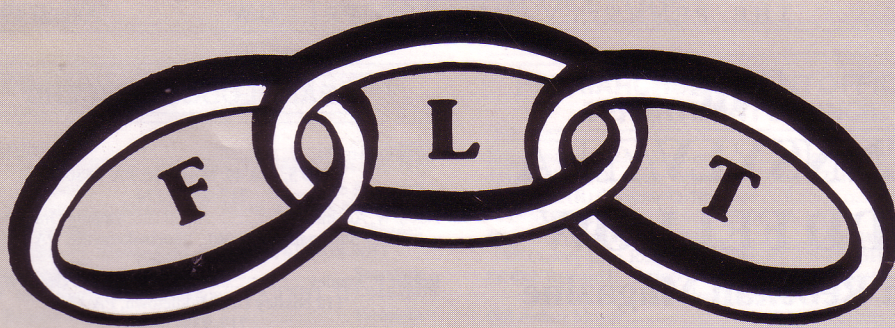
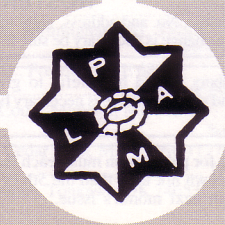
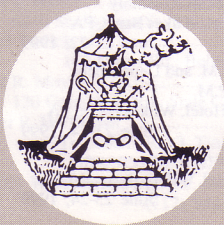




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FUTURE EVENTS 1998

SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, September 12, Philadelphia Orphanage Board Meeting, Walker Lodge Hall, 12:30 P.M.

Saturday, September 19, Marcia LaVan Testimonial, Days Inn, Butler

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 10, P.M. & L.A.P.M. Degree Rally

Saturday, October 17, Ellwood L. McCorkle Testimonial, Days Inn, Butler, 6:30 P.M.

NOVEMBER

**Saturday, November 14, Encampment Degree Rally, Aluta Lodge Hall, 1068 Bushkill Center Rd., Nazareth

**Saturday, November 21, Four County Degree Rally

**Denotes Standing Dates or cleared through Planning Bd.

THE CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Are You Listening?

Be Still, and Know That I Am God: I Will be Exalted Among the Heathen I will Be Exalted in the Earth

Psalms 46:10

The words are so familiar, "Be still and know that I am God" . . . but how often are we actually still enough to be aware of the greatness of God. We are so busy trying to engineer our lives and those around us that we fail to hear what God has to say to us. When was the last time you found solace in listening to God? He comes to comfort, guide and direct us, if we will only take the time to hear his voice. "I don't have enough time," a common comment in today's society, but God will always provide us with the time to do those things that he wants us to do. Did it ever occur to you that if you don't have time, perhaps God doesn't want you to do that particular act? If you have found yourself in such a situation God may have been speaking to you. Turning to God, only during times of trouble; is not fulfilling his directive. He is always there to love and care for you. He is everywhere, in the wind, in a babbling brook, a lovely flower, a bird's song, the touch of a hand, a friendly smile. So, be still and listen.

Leola J. Madigan, PPRA
Chaplain, RA

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

We have just recently concluded another Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, and even though it was not the best that I have seen over the years, we did accomplish some things of importance.

It seems to me that a lot of our membership have forgotten all of the obligations and teachings that we experienced when we became members of this great Order. We were taught that the Three Links represent Friendship, Love, Truth. Truth being the Third Link in the Chain, and it follows closely after Love, and if you are faithful to the duties thereof, Truth will appear in all that you say and do.

This has not been noticable lately, and I personally believe that everyone of us should study and review the teachings of this Order and then try our very best to practice and live those obligations and teachings in our every day life.

Life is short, therefore, we should forget the past and live for today and tomorrow striving to help others rather than hurt them, love instead of hate, and extend the hand of friendship in a meaningful and caring manner.

WORDS OF WISDOM

The person who is always up in the air and harping on something is not necessarily an angel.

A few words of appreciation and kindness can spread countless ripples of encouragement and hope.

ARE YOU WORKING FOR THE LODGE

I'm a sitter . . . I just want to sit at home and enjoy doing nothing. It is easier to sit and think about aches and pains and watch TV and hope everything is all right at Lodge.

I'm a quitter . . . I quit! I was Noble Grand once, I've been a member for a long time. It's someone else's turn to do it. I'm entitled to do nothing.

