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200th Anniversary

On the 15th of June, 1823, a special meeting of the Grand Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, was held in the city of Baltimore, who, having taken this letter into consideration, passed the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the charter be granted as prayed for, and the lodge rated as No. 1 of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the Past Grands of Pennsylvania Lodge No. 1, when duly installed, as a Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to be located in Philadelphia.

The Grand Lodge, thus authorized, was duly constituted and opened by Grand Sire Wildey, on the 27th of June, 1823 - when the following Past Grands were elected and duly installed the first Grand Officers, viz:

Most Worthy Grand Master	Aaron Nichols.
Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master	Thomas Small.
Right Worthy Grand Warden	Benjamin Richardson.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary	Benjamin Daffin.
Right worthy Grand Treasurer	Joseph Richardson.

To whom, and their fellow Past Grands, the charter so granted was delivered - and thenceforward they acted as the Grand Lodge of the I.O. of O.F. of Pennsylvania.

Places to Go... People to See

JULY

22 / Odd Fellows & Rebekahs
Assoc. of Western PA annual
mtg, Fellowship Manor
22 / Orchard Manor Annual
Meeting, Fellowship Manor
29 / Fun Day, Knobel's Grove,
Elysburg

AUGUST

20 - 24/ International Session
of the IOOF - Des Moines, IA

OCTOBER

21 / PGP Calhoun Testimonial
- Shartlesville+
27-29 / SGM Cupp Testimonial
- Coraopolis+

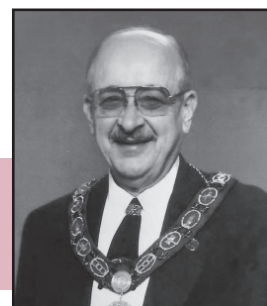
** On the second Sunday of each month,
at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge
#153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their
Music Jams! Please check their facebook
first because there may be a scheduling
conflict!

All Lodges are reminded when planning
an activity, if you would like your state
officer's support please contact the Grand
Lodge at ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net or
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Nevin W. Adams answers final call

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

HARMONY LODGE NO. 86,

TAMAQUA

Paul J. Mulhern, Jr. - initiated May 10th

VINCENT LODGE NO. 762,

SPRING CITY

Matthew Waldschmidt - initiated June 5th

MALVERN-POCAHONTAS LODGE

NO. 201, MALVERN

Michelle L. Matherly - initiated June 5th

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Sisters and Brothers, the first thing I want to do is thank you for trusting me with the care of this fraternity for the next year. It would not have been possible had it not been for many people with us today and some not any longer.

If we only conform to the ways of our order, which, if you think about it, have been taught since the time of Christ throughout the centuries. Friendship, truth, and love, the watch words of our order, we will be emulating the teachings we all believe in and obligated ourselves to as sisters and brothers. If we all strive to be better by doing things we believe in, we will become better people, and in turn a better fraternity, and in return of that a better community, state and country. Things always happen for a reason. The trouble is we are not always happy with the results, or of the rough road we must take to get there. Thus we all tend to drift from our core principles, some in small ways, some in large. If you would've told me 10 years ago that someday I would be Grand Master, I would've rolled my eyes and said sure, no doubt, as I laughed to myself walking away. But here I stand not only as your Grand Master, it is in the 200th anniversary of Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania. What a humbling moment for me. We are going to be busy this upcoming year continuing with team Whitlinger's initiatives. Five regional directors will be put in place to help the District Deputy Grand Masters help the lodges and thus the fraternity. With the education and instruction committee, I would like to see a school of instruction in every region on a yearly basis; I would like the membership committee and publicity committee use to find new up-to-date ways to get our message and charity mission, better known in and to the public. I would encourage lodges to visit and support each other. Promote good ritualistic, work and community outreach. Everyone is extremely important in our mission to help our order. All members are encouraged to have an email address so we can all effectively, in a modern way communicate. Also, with the help of Brother McHugh we will be using the website to integrate more things to help our members understand the fraternity better. I hope and pray, and ask all of you for assistance to continue helping move our order into the future. If we don't all start working together to help the fraternity grow and become young again, we might wither away all together. Let's all put aside, personal animosities, and reactive, emotional and lackadaisical, thinking and move forward to carry on for the good and betterment of something greater than ourselves, to help future generations. Let us not let our beliefs and beloved fraternity be forgotten and thrown away on the ash heap of time.

