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*Happy Holidays*  
from the Grand Lodge



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## GRAND MASTER'S CORNER

Holiday greetings to all Brothers and Sisters.

This is the season we celebrate many things: the birth of the Christ child, the fun of Santa Claus, cold crisp air of winter and the silence of a snow fall. Snow falling lessens the noises around us and creates a quiet peaceful atmosphere. We have many things for which we are thankful: the Thanksgiving Holiday, when we give thanks for a good and plentiful harvest, and then the miracle of birth. I am a big Peanuts fan, and every Christmas I watch "A Charlie Brown Christmas." It actually covers both aspects of the holiday. The characters are all excited and waiting for Santa Claus. Charlie and the gang express their frustration and pressure to find a gift for everyone, finding a Christmas tree to decorate. The movie goes on to show the rehearsal for the school pageant, and Linus expresses the true meaning of Christmas, when he recites Luke 2, verses 8 to 12.

However you and your family celebrate Christmas, please keep in mind the less fortunate. This is a time of giving, and as true Odd Fellows, we need to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan." Extend the hand of friendship, love and truth. God bless everyone. I wish all my Brothers and Sisters a very Happy Holiday season.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Paul E. Lautenschlager, Grand Master

## NORRISTOWN MEMBERS HONORED FOR SERVICE



This past Monday, October 27th, as District Deputy Grand Master, I had the pleasure to present members of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 pins for their

years of service to the Lodge. See below attachment: Left to right: Bill Wurtz-15 years, Frank Hilt, DDGM, Robert C. Hinderliter-10 years, Robert S. Hinderliter-15 years, James Dimpter-10 years, John Lazowicki-10 years, and Jan Boggess- 20 years, both attended by Zoom. Also noted, but not present, Willie Clemmer-10 years, Louis A. Damiani-10 years, Louis M. Damiani- 5 years, Douglas Emerson-20 years, William Glassmire- 10 years, Guy Hamilton-5 years, Barry Lavinson-20 years, Robert Kriebel-35 years, Jay P. Bailey- 40 years, and Matt Dupee- 40 years.

~ Frank Hilt, DDGM #2

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

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74, York  
Dennis W. Burkey – initiated September 15th  
George B. Mong

Rush Lodge No. 471, Lawton  
Lynn Senick – initiated September 24th

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 30 YEARS

Thomas D. Runcavage, #512

### 40 YEARS

Charles B. Loper, #74

### 45 YEARS

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM#512

### 50 YEARS

November - Douglas B. Eaby, #361

## Places to Go... People to See

+ denotes details to follow

### 2026

#### MARCH

27 – 29 / Mid-Atlantic States  
Conclave, Roanoke, VA+

#### APRIL

18 / IOOF Spring Rally, Aluta+

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](mailto:ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net) or 717-944-7419

## SWORDSMANSHIP

PA Patriarchs Militant has produced the **official swordsmanship training video**, approved by the General Military Council.

Contact [inamanicole@gmail.com](mailto:inamanicole@gmail.com) for your **free link** and **watch on your computer**.

**NOTE!** Patriarchs Militant Swordsmanship is *not secret work* - we invite non-Chevaliers to see some of what we do in the Patriarchs Militant!

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## LODGES GET SPOOKY FOR THE SEASON



Sisters Julie Stokes and Nicole Inama participated in the Rush Township (Hometown/Tamaqua) Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>, on behalf of Harmony Lodge and Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge. On October 25<sup>th</sup>, Brother Tom Dargis and Andy Kemmerer of Harmony Lodge passed out candy by the Odd Fellows Cemetery.



The Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and Encampment of Tamaqua participated in the annual Tamaqua Halloween parade. We had a great turnout, with 17 members present. Thanks to all who made it out!



Vincent Lodge #762 members Bernice Trace and Sue Downes had a spooktacular time representing our lodge, meeting neighbors and handing out candy at Spring City's Trunk and Treat

## MALVERN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

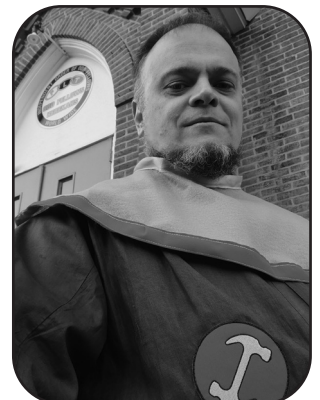
On the last day of October, our Lodge gathered to celebrate Halloween. Some members helped with the setup, while others stayed for the whole event, spending a few fun hours handing out treats, showing off costumes, chatting with visitors, and catching up with each other. A couple of brothers even found time to explore the darkest corners of the Lodge and share their discoveries.

