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YORK SPRINGS LODGE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN PASADENA



On January 1, 2023 Harry and Yolanda Howe from York Springs Lodge #211 attended the IOOF Rose Garden Memorial service at the Rose Parade float barn where the float was constructed in Irwindale California. Longtime member David Martin and Kelley Otto who both passed away during 2022 were honored. Yolanda Howe PG is shown placing a rose on the float in their honor. The other picture shows Harry and Yolanda Howe standing by the IOOF float.

Shortly after the service the float left for its 8-hour trip to the pre-parade staging area in Pasadena where it participated in the Rose Parade on January 2.



Places to Go... People to See

MARCH/APRIL

31-2 / Mid-Atlantic States
Conclave, Swedesboro, NJ +

+ denotes details to follow

**** On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams! Please check their facebook first because there may be a scheduling conflict!**

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

MOUNT ZION LODGE NO. 74, YORK

Perry Naill – initiated December 5th
John D. Spadafora, Jr.
Karen L. Spadafora
Howard Tendler

VINCENT LODGE #762 ACTIVITIES

Vincent Lodge #762 supported local veterans at the Whitehall Apartments in Spring City again this year by providing a pie for each apartment for Thanksgiving



Shown are Whitehall Apt manager Kimberly Wilkinson, Brother Michael Weiss and sister Sue Grumblatt.



After a long year of work and progress in Spring City, the members and family got together for a Christmas dinner.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

25 YEARS

William F. Russell, #1030

30 YEARS

Nevin W. Adams, PGM #141

Mark E. Godleski, #512

Mark R. Malley, #1004

35 YEARS

William B. Grace, #762

40 YEARS

Lewis C. Peterman, #116

Terry L. Osborn, #1128

55 YEARS

Jacob L. Detrie, #278

Donald B. Hazen, #1128

60 YEARS

Elmer G. Zimmerman, #438

65 YEARS

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58, Dornsife

70 YEARS

H. William Rineer, #361

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND WARDEN

Brothers and Sisters,

After reading the January Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine, I must say that I am so impressed with the growth of membership and reinstituted Lodge.

Thank you to those who helped accomplish this. Job well done!

Membership should be a part of every lodge meeting. We should be receiving a positive report from the membership committee of the lodge at every meeting. Membership is an integral part of our Order; without it, we as an Order, will cease to exist. Do not be timid! Be proud to tell one that we are a member of such a great and historic Fraternal Order.

We must work at each of our meetings to discuss ways we can grow: talk about prospective members, hold an open house, and find ways to make it work.

After initiating new brothers or sisters, assign an older member to be their mentor to teach them the works of the order and how a meeting should be conducted. Help them grow within their lodge.

A little food for thought. Ask yourself:

What kind of member am I?

Do I just belong? Am I an active member, the kind that will be missed, or am I content to just be on the roster?

Do I attend meetings and mingle with the

Brothers and Sisters, or do I just stay at home and complain long and loud?

Do I visit a member who is sick, or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?

If there is a rally planned or special meetings held, do I help, or leave the work for just a few to accomplish?

So, plan on attending the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member, take an active part. On behalf of the Membership and Communications Committee, Robert Ruff, DGM and I,

Paul E. Lautenschlager, GW, congratulations and welcome to our new Brothers and Sisters and the reinstituted Lodge.

This is the 200th Anniversary of the I.O.O.F. of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Let's all join in the challenge to grow by 200 members in 2023. What an achievement that would be! Remember the Membership and Communications Committee is always available to help.

Please contact us.

Fraternal Friendship,

Paul E. Lautenschlager, GW

Membership and Communications Committee

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Fraternal Greetings! I hope everyone had a great Holiday season and a wonderful New Year! I thought I'd share with you how me and my family rung in 2023; quite different than we expected to. Normally I write about Lodge events, but I thought this story may even compete with Barney.