Bob Ruff, Grand Master

ODD FELLOWS HOME OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CITIZENSHIP AWARD

The Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania in Meadville, continues to support students in thirteen Northwest Pennsylvania counties by providing Citizenship Awards through ten Vocational Technical Career Centers and eleven individual high schools.

Recipients of 2023 Continuing Education Citizenship Awards of \$700 were: Katelynn Brown, Parker Scaife, Landon Marshall, Kaiden Boozer, Joe Blanchard, Paige Roess, Louis Flatt, Amberlyn Morrison, Lauren Brooks, Lily Bates, Michael Kavelish, Jacob Troutman, Andrew Masteller.

Recipients of 2023 School to Work Citizenship Awards of \$600 were: Drew Chalmers, Ty Colton, Kayla Ceriani, Thomas Rodgers, Brady Danielson, Samatha Beatty, Kyle Lantz, Trey Proper, Jack Farasousky, Ryder Anderson, Cadence Baker.

The Citizenship Awards committee selected the following students to also receive a 2023 Board Memorial Award in the amount of \$1,000 each: Amberlyn Morrison from Cambridge High School, and Samantha Beatty from Warren County Career Center.

The Board of Directors has awarded \$132,800 since 2012 to students through participating schools as an investment in the future.

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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Glenn L. Campbell, #523
Frederick Thomas, III, #523

40 YEARS

Ralph C. Lincoln, #438
Gregory A. McCartney, #1128

CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 HONORS CAHS STUDENTS FOR 2023

Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), Charleroi Lodge #1030, honored three Charleroi Area High School senior students during the school's Class of 2023 "Salute to Scholars" evening award presentations on Wednesday, May 24, 2023. Each of the recipients was presented a plaque to serve as a remembrance of this special evening in recognizing their outstanding achievements during their academically successful years at CAHS. A \$1,500 monetary award was also sent to each student's university and placed into their respective account.

Pictured above, from left to right, are Robert Grant (Scholarship Committee Chair), award recipients Cole Telegraphis, Sydney Cole, and Grace Hutchin, and Joseph Valla (committee member). Cole, son of Aimee and James Telegraphis, will be attending Indiana Univ. of PA to major in Sociology. Sydney, daughter of Denise and Sean Cole, will also be attending Indiana Univ. of PA and having chosen Music Therapy as her major area of interest. Grace, daughter of Lisa and Donald Hutchin, will be attending Penn State Univ. to pursue a degree in Linguistics.

On behalf of the I.O.O.F. Charleroi Lodge #1030, the Scholarship Awards Committee wishes Cole, Sydney, and Grace many happy, healthy, and educationally fulfilling years at their respective institutions of higher learning.



ODD FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP



Wysox Lodge No. 1152, I.O.O.F., have given Samarah Smith, a practical nursing student, an Odd Fellows Scholarship for her third semester. The Odd Fellows are very supportive of the Practical Nursing Program and continue to give financial assistance to deserving students.

Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand of Wysox Lodge No. 1152, IOOF, presented the Odd Fellow Scholarship to Samarah Smith.

The Practical Nursing Program, located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA, is in its 40th 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.

WARREN LODGE CAR SHOW

Warren Lodge #339, IOOF, held their 2nd annual Car Show at Ed Shults Dodge in Warren on Saturday June 3rd. Attendance was very good. The Lodge had also invited the Warren Lions Club to sell hot dogs and sausage along with inviting the BSA Troop 8 of Warren to sell pulled pork/coleslaw sandwiches and hamburgers. That is how we make our one event provide fund raising for three separate organizations. Many door prizes were awarded and trophies were given out. Noble Grand Al Webster presented the trophies to the winners. For a second year in a row Dan Mechling organized a fantastic show.