It was a great chance to be part of the town's celebration, show that our Lodge is active, and even has new members. We wrapped up the evening in good spirits, proud of what we accomplished together.

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Fraternally,

Dmitry Panchenko Malvern Pocahontas Lodge #201, IOOF



## LODGES GET SPOOKY FOR THE SEASON

VG Thomas and Sec Linda Dargis passed out goodies for Shenandoah's trick or treat. Because of the government shut down, the Lodge decided to give out more practical items, as Shenandoah is more of a depressed area. The Lodge handed out cereal, squeeze pouches, popcorn, granola bars and raumen noodles.



Members of Freedom Lodge No 88 got together and participated in the Honesdale Halloween Parade. It was great seeing all the smiling faces on the kids.



## MALVERN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION





## OCTOBER WAS INSTALLATION SEASON!

Congratulations to the Officers installed in your respective Lodge or Encampment. Whether this is your first time as Noble Grand, or you've done it before, you're taking charge of a Lodge that has a long existence in your community. As the Grand Lodge has been traveling around, we've seen a lot of Lodges not running meetings properly. Take your office seriously! Bring pride in to your Lodge and let's grow this year!



Shown here is the joint installation of Jordan Lodge No. 192, Schnecksville, and Vienna Lodge No. 847, Allentown, at the Hall of Jordan Lodge. Installation was completed by DDGM Nicole B. Inama, and a staff of Officers from Harmony Lodge No. 86 in Tamaqua. BOTH Lodges shown a gain in membership and financials. Congratulations and good luck this year!

Schuylkill County got together for a joint installation of the officers of Mineral Lodge No. 285, St. Clair (on the left), and Shenandoah Lodge No. 591 (on the right) at the hall of Mineral Lodge. Installation was conducted by DDGM Nicole B. Inama (back center) and staff from Harmony Lodge No. 86 of Tamaqua. We welcome two new Noble Grand's this year: Julie A. Stokes of Shenandoah Lodge No. 591, and Kim Kauffman of Mineral Lodge No. 285. NG Kauffman is a third generation (possibly more) Odd Fellow.



Tamaqua hosted a full house when DDGM David R. "Bobby" Gallahar, installed the Officers of Harmony Lodge No. 86. Congratulations to the new Noble Grand, Jennifer Joann Swett. Harmony Lodge has been keeping busy and growing!

Fallowfield Lodge #1128 proudly hosted Installation of officers with Sandy Lake Lodge #573, ushering in a new era of leadership and unity. Shawne Balash: District Deputy Grand Master #18 Clint Kassi: District Deputy Grand Marshall Beth Slater: District Deputy Grand Warden Raymond Rodgers: District Deputy Grand Secretary And the FELLOWSHIP continued with of course PIES! We eagerly anticipate December for our Lodges Christmas Party together! Congratulations to all the upcoming year of elected and appointed officers. May Friendship, Love and Truth guide us forward.



District Deputy Grand Marshal investing the two new Vice Grands: Darlene Matsinger in to Vincent Lodge, and Rod Stoker in to Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge



(Top Middle) DDGM Brian Ecker installs the officers of Mackinaw Lodge No. 380 in Landisburg

## OCTOBER WAS INSTALLATION SEASON!



This past month, the Officers and Patriarchs of Scott Encampment No. 132, Tamaqua, met up to install our new officers. DDGP James Sellers was the installing officer. We commend Past Chief Patriarch Paul E. Lautenschlager for a great job as our leader this past year, and welcome Chief Patriarch Andrew L. Kilmer on assuming duties of Chief Patriarch for our 163rd year. Other officers installed that evening were Senior Warden Jennifer J. Swett and William Oertel.