I'm a getter . . . The more I evaluate my Lodge and the principles of the Order the more I realize what the benefits are; and I want to go out and get more members to join.

Which category best describes your part in the Lodge? If you are not satisfied with the condition of your Lodge the place to start is with YOU. Let today be the first day in a Renaissance for your Lodge.

Submitted by: Sister Leola Madigan

MARCIA L. LAVAN TESTIMONIAL

To All Members of all Branches of the Order in Pennsylvania:

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend a Testimonial Dinner honoring Marcia L. Lavan, President of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania, on September 19, 1998, to be served at 6:00 P.M. at the Days Inn at Butler.

You have a choice of: Baked Stuffed Flounder, stuffed with Crabmeat and Bread Dressing, or Top Sirloin Steak. Tickets are \$20.00. Please send all reservations by August 19, 1998 to Mary Ushack, 701 Ridgeway Ave., Grove City, PA 16127.

We would appreciate your support with our program book. Send all ads, by August 1, 1998, to Ruth Good, PO Box 115, Fairmont City, PA 16224. Rates are as follows:

Full Page	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00
Quarter Page	\$10.00
Boosters	\$ 1.00

\$ 5.00 extra for pictures

Room reservations must be made directly to the Hotel: 724-287-6761, 139 Pitts Rd., Butler, PA 16001. Rates are \$54.00 for up to 4 people. Be sure to mention our Order to get our special rates by August 19, 1998.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*Fraternally yours,
Barbara Krizinsky, Marshal
Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania*

28TH UNIFIED SESSION MEETINGS

These meetings will all be held at the
Ramada Plaza Hotel
20 Public Square
Wilkes-Barre, PA
Phone: 717-824-7100

October 25, 1998	2:30 P.M.
January 10, 1999	2:30 P.M.
April 11, 1999	2:30 P.M.
May 16, 1999	2:30 P.M.
June 13, 1999	2:30 P.M.

The 28th Unified Sessions will be held June 19 through June 24, 1999

*Fraternally,
Robert L. Derr, Chairman*

MEMBERSHIP NOTES

MOVIN' ON WITH MEMBERSHIP #4

In this, the fourth in a series of articles on **Movin' On With Membership**, let's talk about why you became an Odd Fellow or Rebekah. Only you can know your reasons. Did you "join" because it was the thing to do; because your parents belonged; because someone put the pressure on you? I'm sure there are many good reasons to belong, but I will list here "Ten Reasons for Becoming an Odd Fellow or Rebekah."

1. To become part of a progressive Fraternity – A Family Fraternity
2. To promote Friendship – Love – Truth
3. To promote worthwhile projects in the community and nationwide.
4. To meet new people who care about their fellowman.
5. To get involved in community activities with a working group.
6. Because of our splendid and educational degree work.
7. Because we provide for our aged members.
8. Because of its fellowship, sociability and morally uplifting programs.
9. Because of our commands to: visit the sick, relieve the distressed and bury the dead.
10. Because our official receipt is a letter of introduction to over one million fine men and women on our continent.

I am sure you could add to this list because everyone has his own reasons to "belong." When you approach a potential candidate for membership, you need to know what to tell them about Odd Fellowship. You can use the 30 second commercials which were printed in the first series of articles. This is just to get their attention. Then when they show interest or ask questions, you can elaborate more on what we do and what we stand for. You can make or break your chances for obtaining new members by what you know or what you don't know about our Order. More on this in the next article.

Here is a thought for you:

What we do for ourselves is buried with us. What we do for others, lives long after we are gone. We can apply this so well to Odd Fellowship.

In the fifth and final articles in this series, we will discuss your lodge membership committee.
*Bonny Morningstar, PPRA-PA
Co-Chairman Region 8 Membership 2001
Committee*