As part of the car show we also pulled the winners for our Spring Raffle, the first prize being a Milwaukee tool assortment, Pole Light, Impact Driver, Powered Grease Gun, 3/8 and 1/4 socket sets and batteries. The winner, who purchased his raffle ticket at the Spring Odd Fellows Rally, was Dave Hamilton, Noble Grand of Alert Lodge No. 936 in Rochester Mills.



1st place winner with his GTO



1st & 3rd winners of the show

CANDIDATES INITIATED IN CHESTER COUNTY

Over 20 Brothers and Sisters were in attendance at Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201 from 8 different Lodges as the initiatory degree was conferred upon Matthew Waldschmidt into Vincent Lodge No. 762 and Michele L. Matherly into Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201 (pictured front & center). A great time was had by all. Welcome to the new members!



BRADY LODGE OF MUNCY SPREADS FRIENDSHIP

These are just 2 pictures of some of the people that Brady Lodge #116 went to visit at the Skilled Nursing Home at the Muncy Hospital today. Some of them have not had visitors for several years. All of them were very pleased to have us there to talk to. It really felt good to be able to talk with them today.



PHOEBE REBEKAH LODGE HONORS PAST MEMBERS



Phoebe Rebekah lodge #123 placing flowers at Rimersburg cemetery. With the price of everything we opted to only go to the local cemetery. We honored 45 of our departed members. With the outlining cemeteries, we exceed 100 flowers placed each year.

VICTORY LODGE NO. 658



The one photo is the notice of the closing of the R S Keystone Diner. Our lodge has had dinner at this restaurant since 1976.

The other photo from left to right are Robert Raffensberger, Steven Nathan, JoAnne Kerr, owner, Frank Hilt. We will miss it!



WALKER LODGE HONORS FOUNDING FATHER

On May 6th, Walker Lodge No. 306 of Philadelphia chartered a bus to Washington DC for the Tomb of the Unknowns. On their way down, they stopped in Baltimore, Maryland, to visit the tomb the Thomas Wildey, Founder of American Odd Fellowship. A wonderful weekend was enjoyed by all! Thanks to Charlie and Judy Balmer for the wonderful hospitality!



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GRAVESITE VISITATIONS BY CHARLEROI LODGE #1030

Memorial Day Tribute: Brothers Bob Grant and George Hogan, members of Charleroi Lodge #1030, IOOF, were out the Saturday afternoon preceding Memorial Day 2023 proudly and honorably performing their annual gravesite visitations. This is one of the more gratifying services done by the lodge because it not only pays tribute to many of their departed brothers, but also honors them for having faithfully served our country and allowing us to enjoy the freedoms we all enjoy today. The lodge members visited approximately 40 gravesites in six surrounding cemeteries: Charleroi, Monongahela, Maple Creek, Sacred Heart, Belle Vernon, and LaFayette. At each of the gravesites, the recognizable "F-L-T" stake was topped with a commemorative, red, white and blue "In Memoriam- IOOF" flag. Upon completion of the graveside visitations, the brothers expressed a feeling of satisfaction, and were sincerely honored to have performed the duties that afternoon.



YORK SPRINGS LODGE # 211 PARTICIPATES IN LOCAL MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



On Memorial Day, Monday May 29, 2023, 12 members of York Springs IOOF Lodge # 211 participated in the York Springs Memorial Day Service which is sponsored by the York Springs Lions Club. Even through the Lions sponsor the event the Odd Fellows played a vital role in the planning and executing of the program.

Past Grand Yolanda Howe wrote and coordinated the Service with several members participating in the program. This year's presentation, entitled "Veteran's Family Letters" featured letters from veterans in service to their country to family at home. They covered eras from the Revolutionary War up through the Iraq War. Yolanda Howe read letters from her nephew who was in a tank command during the Iraq War. PG Stephanie Roelker portrayed Mary Custis Lee and read a letter from Robert E Lee. VG Brett Otto and Lynn Golden laid wreaths honoring veterans who were Odd Fellows and Lions Club members. In addition, the Odd Fellows placed flowers at 232 crosses that each honor a local veteran who has passed away. The Odd Fellows also helped with set up, handing out programs and tear day for the event.