Kingwood Lodge No. 1010 installs officers: Shown in the front is Noble Grand Doug Close and Acting DDGM Shawn Miller. Back row Paul Woods LSVG, Christina Fullem Vice Grand, Everett Sechler Treasurer, Neil Bender RSNB and David Tannehill Secretary.



Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, of Glasgow, had an excellent installation night with 17 members & 2 visitors present. It was nice to see all positions filled on the installation floor. The new NG, Wes Lovell, along with the VG, Paul Sweed are eagerly ready for their term. Acting DDGM Shawn E. Miller and Marshal Doug Close, want to extend their gratitude for a great evening of food and Odd Fellowship.



(Top Middle) DDGM Brian Ecker installs the officers of York Springs Lodge No. 211. NG Bob Otto takes on another year of leadership.



Members of Chosen Friends Encampment #88, Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201, and Vincent Lodge #762 IOOF gathered at the Malvern Lodge building.

The evening began with the installation of officers for the Encampment by DDGP William F. Hanby, III. A special congratulations to our new Past Chief Patriarch, Douglas B. Eaby. He didn't do it quite right the first time though, so we put him back in. Afterward, everyone enjoyed dinner with pizza, fruit, plenty of friendly conversation, and a bit of paperwork. Finally, acting District Deputy Grand Master Justin Bailey and District Deputy Grand Marshal William F. Hanby installed the officers of the Malvern and Vincent lodges. We didn't take official photos, but we're sharing a few shots taken quietly during the ceremony.

## ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



This is when Grand Master Lautenschlager had an official visit at Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, September 2025

~ Earlene McMahon



## DECEMBER OBITUARIES

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



**Robert G. Werner, Sr.**  
Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736  
September 16, 2025

Brother Robert G. Werner, Sr., 88 of Mapleton Depot, PA, was initiated into Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, PA, on May 11, 2007, where he became a Past Grand on October 12, 2012 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 9, 2012. He was an active and dedicated member of the Order.

He was a Veteran of the PA National Guard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jacqueline Weller, and one son. Surviving is four children, one being PG Robert Werner Jr., also of Mt. Hor, 8 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Burial was held in Bowmans Chapel Cemetery.



**Robert L. Willison**  
Past District Deputy Grand Master  
Hampton Lodge No. 1004  
October 23, 2025

Brother Robert L. Willison, 87, of Lower Burrell, PA, was initiated into New Kensington Lodge #804 on October 2, 1980, where he became a Past Grand on October 4, 1984 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 25, 1985. He went on to serve as District Deputy Grand Master from 1986 - 1987. He became a member of Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park, through consolidation on April 25, 2006.

He was a U.S. WWII Army Veteran and a member of the Arnold and Braeburn United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dona Rose Harmon. Surviving are one son, one daughter, two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Greenwood Memorial Park, Lower Burrell, PA.



**Edward G. Zimmerman**  
Walker Lodge No. 306  
October 25, 2025

Brother Edward G. Zimmerman, 87, of Secane, PA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, PA, on September 27, 1971.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, one son and one grandson. Surviving are two daughters, five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial was private.

## PATRIARCHS MILITANT RALLY A HUGE SUCCESS

On October 25th, Pennsylvania got together to have their semiannual meeting, and their mustering ceremony. We were honored and pleased to be able to muster in four new chevaliers - two chevaliers into Canton York #14 - Alan Tshudy and Jim Manton, one Chevalier into Canton Pittsburgh #5 - Jim Fuller, and one Chevalier into the department of Virginia. We were able to confer the degree in full form.

We had visitors from Virginia and Texas with us, and about 30 chevaliers present.

We had two Chevaliers take the sword proficiency test.

Congratulations to Thomas Dargis of Canton Allentown # 39 and are very own Christopher Tomasello of Canton Philadelphia #1.

Photos courtesy of Chev. Shawne Balash



## FREEDOM LODGE NO 88 OF HONESDALE IS GROWING



Please help welcome the newest members of the Lodge inducted on October 1, 2025.- Krista, Riley, Steven



## THE TREASURER'S TALES - DECEMBER 2025

December is the month for Christmas and December 1930 was no exception. No event in December ever compares to Christmas, but I will list some notable events.

On December 10, Kurt Landsteiner was awarded the Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering blood groups. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, the Bank of the United States in New York closed. The NFL football season closed on the 14<sup>th</sup>, with the championship going to the Green Bay Packers, 10-3-1. On December 23, Bette Davis came to Hollywood.

