgold, PA, on March 27, 1962 where he became a Past Grand in October 1965 and received his

Grand Lodge Degree on March 10, 1979. He was active in his Lodge, holding many positions, and holding the position of Right Supporter to the Noble Grand at the time of his death. He was instrumental in remodeling the Lodge hall where they now meet and was crucial in the Lodge fundraisers.

He was a member of Zion Church Lewistown Valley and Christ Church McKeansburg.

He was preceded in death by one son and one grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Andrea Rhubright, two sons, one daughter, 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Frieden's Church Cemetery, New Ringgold. Memorial contributions can be made to Odd Fellows Lodge #802, Wetherill St., New Ringgold, PA 17960.

**LUTHER L. BASKIN**

Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 125  
October 14, 2018

Brother Luther L. Baskin, 88, of Paxinos, PA, was initiated into Mt. Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin, PA, on November 16, 1959, where he became a Past Grand. He was a regular attendee of Fun Day at Knoebel's Grove and was the Lodge's longtime Treasurer.

He was a member of the Ash Grove United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marion English, one son and one grandson. Surviving are two grandchildren and two daughters-in-law.

Burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shamokin.

**TIMOTHY R. MUSSER**

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74  
Mount Vernon Encampment No. 14  
Canton York No. 14  
October 17, 2018

Brother Timothy R. Musser, 62, of York, PA, was initiated into Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, on February 2, 2004, where he became a Past Grand on October 6, 2008. He was initiated a Patriarch into Mount Vernon Encampment #14 on April 25, 2006. He was mustered into Canton York #14, P.M., on November 14, 2015. He was active in all three branches, holding the position of Treasurer of them all at the time of his death, positions he held for several years.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

Surviving is his father, Titus, of Earl Lodge #413, New Holland, one brother and two sisters.

Memorial services were held at Mt. Zion Lodge #74 and burial will be private at the convenience of his family.

**HAROLD C. PRICHARD**

Edinboro Lodge No. 510  
October 24, 2018

Brother Harold C. Prichard, 85, of Oil City, PA, was initiated into Dempseytown Lodge #632 on June 2, 1951, where he became a Past Grand. He became a member of Queen City Lodge #304, Oil City, PA, through consolidation on August 6, 2003 and finally Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Dempseytown Lodge #632 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War Era and a member of Oakland United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his son. Surviving is his wife, the former Mary Bowersox, one son, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Lamey Cemetery, PA.

**DALE L. SINGER**

Past District Deputy Grand Patriarch  
Mount Zion Lodge No. 74  
Mount Vernon Encampment No. 14  
October 25, 2018

Brother Dale L. Singer, 85, of Maytown, PA, was initiated into Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, on November 12, 1973, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 3, 1978. He held the position of Recording Secretary for many years and was active on the Lodge degree team. He was a Patriarch of Mt. Vernon Encampment #14, having served as Scribe for many years and as District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1991 – 1998 and 1999 – 2004.

He was mustered in as a Chevalier into Canton Philadelphia #1, P.M., on July 24, 2000 and transferred to become a Charter Member of Canton York #14, P.M.; he held membership for several years.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War and a member of Cross Roads Brethren in Christ Church, Mt. Joy.

He was preceded in death by his two wives, the former Carol Junn and Catherine Harkins. Surviving are four sons and a foster daughter.

Burial was held in Centerville Cemetery.

## OBITUARIES



### VICKI A. SNYDER

Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202  
October 31, 2018

Sister Vicki A. Snyder, 47, of Schnecksville, PA, was initiated into Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, PA, on November 15, 1997. She then became a member of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, PA, through consolidation on April 19, 2018.

Surviving is her mother and grandmother, Marion, also of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Allentown.



### WALTER T. JONES

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74  
November 4, 2018

Brother Walter T. Jones, 44, of York, PA, was initiated into Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, on November 16, 1992. He left the Lodge in 1997 and reinstated March 18, 2013, where he became a Past Grand on November 17, 2014.

Surviving is his wife, the former Megan Mummert, two sons and his mother.

### BOYD E. GOTTSHALL

Mahanoy Lodge No. 551  
November 4, 2018

Brother Boyd E. Gottshall, 88, of Herndon, PA, was initiated into Eureka Lodge #260, Leck Kill, PA, on January 25, 1955. He then became a member of Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, PA, through consolidation on August 8, 1991. He became a Past Grand on October 8, 1992.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War and a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Urban.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Violet Schwalm. Surviving are three daughters, one son, 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in St. Paul's U.C.C. Cemetery, Urban, PA.