Brothers and Sisters who attended from left to right: seated, Yolanda Howe and Connie Otto. Second row, Stephanie Roelker, Thomas Gordon, Cayle Swindler, Carolyn Gordon and Robert Otto. Third row, Lynn Golden. Brian Ecker. Harry Howe, Brett Otto, and Darrell Ulsh.

REMEMBER THOSE LOST

Freedom Lodge #88 participated in the Honesdale Memorial Day Parade.

The members and their families constructed this amazing float with a simple message in mind, Remember those lost! Freedom Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Join the Brotherhood!



JULY OBITUARIES

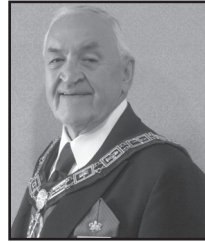
Due to publication time, we regret we cannot accept Obituaries older than three months.

Nevin W. Adams PGM/PGP/PDC

Nevin W. Adams, 87, formerly of Shoemakersville., passed away on Monday, May 8, 2023 in the Middletown Home, where he resided. He was the husband of Myra Faye (Taldo) Adams, who died September 23, 2015.

Nevin was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He was a member of St. John's (Gernant's) Church, Ontelaunee Twp. Nevin was initiated into Leesport Lodge #141 I.O.O.F. on May 12, 1970. He served on the planning board for ten years, six years as chairperson; youth committee for three years, Grand Lodge Building committee for three years, Grand Chaplain for GM Bailey, and GM Brenneman; Chairman of the Lodge Study Committee; Education and Instruction Committee for three years. He served as Grand Master for two terms: 1999-2000 & 2000-2001. He was department commander of the Department Council of PA, PM 2002-2004; Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of PA 2004-2005, General Chairman of the 34th & 37th Unified Session, served on the Arthritis Committee since 1996, where he was treasurer from 9/96 to 4/17, Representative to Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of PA since 2001, 9 years as treasurer, and as secretary/treasurer since 2013. Nevin served as a representative to the Odd Fellows Home in Middletown since 1999, and as a member of the Board of Directors since 2000; 8 years as 1st Vice President; and as Secretary/Treasurer since 2013; he also served on the membership committee for nine years. Nevin also served as Grand Representative to the SGL for 3 years; as secretary of Leesport Lodge #141 for seven years; Clerk of Canton Leesport #2 for 19 years, Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of PA for 8 years, and Treasurer of the Department Council of PA for 8 years. He served as president of the International Association of Odd Fellow and Rebekah Homes Region 3. He instituted Genesis #15 Encampment when he was Grand Patriarch. He served as secretary/treasurer of the Middletown Home and also as secretary/treasurer of the Home for Orphans of PA, until June 30, 2021 when he resigned due to his health. Nevin and his wife hosted multiple exchange students from all over the world over the years with Rotary International, many of which they always considered to be their children.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial at the convenience of the family will be in Berks County Memorial Gardens.



George R. Tufts, Jr. Past GL Officer Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175 May 28, 2023

Brother George R. Tufts, Jr., 85, of Smethport, PA, was initiated into Smethport Lodge #389 on November 8, 2003, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 21, 2010. He immediately became active in the Grand Lodge, being a regular attendee to Unified Session. He served as DDGM from 2012 - 2017. He transferred membership to Foster Lodge #333, Rew, and held associate membership in Smethport Lodge, serving as Treasurer. He served the Grand Lodge as Grand Guardian from 2013 - 2014, Conductor from 2014 - 2015, Marshal from 2015 - 2016 and was elected to Grand Warden from 2016 - 2017 and Deputy Grand Master in 2017. He was a former Patriarch of Kossuth Encampment #98 and Aide-de-Camp to PSGM Wood from Canton Ridgely No. 8 with the rank of BG®. He was active in the PA-5 and held associate membership with Canton Allentown No. 39. On June 19, 2017, he was bestowed upon the Decoration of Chivalry. In 2017, he resigned from all the branches except the Rebekah Lodge. At the time of his death, he was a member of Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175, where he joined on April 12, 2004. He was a proud U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of the Vietnam War. Surviving is his wife, PPRA Deborah J. Tufts. Burial will be held in Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.