On December 30th, my wife, Kate, came home from work with severe abdominal pain. She had no other issues prior to this, but was losing weight and taking supplements in order to get in better shape. I asked if she would go to urgent care, but she refused, hoping it would pass. On the morning of the 31st, she finally gave in, as the pain was too much for her. We went to urgent care and they ran some tests, only to find out she was pregnant. They told her to go to the Emergency Room to find more out. Certainly shocked at this news, we went to the ER, now finding out, with having a 13 year old at home, we're going to go through the gambit of raising a baby again. Upon arriving at the ER, they did an ultrasound and the doctor said she looked pretty far along and order a better ultrasound. I remember going with Kate to her ultrasound with Kenny, and them showing us that the "grain of rice" on the monitor was a baby. This time, the ultrasound immediately showed a beating heart, ribcage and spine. I thought to myself, that is one large grain of rice! The doctor told us she was a lot further on

than we thought and he'd see what else can be done. Kate started looking up on her phone what perhaps a fetus at 6 months would look like. The doctor came in and told us she is 36 weeks pregnant. Much to our shock and fear, he told us the baby was about 2 weeks away!

Trying to get a nursery together for a few months is a feat, let alone only 2 weeks! I said to the doctor, that's great an all, but what about the pain? He said that will come and go, and ordered her to be relieved from work until cleared by the obstetrician. They will call us on Tuesday, January 3rd, and set further tests up. So we went home, told Kenny, my parents and her parents. They were baffled as we were! As I said earlier, she was losing weight, and certainly did not look pregnant. Also, with some health issues, the number one detector of pregnancy, loss of a period, wasn't something that Kate missed.

I took her home, but the pain was worsening and at 8PM on New Years eve, I took her down to Allentown to the maternity ward. After being quickly looked at in the maternity ward, we were told she was in active labor and the baby was coming tonight. She had a c-section before, and we planned then to have that done again, but there was an emergent case that came in, so as soon as that was cleared up, Kate would be taken in for a c-section. Well, as smooth as our day continued,



around 11:05PM, baby Bailey decided he was sick of waiting. We were told by the doctor c-section was no longer an option, and the baby was coming whether we like it or not. At 11:43PM, baby Jackson Lloyd Bailey was born, measuring 19 inches and 5.1 pounds.

January 4th, I brought them home. Everyone is happy and healthy. We had about 14 hours between finding out she was pregnant and Jackson being born. To tie it in to Odd Fellowship, the calls, texts, visitors and gifts from our Brothers and Sisters was just so overwhelming. It is comforting to know you have so many extended family members at your side. Thank you to everyone who reached out! So that closes out our 2022, and I'm very anxious (and hesitant) to see what other surprises lurk around the corner for 2023! See you on the Road to Odd Fellowship.

Fraternally, Justin C. Bailey, PGM Grand Secretary

FREEDOM LODGE #88 NG BERT TERYSEN VISITS LOCAL FOOD PANTRY



Tuesday, December 6, 2022 proved to be a BUSY DAY for Noble Grand Bert Terysen and Brother Gibsen Goodenough of Freedom Lodge #88 Honesdale. After dropping off school supplies to the Wayne Highlands Middle School, the next stop was the local food pantry in Honesdale for a monthly donation from Freedom Lodge #88. This food pantry takes place every second Tuesday of the month at 214 Willow Avenue (Tri County Beverage Building), Honesdale, PA 18431. Pictured with the donation gathered by Freedom Lodge #88 Members from left to right is Gibsen Goodenough, Clarissa Wimmers, Wayne County Food Pantry Coordinator and Noble Grand Bert Terysen. Thanks to all that contributed during this holiday season. Anyone interested in helping this effort by donating non-perishable items, monetary donations or volunteer services, please contact Clarissa Wimmers at (570) 253-4262 or email cwimmers@waynecountypa.gov.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 2022 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS



The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania has announced the recipient of the "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2022 Graduate Scholarship Awards."

The Association's Award Committee (Chairman Robert Grant, George Hogan, John Rebar, and Debbie Young) presented their candidate recommendation to the Association's Board during their Christmas meeting/luncheon on Saturday, December 3, 2022. Abby Moffit, the only student submitting an application this year, fulfilled all of the necessary requirements of the Award, and was unanimously approved by the Board. She received a \$4,000 monetary award which was sent to her attending university. In addition, she was invited to attend the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania Annual Meeting which is scheduled to take place on July 15, 2023 at Fellowship Manor in Grove City. (Note: The time and/or location of the Annual Meeting is subject to change due to any covid virus conditions/restrictions.)