### VINNIE A. KLOCK

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58  
November 12, 2018

Sister Vinnie A. (Klinger) Klock, 99, of Northumberland, PA, was initiated as a Charter Member into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on February 12, 1958, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 27, 1976 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 20, 1977. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry in June 1982.

She was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Red Cross, PA.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter. Surviving

are two daughters, one being Doris Kahler, also of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, seven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial was held in St. Peter's Lutheran Church Cemetery.



### FREDERICK C. FRITCH, JR.

Freeport Lodge No. 379  
November 14, 2018

Brother Frederick C. "Fred" Fritch, Jr., 84, of Cabot, PA, was initiated into Natrona Lodge #743, Natrona Heights, on March 27, 1957.

He then became a member of Freeport Lodge #379 through consolidation on April 28, 1971. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Natrona Lodge #743 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of Zion U.M. Church in Sarver.

Surviving are three daughters, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Mt. Airy Cemetery, Natrona Heights, PA.

## Thank You!

I am writing you both to thank you for your generosity and kindness when donating to my scholarship. This scholarship has greatly help me further my education and is helping me achieve my dreams of becoming a CPA. Both my parents and myself are amazed at the large donation you have made. This scholarship has allowed me to breathe easier this year and my parents as well. My mother whom works two jobs nearly cried from happiness when she heard that I was going to receive this award. Honestly words can't express how thankful I am for your donation. Because of this scholarship I am on the path to achieve a master's degree in accounting and looking to get my CPA certificate.

A little about me, my name is Joshua Ochman, I'm a junior at Penn State and I have just transfer to the university park this year. I chose Penn State exactly because of people like you, because Penn State students and alumni are the nicest people on the planet. More than that the opportunities provided to me at Penn State are some that my parents never had growing up and I owe it to them to achieve the best that I can. That said I am the first member of my whole family to go to college.

After college I plan on getting my master's degree in accounting as I said before an then go for my CPA certificate. Beyond that my life plans are to work at an auditing firm or as a consultant.

I'd like to after a time in the field eventually go out and start my own small accounting business for everyday people. I'd like to live out near Washington or Oregon, so that I can be near the outdoors and able to hike all the time. Once again this may be all possible because your donation so thank you.