James R. Weikel Mahanoy Lodge No. 551 June 12, 2023

Brother James R. "Jim" Weikel, 53, of Trevorton, PA, was initiated into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, on January 28, 2013. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's musician. He became an associate member to Mount Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin on October 22, 2018, where he became a Past Grand on October 26, 2020. He continued to hold the office of Noble Grand, a position he held at the time of his death. He was a member of the Emmanuel ECC in Trevorton. Surviving is his wife, the former Nadine Steinhart, and one son. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.

Paul E. Beatty Charleroi Lodge No. 1030 June 13, 2023

Brother Paul E. Beatty, 83, of Charleroi, PA, was initiated into Charleroi Lodge #1030 on February 21, 1991, where he became a Past Grand on October 3, 2002 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on the 26th of that month. He became an associate member of Nucleus Lodge #377 on October 14, 2014 and became a Past Grand of that Lodge on October 17, 2017. He was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Coal Center. Surviving is his wife, the former Virginia Hough.

SELLERSVILLE SUPPORTS MUSEUM



On May 12th, Victory Lodge No. 658 donated \$100 to the Sellersville Museum, and a trivet from the 1989 IOOF Session. Top photo from left to right are Frank Hilt, Heather Davis, Museum Curator, Bruce Torrence. Bottom photo from left to right, Frank, Jake Detweiler, Museum Greeter, Bruce.



FREEDOM LODGE #88 IMPACTS FOUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS!

The Brothers and Sisters of Honesdale's Freedom Lodge #88 awarded the annual \$500 scholarships to local students this month. Money for such efforts is possible from various fundraising efforts throughout the year - Pulled Pork Barbeque, Clothing Sales and Ticket Raffles to name a few. We are all so proud to announce that this year we have awarded FOUR scholarships to FOUR students from FOUR different school districts! The names of our winners are as follows: Kelli Grimm (Canaan Christian Academy) will be attending Colorado Christian University, Alyson Buchinski (Western Wayne HS) will be attending Wilkes University, Emily Buchinski (North Pocono HS) will be attending Wilkes University and Anna Coar (Honesdale HS) will be attending Marywood University. It is very fulfilling to help these students in our local communities begin the next exciting chapter in their life!



Pictured from left to right in Honesdale Central Park: Gibsen Goodenough, Dennis Buchinski, Steve Martin, Doug Buchinski, Anna Coar, Dennis Hiller, Emily Buchinski, Alyson Buchinski, Bert Terysen-Noble Grand, Kelli Grimm, Forrest C Goodenough and Dennis Buchinski Sr.

TRIUNE LODGE NO. 307

On Friday, May 5, 2023, Triune Lodge No. 307 of Middletown received a "Do the Right Thing" Sponsorship Certificate from the Hummelstown Police Department & Lower Dauphin Communities that Care for the month of April 2023. "Do the Right Thing" is a program sponsored by the above-mentioned organizations for the Lower Dauphin School District. This monthly program honors a school student who does the right thing in helping a fellow student or someone outside the school. Students can be nominated by a peer or a faculty member. The student receives a goody bag, Target gift card and certificate. Monthly sponsorships are available. This year was the first year the Lodge participated. We plan to make this sponsorship ongoing.



THE TREASURER'S TALES

JULY 2023

We are following the tales of Barney Wells, an Odd Fellow, farmer, high school English teacher and unsung hero. The time July 1928. July is a hot month, filled with picnics, road trips and lots of work on the farm. School is out for the summer and business is booming.

July 1928 marked many important events. On July 2, Jenkins Television Corporation makes the first TV broadcast over W3XXK, the first TV broadcast in the US. July 3, John Baird makes the first color TV broadcast in London. July 7, first sale of machine sliced bread. July 8, Phillies set record of 25 errorless innings in a double header. July 26, Gene Tunney scores an 11-round TKO over Tom Heeney. July 29, test footage for Walt Disney's Steamboat Willie first created. July 30, George Eastman of Kodak, shows his first amateur color movie to an audience that includes Thomas Edison.