Among births, Maxmillian Schell, actor, was born on the 8<sup>th</sup> and Bob Guccione, publisher was born on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas was on Thursday and the configuration of the month of December in 1930 was identical to 2025.

There was snow and it was cold. The economy had slowed and people weren't spending as much on gifts. True to current form, everyone (or almost everyone) procrastinated in doing their Christmas shopping. This is true for animals as well as humans.

As snowflakes floated gently down on December 23, Melchizedek was pondering what gifts he needed to procure. He had several girlfriends, 17 children from various relationships and a very special nephew, who spent a lot of time with him. His nephew was rejected by many of the other raccoons because he had a fungus infection as a youngster and it caused him to have a bulbous, pink nose. Then the sunlight was reflected off the snow, his nose looked like it was glowing. His name was Rudolph.

Melchizedek first visited the local watchmaker and found several interesting pieces in his trash. This would be the gift for Rudolph. He spent two hours looking for corn cobs that still had some corn left. Corn pickers weren't as efficient in 1930 and he found a corn cob for all his children. He knew his girlfriends were demanding, so he searched over two dozen garbage cans before he found something appropriate. He was anxious to deliver his gifts on December 24, so that he could visit the local churches. They started anywhere between 8:30 pm and midnight. They usually had a one-hour program, followed by cookies and cocoa or some other treats in the social hall.

Melchizedek learned that a forlorn looking raccoon, with a trace of snow in his fur, would cause sympathetic church goers to give him a treat or two. He spent the entire evening going from church parking lot to church parking lot. By 1:00 am, he was so full he could hardly move. He waddled back to his hollow tree and thought he would sleep it off.

At about 4:00 am Christmas morning, he awoke. He had a terrible thought. The human who had done so much for him over the years, Barney, did not have a gift. He had to find a gift for Barney before dawn. It had to be something grand, an old corn cob wouldn't do. He scampered up and down the street and couldn't find anything. Then a large object caught his eye. Road kill had always been a part of Melchizedek's diet and he thought it might be part of Barney's as well. There by the side of the road, on the crest of the new fallen snow, was a dead skunk. It was in fairly decent condition, and bigger than any of the other gifts Melchizedek had given. As the moon shined down, Melchizedek dragged the dead skunk up on Barney's porch. Surely no one had ever given Barney a grander gift.

Melchizedek went back to bed in the hollow tree. At 7:00 am, Melchizedek heard much noise from Barney's house. He knew Barney was pleased because he addressing God as he moved the skunk with a shovel. Melchizedek was surprised he threw it on the manure pile instead of taking it in and cooking it for Christmas. As the day wore on, Barney did not know where the skunk came from. He fixed a plate of turkey skin and bones and left it out for Melchizedek. The family was singing *Silent Night* as Melchizedek passed under the window and got his plate of turkey scraps.

I don't think I gave you as much humor as I sometimes try to offer, but more a reminiscence. Think of the holidays when you were young and try to appreciate a simpler time. Merry Christmas.

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

## CANTON NORTHEAST RECEIVES BANNER



Thank you to Charlie Knapp for our new banner. We had it in time to show off when LTG William F. Hanby made his official visit to Canton Northeast #9 which meets the 4th Monday of the month

Photo by chevalier A. Nadine Hager



Calling all Odd Fellow Lodges! If your lodge has an active website or social media presence, we'd love to help you share your story with a wider audience. Please send the details to [tmchugh@epix.net](mailto:tmchugh@epix.net) so we can feature your lodge on the Grand Lodge Website. It's a great way to build connections, celebrate your members, and showcase the important work you're doing in your community.

Let's spread the word together!



## FROM THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER... HONORING MAJOR GENERAL EDWARD C. DEANS, PDC

I recently made a long anticipated trip to beautiful Wellsboro Cemetery, Tioga County, to honor our first Department Commander, Major General Sir Edward Cornwall Deans, who led the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant from 1894 to 1904.



Edward C. Deans was born in 1853 to Horace and Francis Straud Deans and lived in Wellsboro and Scranton. He worked in insurance, as a Census Supervisor and an inventor,

holding a patent for a form of checkbook cover. He married Flora Archer and was of the Presbyterian faith.