Sincerely, **Joshua Ochman** jto5088@psu.edu

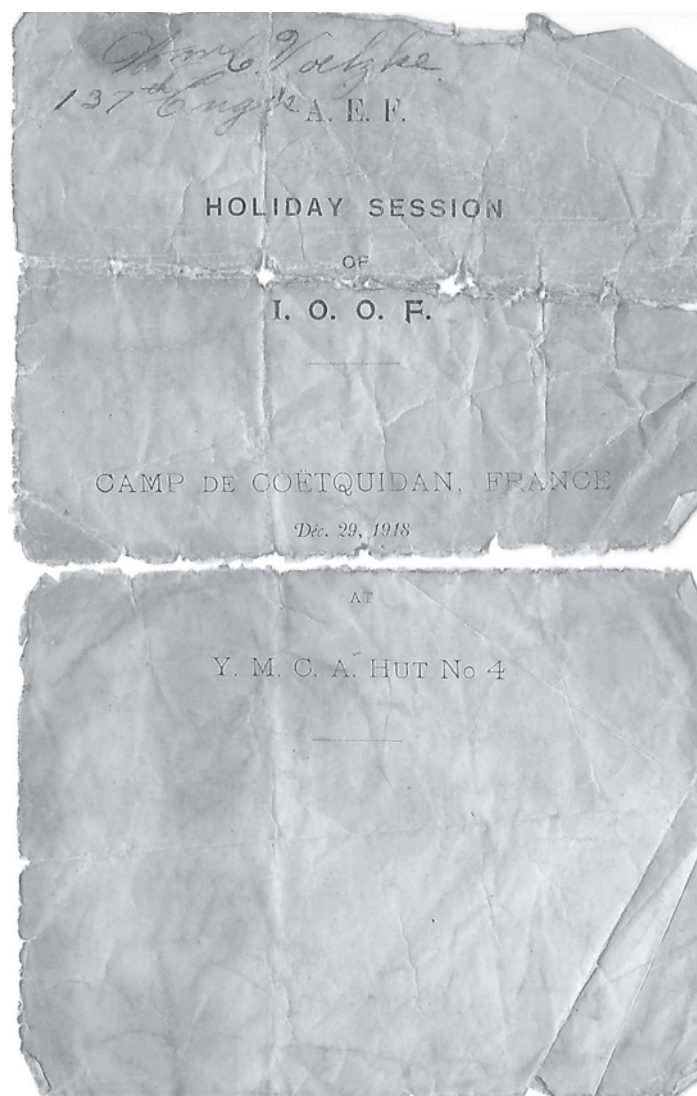
## DAYS GONE BY

100 Years ago - WW I

### Finding Friendship, Love & Truth during times of distress.

I was fortunate to find in the office an old pamphlet showing what looks like a degree rally that was put on 100 years ago, December 29, 1918 in Camp de Coetquidan, France. The following below were present and belonged to Lodges in Pennsylvania at the time:

Wm. C. Voelzke, Zion Council, Zion Lodge 1057,  
Pittsburgh – North Side, Billsburg, PA  
Charles C. Rush, Ollie Cline Lodge #43,  
Washington, PA  
Robert J. Whitaker, Jeannette Lodge #701,  
Jeannette, PA



| ROLL OF MEMBERS                   |              |                     |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Odd Fellows at Camp de Coetquidan |              |                     |
| France                            |              |                     |
| Dec. 29, 1918                     |              |                     |
| Alvin Thompson, O.E.              | Lodge No 225 | Leban, Ill.         |
| Orval Wayne, Kiffin               |              | Madison, Ill.       |
| Ray F. Barnett, Walls Walla       | 131          | N. Dille, Neb.      |
| Adelbert W. Garter, Patrick       | 20           | Boys, Conn.         |
| Raymond A. Johnson                | 49           | Blount Vernon, Ind. |
| Frank Hille                       | 700          | Blount Vernon, Ind. |
| Geoff. M. Goodrich                | 296          | Lape, Ohio          |
| Victor Clark                      | 592          | Hudson, N. H.       |
| S. H. Lee Day                     | 560          | Alamogordo, Ill.    |
| Emory C. Lutzburg                 | 309          | Copea, W. Va.       |
| Robert J. Newlin, Blount          | 431          | Madison, N. Y.      |
| W. C. Lee, N. Y. High             | 517          | North Side, Ill.    |
| Wm. C. Voelzke, Zion Council      | 1057         | North Side, Ill.    |
| John F. Wierl                     | 672          | Brooklyn, Ohio      |
| Edwin P. Wilson, Atre             | 43           | Adams, N. H.        |
| V. F. Cramer                      | 110          | Camp, Tex.          |
| Barney C. Miller                  | 325          | Pennsylvania, Tex.  |
| Robert L. Johnson                 | 103          | Elkhart, O.         |
| George S. Garter                  | 268          | Whitewater, Tex.    |
| Joseph P. Smith, Wyandotte        | 119          | Upper Sandusky, O.  |
| William H. Hill, Sayre            | 483          | Horseshoe, Tex.     |
| Graves C. Smith                   | 211          | Cherokee, Ark.      |
| Archie Hawver, Carroll            | 633          | Albany, Ohio        |
| Charles C. Rush                   | 43           | Washington, Pa.     |
| John Dole, Walls Walla            | 50           | N. Dille, Neb.      |
| Harry G. Johnson                  | 110          | Upper Sandusky, O.  |
| W. L. Ingram                      | 773          | West Dallas, Tex.   |
| Charles A. Gerloff                | 41           | Illino, Tex.        |
|                                   |              | Spencer St.         |

| DETAILS                           |  |                 |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| HOURS - 7:00 P. M.                |  |                 |
| PASSWORD - LEMON PIE              |  |                 |
| N. G. — T. T. NELSON              |  |                 |
| V. G. — E. P. WILSON              |  |                 |
| SEC. — GUY S. GARNETT             |  |                 |
| R. S. N. G. — A. E. BAIRD         |  |                 |
| L. S. N. G. — W. T. PUGH          |  |                 |
| R. S. V. G. — W. B. HILL          |  |                 |
| L. S. V. G. — C. C. RUSH          |  |                 |
| REBEKAH — ROSEMOND BARRETT        |  |                 |
| I. G. — JOHN CUSBY (Pie and Cake) |  |                 |
| MENU                              |  |                 |
| INITIATORY                        |  |                 |
| LEMON PIE                         |  | CHOCOLAT GATEAU |
| CACAO AVEC LAIT                   |  |                 |
| CHOCOLAT                          |  |                 |
| TABAC A LA CHAIRE                 |  |                 |
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| FENIR                             |  | ENCORE          |

## Thank You!

Thank you for the continual support. The money from this scholarship will continue to be used for my tuition and books. This year I will begin to do classroom observations in a Harrisburg area high school. I am excited for this as it is my first real teaching experience.