FIVE COUNTY RALLY ODD FELLOWS

At 12:30 p.m. the Odd Fellows meeting was held in the Ball Room of the Best Western University Inn. The meeting was opened and closed by Monongahela Degree Lodge No. 88. The Chairman of the Rally Robert Kantorski extended greetings to all present. The First, Second, and Third Degrees were conferred on a class of eleven members by Monongahela Degree Lodge No. 88. Grand Marshal Edward J. Kirkwood, of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, introduced the visiting dignitaries. Past Grand Masters Fred M. See, William L. Locke, Robert J. Love, Edward J. Kirkwood, Clyde H. Barger, and Charles B. Kelly. Patriarch Militant Department Council Colonel Herman L. Schlott Jr., Vice President, Grand Encampment William L. Locke, Grand Patriarch, Herman L. Schlott, Jr., Grand Senior Warden, Charles B. Kelly Grand Junior Warden, Clyde H. Barger Grand Representative, Donald Trulick Grand Marshal, and the Grand Warden of the State of Delaware John Garland, Past Grand Patriarch Warren E. Ribblett, District Deputy Grand Masters Robert Kantorski, Donald Buchanan, and James R. Lewis. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

TROY F. BENNETT SAYS "THANKS"

Troy F. Bennett has received a scholarship from the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Education Scholarship Fund this year. He goes to Tri State University at Angola, Indiana. His plan is to be a Plastic Engineer who develops new ideas in producing and making plastics. He is on the Dean's List and has been taken into the Fraternal House. Troy has been promised a job in plastic training for the summer of 1999 to extend his education. He is the son of Steve and Alice Bennett (Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175) and grandson of Dolores Warfield, Secretary of Maud Rebekah Lodge No. 175.

His family is very proud of Troy and especially grateful to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Education Fund for the scholarship. Troy has a part time job this summer to help with his college expenses.

Thank you with grateful appreciation from Troy Bennett, Eldred, PA 16731.

*Submitted by a proud grandmother,
Dolores Warfield, Duke Center, PA*

Ellwood L. McCorkle, Grand Master, Alton G. Arnold Deputy Grand Master, Nevin W. Adams Grand Warden, Edward J. Kirkwood Grand Marshal, Christian O. Haussler Grand Conductor, Warren E. Ribblett Grand Chaplain, and Herman L. Schlott Sr. Grand Herald.

REBEKAHS

The Rebekahs meeting was in the Evergreen Room, Best Western University Inn in Indiana, PA. The meeting was opened and closed by Sisters of district #36 – Edna #32, Gladys #1 Ellen #233. We started at 12:30 p.m. Co-Chairman Lee Etta Mansberry extended greeting to all brothers and sisters present. Irene Kelly gave the address of welcome and Marcia LaVan President of Rebekah Assembly, gave the response to the welcome. Rebekah Degree was conferred by The Rebekahs on the Road, on four candidates. Hiede Friend, Wendy Friend, Sara Glover, all from #233, and Caroline Shaffer. The Court of Honor was under the direction of Twila Wassum. The Dignitaries were introduced by the Marshal of the Rebekah Assembly of PA. Barbara Krizinsky. There were nine past presidents, seven appointed Officers. Elected Officers Hazel L. Mest, Delegate to the I.A.R.A. Sara V. Bonson Treasurer, Susan M. Dreibelbis Secy, Lee Etta Mansberry Warden, Dorothy Struchen Vice President, Marcia LaVan Pres.

The banquet was held at 6:30 p.m. in the Evergreen Room, Best Western University Inn. Charles B. and Irene Kelly seated the Officers and their Escorts. Rally Chairman welcomed all present. The Invocation was given by Catherine Katinski, Chaplain of the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania. Chairman Robert Kantorski and Co-Chairperson Lee Etta Mansberry introduced the dignitaries. Colonel Herman L. Schlott Jr., Vice President Patriarch Militant Department Council; Lady Pat Feldman President Department Association; Grand Patriarch William L. Locke, of Grand Encampment of PA. President Marcia LaVan Rebekah Assembly of PA Grand Master Ellwood L. McCorkle, Grand Lodge of PA. They introduced their officers and extended greetings. Grand Warden of the State of Delaware John Garland and wife were introduced. Entertainment was provided by the "Mugs and Brushes." Great group. The Benediction was by Chaplain Warren E. Ribblett of Grand Lodge of PA.

HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR
SAME PLACE, SAME TIME.

*Submitted by:
Irene Kelly, Chairman
Howard Brewer Co-Chairman*

WILLIAM L. LOCKE TESTIMONIAL

To All Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend a Testimonial Dinner honoring Past Grand Patriarch William L. Locke, on Saturday, September 26, 1998. The Testimonial will be held at "Troggios" New Castle, Pa., located on business Route #422 east of New Castle. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

For your Dinner Entree you have a choice of "Roast Sirloin of Beef" or "Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast." Dinner tickets will be \$18.50 each. Please indicate your choice of Entree and make all Dinner reservations with payment to Donald R. Trulick, 161 Stover Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823. (814) 383-4476. Deadline for any cancellations will be September 13, 1998.