Mr. Deans first joined Tyoga Lodge #230, Wellsboro in 1874 (consolidated with Carbon Lodge #489, defunct 2007). He served as a DDGM for many years. Patriarch Deans was Exalted to Royal Purple in the 1870's as a member of Wellsboro Encampment #78 (consolidated with Tioga Valley #319, defunct 1998). In 1890 he was installed as Grand Patriarch, later serving as Grand High Priest, Grand Scribe and Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He was a member of Wanetta Rebekah Lodge #23 of Scranton.

Patriarch Deans received the Chevalier Degree and became a member of Patriarchs Militant Canton Keystone #5, Wellsboro. He rose through our ranks until 1892 when he was promoted to Major General and assumed the Office of Department Commander of Pennsylvania, Patriarchs Militant - our first Commander, serving through 1904. Among his many honors, Major General Deans received our highest award, the Grand Decoration of Chivalry.

Major General Deans was Department Commander during a unique time for the Patriarchs Militant. Originally the Encampment branch of our Order had a uniformed component, the popularity of which led to the creation of a separate branch, the Patriarchs Militant. Major General Deans made the transition from uniformed Encampment to the Patriarchs Militant as its first Commander, setting our foundational style and tone. By 1895 we had 28 Cantons and that same year the Philadelphia Inquirer reported that Deans led a Philadelphia parade of 4000 Chevaliers in a great show of our strength. At that time the Patriarchs Militant had a mounted cavalry. The Wilkes Barre Record reported in 1898 of another parade, "preceding the Canton was Gen E.C. Deans and his staff making an imposing appearance on their chargers". These parades must have been a spectacular sight.

Major General Deans also conducted our first Department Session in 1892 at Lake Ariel, attended by 500 Chevaliers who operated under strict military schedule and stayed in tents provided by the National Guard. The session included bands, drill work and contests. Various awards were given: a jewel for best drilled Chevalier, a sword for best mounted officer and the Cogswell medal for best drilled Canton. The session lasted one week and culminated with parades and the Decoration of Chivalry ceremony. These were the important formative years of the Pennsylvania Patriarchs Militant and Deans was the man leading us.

There is, sadly, an element of tragedy to the life of this great Odd Fellow. Deans was founder and secretary of an organization called the Perseverance Club (unrelated to IOOF). The club sold memberships which promised monetary returns, some large. It appears that at the time it was viewed as being based on existing insurance principles and was considered a mutual benefit organization. The club was reported to be of good repute with many wealthy participants. Nonetheless there was a strong movement by the federal government in the early 1900's to crack down on gambling, especially when it was conducted through the mail. The Perseverance Club, and in particular Edward Deans as its operator, were swept up in this strict enforcement era. This led to a 1904 investigation by the Postal Service and the Secret Service who determined it was in fact a gambling operation using the US mail illegally - all conducted by Deans. He was arrested and tried in 1905. Major General Deans was well defended by attorney W.H. Gogswell of Philadelphia (Deans' Deputy Department Commander). In the trial, attorney Cogswell portrayed the Perseverance Club as a complex form of insurance created by Mr. Deans, a brilliant insurance professional. Many testified as to Mr. Deans' good character and evidence was introduced showing that "people who are members of the club are upright citizens and had no thought of gambling". Twice the jury could not decide but Edward Deans' reputation was destroyed. He was ordered relieved of duty as Department Commander by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. At about the same time Major General Deans was forced out of his long term position as SGL Representative. He and his wife were forced to sell much of their property. He appears to have lost almost all that was important to him, including his once spotless reputation in Odd Fellowship. His fall from respect and prestige was rapid and dramatic. Is it any surprise that less than two years later he dropped dead in the street of a massive stroke at the age of 53? I believe it was all too much for him to bear. The government terminated the case when Edward Deans died. In my opinion the whole affair was a witch hunt, brought on by fanaticism of the times, a period when prohibition sentiment was on the rise and what was viewed as vice was overly prosecuted, destroying a good man



for something that by today's standards would not warrant a second look.