Thanks again! Sincerely, **Brendan Wurtz**

## Thank You!

Thank you so much for awarding me with an Odd Fellows + Rebekahs educational scholarship for the fourth year in a row! The money helps me and my family more than you all know. Starting medical school has been amazing and rewarding but it is also very stressful. This scholarship has helped me be able to focus on my studies and worry a little less about my finances. Thank you again! **Lindsay Williams**

## THE TREASURER'S TALES - DECEMBER 2018

December is most notably identified with Christmas. In 1923 Christmas was chilly in Grover's Mill, but it was chilly in Pennsylvania as well. Winter is cold and winter starts in December. For those of us who travel in winter, Florida is much warmer. Barney had to keep the farm going and teach school, winter in the South was out of the question. You know it is cold when you and the cow are both happy to be close during milking.

On December 6, 1923, President Calvin Coolidge became the first President to make a radio broadcast. The Yankees sold Pitcher Carl Mays to the Cincinnati Reds for \$85,000. Today that would be \$1,255,000. On December 28, George Bernard Shaw's *St. Joan* premieres. You can watch a trailer for *St. Joan* here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t8BScvUNaec>. If you like to listen to Christmas songs, you can find about an hour and a half here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0iQ3NXKDacE>. The last day of school for the year was Friday, December 14. On Saturday, December 15, the high school held the Snow Ball.

December was a short month at school. Barney had to look after the Christmas dance (Snow Ball) this year, a subject we will touch on now. When he was older and being interviewed at retirement in 1960, he was asked what the most challenging part of teaching high school English for 41 years was. He thought a minute and said, "The only time I longed for the trenches in France was when it was my turn to chaperone one of the high school dances."

In 1923 high school was a four year institution. The various shuffling and dividing of school children had not yet become popular. Likewise, high school had become a four-year adventure in 1910, with one-third the of 14 year-olds in the United States attending high school by 1920. Typically, depending on the month of the year one was born and the age regulation in place at the time, a high school student might be somewhere between 13 and 19, spending four years in high school. The school year had been 180 days since the early 1900's.

So now we need to find the appropriate form for a Christmas Dance. Since the local taxpayers did not want to foot the entire bill, admission tickets were sold. The fee in 1923 was \$0.70. This is about the same as \$10.00 and paid for the janitor, decorations and refreshments.

The school, teachers and gym were on the taxpayer. The wealthy few bought clothes for the dance; most borrowed things their parents had worn or made due with suits and dresses worn on Sunday. The students had attempted to locate members of the opposite sex during the fall term, to enable them to find a date. Barney was going to use Thursday and Friday the 13th and 14th to take his classes to decorate. The first eight school days of December were to be class work. Barney chose the 1922 novel, *Babbitt* by Sinclair Lewis to be the point of discussion. Although the work won Lewis the Nobel Prize in literature in 1930, Barney soon realized the amorous adventures of *Babbitt's* son might give the students some ideas that would be bad for tenth graders and something he did not want to have fresh in the minds of the Christmas dance goers.

*Ulysses* was the best seller, but it went further into taboo subject matter than *Babbitt*. He finally decided on *Captain Blood*, a pirate story which inspired many films, including a popular 1935 version starring Errol Flynn. The story line from the movie can be seen here: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain\\_Blood\\_\(1935\\_film\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Captain_Blood_(1935_film)), with viewing of the trailer here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J3qo9K5UU-I>. The movies had not been out yet, so discussion of the novel was still an interesting topic. Barney was able to keep the minds of the students on the novel throughout deer season and almost up to the time to decorate the gym. This was one of Barney's more successful December reading assignments. The novel had a spirit of adventure that kept the interest of the tenth graders.

Barney arrived at the high school at 5:15 p.m. for the dance, which was to start at 7:30 p.m. Barney and the woman who teaches French (Miss Bertha Pflam) were in charge, with two of the younger teachers "learning" the ropes. Miss Pflam was

doing her last dance, she would retire in May at 70, with many dances under her belt. Barney assigned one of the younger teachers, Bill Tennant to guard the punch bowl. This meant Bill had to assemble the punch, keep the bowl replenished and make sure that no students "augmented" the mixture. The new history teacher, Joseph Roderick, was the other trainee in the chaperone detail. Joe had fought in the trenches with Barney's Rainbow Division, although they did not know each other during the war. Joe went back to school and became a teacher after World War I. He lost a finger off his left hand in combat at the Ardennes Forest, he would lose a toe while teaching school, but that is a story to be told another day.