Abby Moffit - daughter of Cathy and Ronald Moffit (Charleroi, PA). Abby's grandfather, Dr. Donald Celaschi, was a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 for 34 years when passing on May 14, 2020. Abby started her undergraduate studies at Slippery Rock University and transferred to California University of PA in order to be closer to her "Pap." She majored in Early Childhood/Special Education and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree

in May of 2020. Abby is presently enrolled in her final year at PennWest California (formerly known as California University of PA) where she will be awarded a Master of Science Degree in Communication Disorders in May of 2023.

On behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania, the Award Committee again wishes Abby continued success toward the completion of her Master's Degree and in all of her future endeavors.

TAMAQUA CELEBRATES THE SEASON

For Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and Scott Encampment #132, all of Tamaqua, Brothers, Sisters and Patriarchs, and their friends and families, came together at Trinity UCC in Tamaqua for their annual Christmas party. There were over 40 in attendance, including District Deputy President, Ashley Guscott, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania, Kathy Barber, and Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Paul Lautenschlager.

Extra special guest, Santa, came later to give gifts out to all the good boys and girls (as well as the Grand Secretary)

Pins were given out to some of our members of their efforts over the past years, namely - Past Chief Patriarch jewel to William F. Hanby from Scott Encampment, Past Grand jewel to Sharon Stokes from Harmony Lodge. 5-year membership pin to Jacqui Osenbach from Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and a 50-year membership pin to Past District Deputy Grand Master Jerry Guscott, Sr.

Happy Holidays and a happy New Year to all!



UNIFIED LODGE #2 CELEBRATES THE SEASON



Odd Fellows Unified Lodge # 2 Christmas Dinner of Pittsburgh. Thank you all for coming especially the cooks, servers and rainbow girls; without them no party. Also gift cards were given to each person that attended. We also had the pleasure of Grand Master J Carl George attending. Thank all who helped.



KINGWOOD LODGE #1010 DECEMBER ACTIVITIES



Kingwood IOOF Lodge #1010 had a busy a busy Christmas season this year. From member's and there families Christmas party, Salvation Army bell ringing, gift cards to families in need and supporting a child for the Shop With a Cop program. May this Christmas season fill your heart with peace and joy.

CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Charleroi Lodge #1030 celebrated the start of the past Christmas season with their annual Christmas party/dinner on Dec. 15, 2022. The festive affair took place at Hugos Restaurant, located on Rte. 40 near Brownsville, PA. A delicious 5-course family style meal was served to members and guests, followed by an entertaining and holiday-themed performance by the Charleroi Area High School Show Choir. The Choir, which has traveled nationally over the years, presented numerous Christmas selections that were very much enjoyed by those in attendance. The evening turned out to be a successful social event with a 2023 Christmas booking already being considered by the officers of Charleroi Lodge #1030. (Submitted by Bob Grant, Secty)



THISTLE LODGE HAS A BUSY DECEMBER



Thistle Lodge #512 of Pittston was busy during December spreading holiday cheer during the season. The brothers joined in partnership with Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton to provide cookies and candy canes to over 300 children as Santa arrived via steam engine at Steamtown Rail Yard. The members also collected over \$2000 in toys for the local "Santa Squad" project which gets a wish list from local under-privileged kids and makes their Christmas gift wish come true. To cap off the festivities the lodge held their annual holiday gathering of members and their spouses at the local Rikasa Restaurant which is our next-door neighbor. The event kicked off the yearlong celebration of the 200th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania.

JANUARY OBITUARIES

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



Robert T. Reed
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551
December 4, 2022

Brother Robert T. Reed, 95, of Shippensburg, PA, was initiated into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, PA, in June of 1947, where he became a Past Grand March 28, 1991. He was the Odd Fellow of the Year for Mahanoy Lodge

#551 in 2000 and at the time of his death, was the oldest living member.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Hunter Station, PA.

Surviving is his wife, the former Alfreda Peifer, of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, four children, eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Emmanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to IOOF Lodge, 601 Line Mountain Road, Dornsife, PA 17823.

Janet Y. Woodmansee
Past District Deputy President
Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497
December 24, 2022



Sister Janet Y. (Faigle) Woodmansee, 91, of Lake Como, PA, was initiated into Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, on October 1, 1950, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 1, 1952 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on October 24, 1953. She went on to serve as District Deputy President from 1970 - 1972. At the time of her death, she was the

Rebekah Lodges oldest member, by age and tenure.

She was a member of Lake Como United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, H. Lindy. Surviving are five children, eight grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Lake Como Cemetery.