Many famous actors were born in July 1928, including Warren Oates on July 5, Vince Edwards on July 6, singer and group mother Barbara Cowsill on July 12, Bob Crane on July 13, Orson Bean on July 22, and Stanley Kubrick on July 26. Famous baseball pitcher Joe Nuxhall was born on July 30; he was the youngest person to play major league baseball.

Barney had been using a Model T Ford since he started driving, even before he fought in World War I. He had six Model T's sitting around his farm, including a tractor and two pickup trucks. The trade-in value was almost nothing, the license fee was low and no one had insurance, so the cost of keeping the cars was very low. In July 1928 he decided to go modern and bought a new Model A. This put him among the most progressive citizens of Grovers Mill. There was a district meeting and picnic in Newark on Saturday, July 14.

Barney and Vic climbed in the new Model A and headed for Newark, picking up a couple other members along the way. Upon arrival at the lodge hall in Newark, they were met with a ticket taker, of sorts. The cost for the district picnic was \$0.75, the equivalent of \$13.31 today. The picnic had one pound grilled steaks, with all the expected trimmings. There was still prohibition, but apparently the lodge had a barrel of cider from the prior fall. This was interesting.

Before the picnic dinner, an informative meeting was held and the first degree was exemplified (this means that the degree was performed

in all the costumed splendor, but with no candidate). Vic volunteered Barney to be the guide, a position he knew fairly well. The parts were filled with experienced past grands and not one person read his part from a ritual. It took forty minutes to present a flawless first degree. After the degree, the participants were critiqued for expression in their voices, floor movement and body language. Expectations were similar to those of a Broadway play. We have left our degree work deteriorate beyond recognition. We need to return to the ritual and practice the degrees. If the best you can show a new member is a group of men in poorly fitting, falling apart uniforms do a poor job reading from a ritual, you shouldn't wonder why they don't come back to a meeting after initiation. A break was taken before the dinner began.

Several members went outside to check the weather, smoking was popular in 1928. The members noticed that there was a strange noise coming from Barney's new car. He was told that he should check out his car. Barney and Vic ran into the parking lot and thought the spare tire on the back was going to fall off. As Barney jiggled the tire cover, out popped Melchizedek. Barney was both amused and irritated. His new car had a spot where a raccoon could rest and follow his human friends.

Barney and Vic returned to the dining hall and enjoyed a superb meal, saving the steak bones for Melchizedek. They gave the steak bones to Melchizedek and allowed him ride inside the car back to Grovers Mill.

Barney and Vic were convinced that Melchizedek was smarter than a fifth grader and capable of outsmarting the Odd Fellows. Vic wanted to put on a raccoon show. He thought that he could get Melchizedek to perform tricks by Labor Day. This is a question we may answer in a couple months.

Next month is August and we will see our lodge heroes engaged in farming enterprises and repair the lodge hall.

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.

2023 UNIFIED SESSION SPONSORS

"Thank You" to all the lodges and individuals who have donated to the 51st Unified Session. Your generosity has helped to maintain an affordable Session to all the Brothers, Sisters and guests who are attending this year. On behalf of the Unified Session Committee and my co-chair, Sister Mary D. DeLong, I thank you once again.

Dale E. Binkley, PGM, PGR
2023 Unified Session Chairman

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ELK COUNTY

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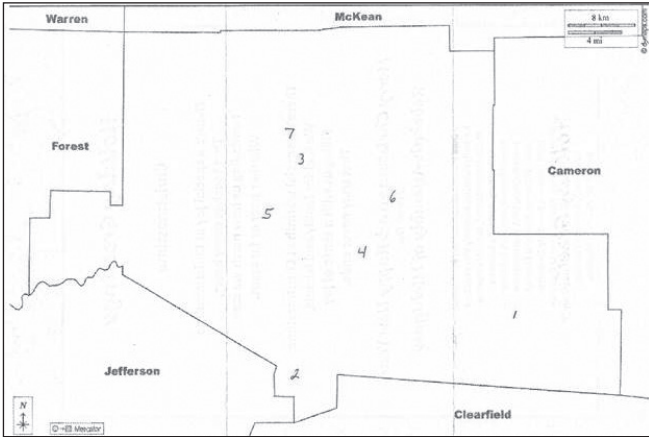
The Rebekah Lodges numbered around 1,000. Some of the numbers, you'll also see more than once, as some of these Lodges only lasted a few years.