Barney and Joe would take turns on parking lot detail. The old cars were not well enclosed and made the inhabitants visible to the world. Most of the students walked. A few took buggies, but horses were discouraged because they polluted the parking lot. Buggies were also more amenable to mischief, so they had to be inspected regularly. The empty rooms had to be inspected, especially the third floor girls' room. Only Miss Pflam could go in the girls' rooms, and she did not want to walk up to the third floor. A known hot spot, with little control is a weakness in the perimeter. Joe and Barney set up several command posts where they could discuss things out of the hearing and sight of others. Bill had the punch ready at 7:30 p.m. The band (all high school students) began to play at 7:35 p.m. Popular dance tunes of the era can be heard here: <https://www.allmusic.com/album/seldom-heard-hot-dance-tunes-1923-1929-mw0002433271>.

Bill was a science teacher and loved to explain phenomena to students. It did not occur to him that this could be a problem. One of the students engaged him with questions about the Wright Brothers and flight. Bill told him about going for a flight at a county fair. Prohibition was in full swing in 1923. This meant nothing, one of the student's had an uncle who lived in Western Pennsylvania and worked at the Old Overholt distillery until prohibition. He moved to New Jersey to get a job with his brother in a mill. He brought 50 bottles of Old Overholt rye whiskey with him. Bill was an abstainer and thought he smelled something like a drug store while he was discussing the Wright Brothers. He tasted the punch and thought the fruit juice was particularly good.

Barney and Joe found three buggies, one 1921 Maxwell and two vacant classrooms that had couples doing prohibited things, for which they were written up. Four people brought their own mistletoe, which Barney confiscated. Miss Pflam never made it to the third floor girls' room. This was a mistake, and there was one pregnant girl in the 1924 graduating class. A young female chaperone replaced Miss Pflam the next year.

The real problem was Bill. He was 20 years old and quite naive. He knew science but he did not have a discriminating taste. The students could easily lure him away from the punch bowl. He also enjoyed the punch. He had never tasted alcohol before this night. After the last dance, Joe took Bill to the boys room and held his head while he worshiped the God of the toilet.

Barney had to drive him home. When he sobered up the next morning, Bill came over to apologize to Barney. Bill's mother had been rather hard on him and told him that he had to apologize to Mr. Wells for acting so foolish. Barney gave him a cup of coffee, a lot of teacherly advice and a petition to join the Odd Fellows. This was a dance to remember for Barney, a few students (one girl in particular) and for Bill Tennant.

Next month will be January and I will surprise you.

*Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at [jcupp275@gmail.com](mailto:jcupp275@gmail.com) or conventional mail at P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445.*

## PRESS RELEASE: ODD FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox, PA Chapter have chosen Morgan Johnson, a practical nursing student to receive an Odd Fellows Scholarship. The Odd Fellows are very supportive the Practical Nursing Program and continue to give financial assistance to deserving students.

Nelson Silverstrim, representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox, PA Chapter, presented the Odd Fellow Scholarships to Morgan Johnson.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA is in its 36th year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in Practical Nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctors' offices, hospitals, and home health care as well as in other areas of health care.

For further information on the Practical Nursing Program, contact 570-265-8113.



Left to Right: Nelson Silverstrim, Representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows  
Morgan Johnson, PN Student  
Margaret Johnson, PN Coordinator

## STRASBURG LODGE #361 – STEPPING BACK IN TIME

Strasburg Lodge #361 meets in Massasoit Hall on Main Street in Strasburg, PA. Our meeting space is located in the basement area. We have several tenants who occupy the other floors of the building, both residential and commercial.

On Monday, October 1, 2018, there was a fire in the Java Junction coffee shop (owned by a member of our lodge, Scott Johnson) located in the building. The fire devastated the business. Quick response by the fire department limited the damage in the building. Thankfully, no one was injured since the fire occurred on a day the business was closed. The lodge hall meeting area suffered smoke and water damage, the other tenants had smoke damage.

The lodge was scheduled for a regular meeting on Monday, October 8th. Due to all that transpired with the fire, we felt it imperative that we meet together to find out where things stood.