Ronald Bernhard
Shenandoah Lodge No. 591
December 26, 2022

Brother Ronald Bernhard, 89, of Shenandoah, PA, was initiated into Shenandoah Lodge #591 on October 22, 1951, where he became a Past Grand on October 7, 1957. He

served many years as Vice Grand and later as Chaplain. He served on the Board of Directors for the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Shenandoah and Frackville, a position he held at the time of his death. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Howells. Surviving are two children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Shenandoah.



Dawn E. Tanner
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202
December 27, 2022

Sister Dawn E. (Wentzell) Tanner, 69, of New Ringgold, PA, was initiated into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Bushkill Center, PA, on May 21, 1998, where she became a Past Noble Grand. She also served as Secretary.

She was a member of Readers United Methodist Church.

Surviving is her husband, Edward, mother, PNG Kathleen Wentzell, also of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge, several daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial will be held private.



Mae A. Judy
Past RA Appointed Officer
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736
Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22
December 31, 2022

Sister Mae A. (Dreibelbis) Judy, 90, of State College, was initiated into Lady Ferguson Rebekah Lodge #137, Pine Grove Mills, PA, on June 19,

1950, where she became a Past Noble Grand October 3, 1966, and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree November 10, 1966. She served as District Deputy President from 1970 - 1972 and was a Representative to the Rebekah Home of Eastern Pennsylvania, Harrisburg. She then became a member of Tussey Rebekah Lodge #66, Boalsburg, through consolidation on May 6, 1981, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 4, 1989, and served again as District Deputy President from 1992 - 1994. She became a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on September 9, 2006 and served as District Deputy President from 2010 - 2011, and finally a member of Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22, Cassville, through consolidation on July 9, 2019. She served the Rebekah Assembly as Rebekah Flag Bearer from 1985 - 1986, Marshall from 1989 - 1990 and Color Bearer from 2000 - 2001. She was a regular attendee to Unified Session, and for many years was instrumental in the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Educational Pilgrimage for Youth, where she served as Chairman. She was very active in the Centre County Rebekah Degree Team and the Inter County District Deputy President's Association. At the time of her death, she was Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge's oldest tenured member and the last surviving member of Lady Ferguson Rebekah Lodge #137 still affiliated with the Order.

She was initiated an Odd Fellow into State College Lodge #1032 on November 9, 2016, where she received the Grand Lodge Degree on April 7, 2018 and became a Past Grand on October 22, 2018. She became a member of Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, through consolidation on May 10, 2019. At the time of the consolidation, she was State College Lodge's current Noble Grand.

She was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Center Hall, and several other UCC Churches.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald. Surviving are two sons, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge, and burial was held in Graysville Cemetery.

WARREN LODGE #339 WRAPS UP THE YEAR

December was a busy month for the Warren Lodge. Earlier in the month an entourage of members traveled to Smethport to assist in the Initiations and Degrees of several members.

Thursday December 15 our Social Meeting was highly attended as this was our planned Christmas Party for members and guests. We had a fantastic turnout at our Lodge with 32 people in attendance. The food was excellent and everyone had a great time. We almost had perfect attendance except for several members who were out of town. Mike was in North Carolina, Marie was in Texas, Russ was in Puerto Rico, Jon was in Cancun and Darrell was somewhere between here and Arizona, closer to Arizona. Everyone who was close braved the ice storm and made it a memorable evening.



CHRISTMAS VISITATION PROJECT



Vienna Lodge #847, of Allentown, partnered with the Emmaus lions club to visit families in the East Penn Area who have personal tragedies and struggles in their lives and how difficult it would be to provide for a nice Christmas. Vienna lodge helped families this past holiday by having a Christmas visit. The visit provides a meal for the family to enjoy on Christmas day, as well as a few presents for their young children, including a visit from Santa. Vienna lodge takes much pride in their community involvement.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT LACKAWANNA COUNTY

Interesting Facts:

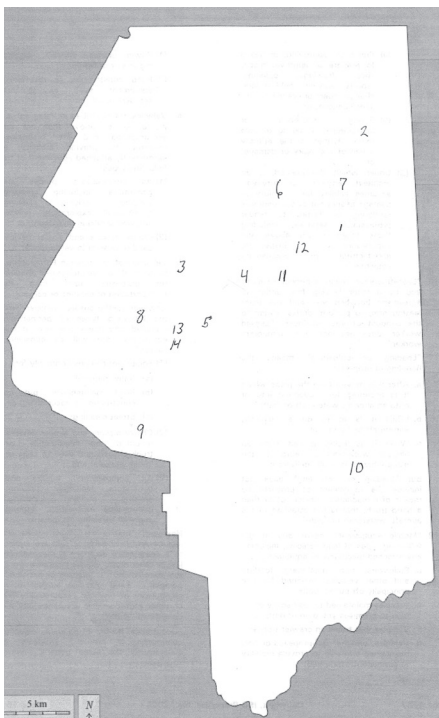
The Rebekah Lodges numbered around 1,000. Some of the numbers, you'll also see more than once, as some of these Lodges only lasted a few years.

How many Rebekah Lodges were in YOUR County??

Did you ever wonder if your town had a Rebekah Lodge?

Do you know where it was or do you even remember some of these Lodges?

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



LACKAWANNA COUNTY

- 1 Archbald - Honoria Rebekah Lodge #85 - consolidated 1936
- 2 Carbondale - Lucretia Rebekah Lodge #109 - defunct 1951
- 3 Clark's Green - Mary Griffin Rebekah Lodge #84 - defunct 1951
- 4 Dickson City - Autumn Leaf Rebekah Lodge #262 - defunct 1960
- 5 Dunmore - Holly Leaf Rebekah Lodge #180 - defunct 1943
- 6 East Benton - Primrose Rebekah Lodge #243 - defunct 1916
- East Benton - Primrose Rebekah Lodge #354 - defunct 1937
- 7 Jermy - Mizpah Rebekah Lodge #115 - defunct 1905
- 8 Milwaukee - Echo Valley Rebekah Lodge #339 - defunct 1979
- 9 Moosic - Martha Bennett Rebekah Lodge #334 - defunct 1960
- 10 Moscow - Ida Rebekah Lodge #191 - defunct 1927
- 11 Olyphant - Lady Ellen Penman Rebekah Lodge #22 - defunct prior 1930
- 12 Peckville - Friendship Rebekah Lodge #91 - defunct after 1936
- 13 Providence - Edith Rebekah Lodge #113 - defunct prior 1900
- 14 Scranton - Lauretta Rebekah Lodge #23 - defunct 1879
- Scranton - LaWanna Rebekah Lodge #23 - consolidated 1987
- Scranton - Christianna Rebekah Lodge #64 - defunct 1900
- Scranton - Tikvah Rebekah Lodge #68 - defunct 1968
- Scranton - Beatrice Rebekah Lodge #70 - defunct 1965

19 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

- 1st Rebekah Lodge - Lauretta Rebekah Lodge #23 in 1869
- Last Rebekah Lodge - LaWanna Rebekah Lodge #23 in 1987
- 31 Odd Fellow Lodges

Next Month – Lawrence County. Get your pictures and articles in

THE TREASURER'S TALES

FEBRUARY 2023

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at February 1928. The big thing in February is St. Valentine's Day on the 14th, followed closely by Groundhog Day on the second. February is a cold month, with snow. As much as people stay in groups to keep warm and repel the ill effects of snow and cold, so do animals.

February 1928 marked a few interesting events, On February 8, the first transatlantic TV image was received. On February 18, Sonja Henie of Norway wins the women's figure skating gold medal at the St. Moritz Winter Olympic Games. On February 20, Elroy Face, baseball pitcher (Pittsburgh Pirates) was born. On February 26, both Fats Domino and Ariel Sharon were born.

Because of snow, travel was difficult for people as well as animals. It was rare for school to be cancelled, but on February 16 and 17, school was cancelled. This didn't mean Barney could sit idly by and watch the snow. He had a number of cows, steers, pigs and chickens (as well as two outside dogs, a barn full of cats and a peculiar raccoon) to look after. In late 1927 he had gone to an auction at the stock yards and accidentally bid on a small flock of sheep, (7 ewes and a ram). He won the bid (thinking he was bidding on a pair of heifers) and was stuck with the sheep. It should be noted that a number of cats formed a bond with the sheep and it was common to see a pen with all the ewes and a half-dozen cats sleeping together on a cold night. He kept the ram in a separate pen and considered expanding his flock. He spent several hours tending to the animals before dinner (primarily milking) and made it in for dinner. After dinner he had to check on the chickens, and feed Conductor and Warden. There was a warm fire and a comfortable rocking chair waiting when he came in from the cold. He had a fair amount of wool processed and Elizabeth had knitting hats for all the children in the neighborhood.