Then, on the very day in late 1906 that 53 year old Major General Sir Edward Cornwall Deans died, his only son Archibald contracted typhoid fever. Archibald lasted just a few months and died in early 1907. Flora, Edward Deans' wife, tragically lost her husband and son within a few months, after having lost most everything else in the preceding two years. She died in 1935 and joined Major General Deans in Eternal Rest. Participating with me in a solemn graveside ceremony honoring Major General and Mrs. Deans was Major General Bailey, who sounded taps, and Chaplain General Inama, who offered a solemn concluding prayer. On behalf of the Department of Pennsylvania and all of Odd Fellowship, we made this trip to Wellsboro to honor and remember Major General Deans. We pray he knows that the great Fraternal Order he so selflessly committed much of his life to will never forget him.

His obituary stated, "so potent was his influence in the politics of the Odd Fellows, that he was enabled by his thorough grasp of the affairs of the fraternity in every section of the state, to almost wholly dominate the selection of officers in both the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment and largely influenced the legislation of these bodies. This influence was wielded for the betterment of the organization and in his death the order loses one of its best known members."

Lieutenant General William F. Hanby  
Department Commander



## SCHOLARSHIP 2026

It's time to remind you about the 2026 Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program. Each year we have been able to provide young men and women with financial help toward their education.

Enclosed is one (1) nomination form for your lodge. Please copy it for your members. The nomination form will also soon appear in the monthly Odd Fellow magazine. No nominations will be accepted if not on this form. Please make sure you complete the nomination form correctly and meet all deadlines. Members of any branch of the order who are making the nomination **MUST** be members in good standing of their lodge. A student 25 years of age and over must be a member of the order and can then nominate themselves.

Last year we received 67 nominations and were able to award 34 scholarships. We hope this year we will see an increase in these numbers. We are happy to report that because of Odd Fellow generosity we are able to award \$1000 to those who are selected by the judges.

Be sure to mail the nomination to the address on the form. **DO NOT MAIL TO GRAND LODGE**. The deadline for completing and mailing the nomination form is **January 31, 2026**, and is strictly adhered to. Upon receipt of this nomination form, the scholarship application will then be mailed directly to the nominee. We hope as the nominator you will stay in contact with the student you have nominated and make sure they have returned the application with all necessary attachments by the due date of March 16, 2026. No extensions will be granted and deadlines are strictly enforced. Students will **NOT**

be contacted if items are missing, or application not completed properly.

Remember, only children, grandchildren and step-children under the age of 25 are eligible to be nominated by members of the order.

Nieces, nephews, brothers, sisters, neighbors and friends are not. If these non-qualifying relatives or friends wish to apply, please suggest that either their parents or they themselves consider joining an Odd Fellow Lodge.



### PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM - Chair

#### NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2026

Please Print Clearly

Student Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

*Nominees age 25 & older must be a member of an Odd Fellow Order in their own right.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

*This address will be used for all scholarship correspondence.*

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

School Presently Attending \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Nominator must be a member in good standing with the Order.*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship of Student to nominator \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # and Name \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT SEND THIS FORM TO GRAND LODGE.**

**NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE ON THIS FORM ONLY**

**NOMINATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY JANUARY 31, 2026**  
**MAIL TO:**

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM

PA Odd Fellow Scholarship Program

288 Church Road

Mountain Top, PA 18707 (570)793-3692

COMMITTEE USE ONLY: Received \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Application sent \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Periodicals

## OCTOBER DONATIONS

### GM LAUTENSCHLAGER PROJECT

523	Alma	1,000.00
380	Mackinaw	<u>250.00</u>
		1,250.00

### PA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE

	Department Council of PA, Patriarchs Militant	200.00
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### PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	167.88
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		217.88

### PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2	Unified	50.00
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### EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

380	Mackinaw	250.00
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### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	67.15
2	Unified	<u>50.00</u>
		117.15

### PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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### VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	67.15
2	Unified	<u>25.00</u>
		92.15

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The Arthritis Committee is having a meeting January 17, 2026 at Leesport Lodge at 10am. We would like to see anyone that would help this Committee. We still collect money for Cam JRA Children with arthritis. Make your check out to IOOF Arthritis Committee and mail to our Treasurer - Paul Miller, 164 Mahanoy Avenue, Tamaqua, PA 18252. Mary Landes, Chairman