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!



ELK COUNTY

- 1 Benezette - Minnehaha Rebekah Lodge #110 - defunct 1900
- 2 Brockport - Agnes Rebekah Lodge #480 - consolidated 1929
- 3 Johnsonburg - Dorothea Rebekah Lodge #246 - defunct 1970
- 4 Kersey - Louie Rebekah Lodge #154 - defunct 1937
- 5 Ridgway - Sarah Rebekah Lodge #33 - consolidated 1992
- 6 St. Marys - Rosamond Rebekah Lodge #398 - consolidated 1966
- 7 Wilcox - Doris Rebekah Lodge #444 - defunct 1936

7 Rebekah Lodges with 0 active

1st Rebekah Lodge - Louie Rebekah Lodge #154 in 1887

Last Rebekah Lodge - Sarah Rebekah Lodge No. 33 in 1992

7 Odd Fellow Lodges

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YORK SPRINGS VISITS WEST VIRGINIA

On Saturday, May 13, 2023 seven members from York Springs Lodge #211 traveled to Harpers Ferry, West Virginia to help celebrate the 190th anniversary of Virginia Lodge No. 1. This lodge has an interesting history since it was chartered on May 18, 1833 when West Virginia was still a part of Virginia. A second charter was issued December 5, 1865 by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia. They were allowed to keep the name Virginia Lodge No. 1 after the split from Virginia during the Civil War. Both original charters are on display plus a silk parade banner from 1834 which had been removed by a Union Soldier during the war and taken to the state of Connecticut. It was later returned to Lodge No. 1.

Pictured is York Springs Lodge Vice Grand, Brett Otto, receiving a painted slate tile from Noble Grand Philip Folk. The tile was removed from the roof of the Virginia No. 1 Lodge and used to commemorate their anniversary. The program included a wonderful meal, recognition of community and lodge members and ended with a tour of the historical building which was originally part of the Armory complex and was purchased in 1869 from the Federal Government. Attending from York Springs Lodge #211 were brothers Brett Otto, Thomas Gordon, Harry Howe and sisters Carolyn Gordon, Stephanie Roelker, Cayle Swindler and Yolanda Howe.



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254	Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity	250.00
55	Fred R. Korman	200.00
278	Connoquenessing	200.00
211	York Springs	110.00
512	Thistle	100.00
762	Vincent	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
86	Harmony	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
E88	Chosen Friends	50.00
R182	Lady Colfax	50.00
R198	Golden Rule	30.00
207	Canawacta	25.00
658	Victory	25.00
699	Tunkhannock	25.00
847	Vienna	25.00
1030	Charleroi	25.00
E132	Scott	25.00
R497	Nakomis	25.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

116	Brady	116.00
2	Unified	50.00

86	Harmony	50.00
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658	Victory	25.00
847	Vienna	25.00
E132	Scott	25.00
C39	Allentown	25.00
		<u>466.00</u>

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	100.00
R328	Lady Worth	50.00
333	Foster	25.00
		<u>175.00</u>

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

348	Clover	50.00
562	Newburg	
	In Memory of PGM Adams	50.00
R22	Lady Evelyn	50.00
Sarah M. Baer Camp JRA	In Memory of PGM Adams	50.00
R198	Golden Rule	30.00
		<u>230.00</u>

PA EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

333	Foster	25.00
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PA EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2	Unified	100.00
R22	Lady Evelyn	50.00
R328	Lady Worth	50.00
R198	Golden Rule	30.00
		<u>230.00</u>