Despite the bad weather, the local newspaper was delivered. Barney hadn't

completely read the newspaper before dinner and was anxious to complete it. He sat in the rocking chair, pulled a small wool blanket over him and began to read the newspaper. As Barney sat reading the newspaper, the burdens of the day overcame him and he drifted off into a deep sleep. Before Elizabeth noticed, he was dreaming. He had served as chaperone for the Valentine's Day Dance on February 11, and the trials of that event resonated in his head.

He was sitting on a cloud and cupids were flying by him. Elizabeth floated by on a billowing cloud. He had a vision of a punch bowl with cherubs pouring an unknown liquid into the punch. The cherubs and cupids were playing tag in air. It seemed so idyllic. A golden haired goddess brought out a large tray of cut fruit and pastries, with cherubs and cupids coming to enjoy the bounty. No sooner had the tray settled on the table than a winged raccoon came down and started to stuff oranges and cookies in his mouth as fast as he could. Barney swept down off his cloud and started to chase the raccoon with a broom. Barney stirred and briefly awakened.

Pulling the wool blanket around his neck, Barney drifted off again. He was Little Boy Blue and the sheep were in the meadow and cows were in the corn. It was spring and blew on his horn. The sheep and cattle both came to him, nudging him affectionately and acting more like pets than farm animals. Barney assumed an air of satisfaction when he was awakened by a Pomeranian jumping on his lap. The furry little dog was begging for attention and Barney gave her some attention, but drifted off again.

As he fell asleep, the wind howled outside and he was in the trenches in France. Artillery shells were bursting overhead and he was running for cover. He heard the whistle of a German officer and he knew an attack was coming. He buttressed himself against the wall of the trenches when he felt the earth shake. It was only the dog jumping off his lap.

Awakened, he thought he should check on Elizabeth and the children and finish the newspaper, but sleep overcame him before he could stir. He was the marshal of the Labor Day Parade, leading a band of over 100 Odd Fellows in Patriarch's Militant garb, about 20 on horse back. Everyone was cheering and banners stretched across the street. He passed the reviewing stand and was given a blue ribbon. As the parade wound down, he had to muster enough Odd Fellows to clean up the parade route. Mounted units required attention. The cleanup seemed to take forever, then Elizabeth shook him and he awakened.

She said, "Goodness how you have slept. You won't be able to sleep tonight."

Barney replied, "I worked so hard, I think I should go to bed now, while I can still walk."

Elizabeth commented, "You better take Rebekah (their Pomeranian) outside, she doesn't like going out in the snow and I don't want her to have an accident during the night."

Barney trudged outside and saw a glimpse of an animal behind the corn crib. Rebekah was quick because she hated the cold and wanted back inside.

Barney was escorted to bed by Elizabeth. He felt as though his time in the rocking chair was work. He drifted off to sleep in just a few minutes despite having been napping for two hours earlier. He was dreaming again. As he walked down the street on his way to Grand Lodge in Trenton, there was a beggar holding out a hat. When Barney approached, the beggar was a raccoon. His furry tail sweeping the ground. Barney reached in his pocket for a dime and then the beggar disappeared and Barney spent the remainder of the night in dreamless sleep.

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

HARMONY LODGE HONORS MEMBER

In late December, Harmony Lodge was pleased to have back with us Past Grand Josh Guscott. Josh was honored by receiving his 10 year membership pin. Presenting his pin was current Noble Grand, and his wife, Ashley Guscott. Josh has been MIA the last couple months, having basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia. He is home for the holidays for 2 weeks before he has to go back to finish his training. He'll be back again in February and will be in the Army National Guard in Hometown. Josh is a third generation Odd Fellow, with his grandfather receiving his 50 year pin earlier this month.



PENNSYLVANIA'S OLDEST CANTON CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY WITH BATTALION PARTY



On December 22nd, Chevaliers and families from Cantons Philadelphia No. 1, and Allentown No. 39, got together at the Copperhead Grille to celebrate the 140 Anniversary of the founding of Canton Philadelphia No. 1. Also, what a better time to get together during the holidays for some fellowship! The Rebekahs of Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173 of Philadelphia were also in attendance.