Brother Jim Rice works for the Strasburg Railroad. He was able to secure a quick meeting place for us in the "Marian" parlor car at the railroad. The car was built by the railroad in 1988 by converting a 1910 coach from the Boston & Maine Railroad into the parlor car. The car currently provides first class service on the daily excursion train at the railroad.

The members of the lodge gathered at our regular meeting time in the car and stepped back into another era. Sitting on the plush velvet seats, it was not hard to imagine that this is how many lodge members spent their meetings in the early 1900's. The framed lodge charter fit right in with the rest of the décor.

The meeting in the parlor car gave us an opportunity to all catch up on what had transpired in our building over the past week. It also gave us time to meet with our lodge brother, Scott Johnson, and share our thoughts and concerns with him as he begins the process of rebuilding his business.

We are moving forward with the cleanup of the meeting area in an attempt to return our lodge operation to normal. Our temporary meeting place is about a block away from our hall at the Wesley United Methodist Church on Main Street. They were gracious enough to extend us a helping hand with a meeting room while we are displaced from Massasoit Hall.

PS – We all were so engrossed in the things we covered at the meeting, none of us thought about taking a photo of the lodge members in the car. Attached is a photo of the interior of the car.

Dale Binkley, Secretary of Strasburg Lodge #361



Interior shot of the parlor car "Marian" at the Strasburg Railroad, Strasburg, PA.

## Periodicals

**October Donations****VISUAL RESEARCH**

|      |             |        |
|------|-------------|--------|
| 1128 | Fallowfield | 61.05  |
| 1004 | Hampton     | 50.00  |
| 2    | Unified     | 25.00  |
|      |             | 136.05 |

**PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE**

|   |         |       |
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| 2 | Unified | 25.00 |
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**ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**

|      |             |        |
|------|-------------|--------|
| 1128 | Fallowfield | 61.05  |
| 2    | Unified     | 50.00  |
|      |             | 111.05 |

**ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE**

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Unified Session Committee |          |
| CAMP JRA                  | 1,000.00 |

**PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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| 2 | Unified | 50.00 |
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**EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

|                           |          |
|---------------------------|----------|
| Unified Session Committee | 1,000.00 |
| 1128 Fallowfield          | 152.62   |
|                           | 1,152.62 |

**Thank you Unified Lodge for your  
continuous support!!!!**

**FLIGHT 93 DONATIONS**

To all,  
I would like to sincerely thank you for pulling together to offer a great donation to Friends of Flight 93 in Shanksville Pennsylvania. My hopes were to raise \$1,000.00 to them, which goes towards building a suitable memorial for the Flight 93 crash site. Most recently was their "Tower of Voices." Thanks to you all, we were able to present Friends of Flight 93 with a check for \$2,053.00. I am humbled at the support and thank you all again for working together. Chivalrously, Brig Gen Justin C. Bailey, Dept Commander.

| Donor Lodge                        | Donation | Donor Lodge                                          | Donation |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 | \$100.00 | Canton                                               |          |
| Harmony Lodge #86                  | \$100.00 | Canton Philadelphia #1, P.M.                         | \$100.00 |
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| Askam Lodge #899                   | \$100.00 | Joint                                                |          |
| Fred R. Korman Lodge #55           | \$50.00  | Victory Lodge #658 & Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558 |          |
| Foster Lodge #333                  | \$50.00  |                                                      | \$93.00  |
| Rebekah                            |          | Person                                               |          |
| Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173    | \$100.00 | Mark & Sarah Baer PPRA, \$50.00                      |          |
| Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86     | \$50.00  | A. Nadine Hager PRA, \$50.00                         |          |
| Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182     | \$50.00  | Nicole B. Inama DChap, \$50.00                       |          |
| Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452      | \$50.00  | Ella Lee Trulick PPRA, \$50.00                       |          |
| Regina Rebekah Lodge #230          | \$25.00  | Ray Boulanger GChap, \$40.00                         |          |
| Encampment                         |          | Bruce & Linda Torrence DDC, \$25.00                  |          |
| Perseverance Encampment #135       | \$300.00 | Paul & Monique Lautenschlager GMa, \$25.00           |          |
| Norristown Encampment #37          | \$100.00 | In Memory of PDC John A. Kunkleman, \$25.00          |          |
| William F. Packer Encampment #127  | \$100.00 | Tyler M. Arnold GP, \$20.00                          |          |
| Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106      | \$50.00  |                                                      |          |
| Scott Encampment #132              | \$50.00  |                                                      |          |