1st Battalion, 1st Regiment is comprised of Cantons #1 & 39 and work together often. In attendance was Commandant of #39, Cpt Rory King; Battalion Commander, MG® Justin Bailey; Regimental Commander and 1st VP, BG® William Hanby and JrPDC, BG® Bruce Torrence. A great time was had by all. Thanks to all who attended! Here's for another 140 years for Canton Philadelphia!



EDUCATION PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 7 million dollars, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow – Rebekah Education Fund, established in 1993, has made it possible for 822 students to receive \$425,500.00 in scholarships, and

Whereas, the need for loans and scholarships is ever increasing to meet higher costs of helping men and women find their place in life, and

Whereas, one of our commands of to “educate”.

Now therefore, I, J. Carl George, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of February as EDUCATIONAL MONTH throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Further, request all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this tenth day of January, 2023, and in the 199th year of this Grand Body.

FREEDOM LODGE #88 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE A SUCCESS!



Freedom Lodge #88, under the Leadership Andrew Kilmer, held an Annual 50/50 Ticket Raffle back in the Summer of 2022. The Winners were drawn at the Annual Picnic. The Brothers and Sisters of the Lodge set aside some of the proceeds for the Wayne Highlands Middle School Backpack and School Supply Drive. In addition, to the raffle, members also personally contributed. The total for the event was over \$400. On Tuesday, December 6, 2022 members, now under the leadership of Noble Grand Bert Terysen, met with Wayne Highlands Middle School to hand over this donation. Mr. Kretschmer stated that this could not have come at a better time with many local families experiencing financial hardships while trying to enjoy the holidays. Pictured here from left to right - Forrest C. Goodenough, Noble Grand Bert Terysen, WHMS Counselor Mrs. Andrea Murray, District Deputy Grand Master Paul Lautenschlager, Gibsen Goodenough and WHMS Principal Mr. John Kretschmer. Thanks to all that donated and know this will now be an annual drive for Freedom Lodge #88. We would also respectfully ask that all other lodges check with their local schools and see what needs can be addressed by Odd Fellowship Members.

Please fill out form and return with your donation payable to “Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF”

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.

Please credit our donation to: (Check one of the following)

_____ PA Scholarship Fund – This is applied directly toward a scholarship

_____ PA Education Endowment Fund – This is placed in a fund, interest derived from this is applied toward scholarships

_____ Sovereign Grand Lodge Education Fund – This is to furnish loans.

MAIL ALL CHECKS TO GRAND LODGE!!! NOT THE GRAND MASTER

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DECEMBER DONATIONS

PA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

	Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Assoc. of Western Pennsylvania	20,000.00
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		20,050.00

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

2	Unified	25.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
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BICENTENNIAL MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

The Grand Master along with the Deputy Grand Master would like to invite all Lodges, Members, Districts and Regional Representatives to participate in a Bicentennial Membership/Fun/Social Event Contest.

Looking to increase membership as well as making meetings more fun and productive, we have devised a contest of sorts.

Our proposal would start the first of the year (2023) and continue through the calendar year. There will be prizes quarterly, annual and semi annual as well as during our Annual Sessions held in June.

Prizes to be determined based on Lodge/Member Participation.

The Contest will be conducted based on the following criteria:

Lodge Participation

- Most Initiates by; Annual, Semiannual and Quarter
- Highest average Attendance to stated regular and special/social meetings
- Youngest Initiate
- Best Fund Raising Event; based on the local community need and highest Odd Fellow name exposure
- Special Events to extend social/fellowship with other nearby lodges within and outside of local districts
- Most Community involvement with name recognition

Special Sessions Participation

- Highest Number of Lodge Members (does not need to be a representative to Attend Sessions Meetings)
- Most Representatives in Attendance by District and Region
- Lodges with most Representatives and Alternates in Attendance for the most days of Sessions will be in a drawing for a Special Grand Master award/prize to be determined at Sessions
- Special Event to be planned should all District Deputy Grand Masters show up for Installation. Special circumstances will be considered for inability to attend ie.(work, illness etc.)

Attendance must be verified by lodge secretaries for all lodge events. Documentation must be submitted to the Deputy Grand Master for verification.

In cases of ties Lodges with most social media/community advertising will determine winners.