We are having a Program Booklet and appreciate your support. Send all Ads and Booster Names (typed or legibly hand printed) with payment to Donald R. Trulick. Deadline for Ads and Booster Names will be August 26, 1998. Prices are:

Full Page (picture)	\$40.00
Full Page	\$30.00

BECKY'S BACKYARD

1. Do your potatoes sprout before you use them? quantities. Later, when you want mashed potatoes, pop the frozen potatoes into boiling water to finish cooking and they're soon ready to mash.
2. Save plastic bread bags and double-bag store-bought bread before freezing it. The bread freezes without getting freezer burn. This saves extra trips to the store for bread.
3. To prevent icing from running off your cake, try dusting the surface lightly with cornstarch before icing.
4. To keep a cake from sliding on its plate during transit, drizzle a bit of frosting in a circle on the plate where the cake will rest before removing the cake from the pan. The frosting will hold the cake in place deliciously and your dessert will arrive in perfect shape.
5. When baking a casserole that must cook covered, keep your dish and oven neat by propping the lid open just a bit with a toothpick. That will prevent the casserole from bubbling over.

Half Page	\$20.00
Quarter Page	\$10.00
Eighth Page	\$ 5.00
Booster Names (not titles)	\$ 1.00

Room Reservations may be made directly with the Comfort Inn, New Castle, PA 16101. The room rate is \$60.00 plus tax. Please mention that you are with the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Telephone (412) 658-7700. Room deadline is September 3, 1998.

Please make all checks payable to Donald R. Trulick.

Please plan to attend and help us honor past Grand Patriarch William L. Locke.

*Fraternally
Testimonial Committee*

MARTIN RIDES AGAIN

Robert K. Martin, Noble Grand of Cochran Lodge #902 rode 150 miles for the Multiple Sclerosis Society Bike Ride. This is Martin's third year riding in the bike tour.

Martin was one of more than 1850 riders participating in this year's ride sponsored by the Allegheny District National MS Society's 13th annual ride.

Martin's wife, Verna and Lee Dorchester, P.G. of #902 served as volunteers to provide the riders with treats of bananas, Gatoraid, sandwiches of peanut butter as the riders stopped at Cochran for a rest before continuing onto Meadville.

Martin wore a shirt with names of fellow Odd Fellow brothers and Rebekahs and friends of brothers and sisters who suffer from this disease.

The names on the shirt were Judy McMahon, Vivian Lawhead, Charles Bailey, Herman Schlott, Sr., Herman Schlott, Jr., Walter Schoener, Betty M. Stair and Dorothy Tyger.

This year's goal for funds was \$500,000. As of June 4, over \$480,000 was raised. More was collected on the day of the ride.

The ride was 150 miles, starting at the Cranberry Mall, near the PA Turnpike on Rt. 19, and ending at Conneaut Twp. Park, Conneaut, Ohio on Lake Erie.

The oldest participant was 78 years old and the youngest was 8 years of age. Bicycles ranged in size and description, from just bikes, to fancy professional, single seated to tandem, to old fashioned high wheelers. A good time was had by all despite wind, rain and hail.



DONATIONS**Visual Research
May 1998**

2 Unified	\$100.00
347 Sharon	25.00
701 Jeannette	13.00
802 East Brunswick	50.00
1107 Brushton Swissvale	<u>15.00</u>
	\$203.00

**Arthritis Foundation
May 1998**

2 Unified	\$ 50.00
333 Foster	<u>200.00</u>
	\$250.00

**Rose Parade
May 1998**

802 East Brunswick	\$ 25.00
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**Arthritis Foundation
June 1998**

488 Aluta	\$ 50.00
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**Visual Research
June 1998**

488 Aluta	\$ 60.00
Aluta-Thomas Hahn, Sr.	20.00
George Kratzer	20.00
R.W. Pritchard	20.00
Glenwood Harris	10.00
Gary Kratzer	10.00
Herbert Brewen	10.00
Grover Fehr	10.00
Lovine Muschlitz	5.00
Robert Dreher	5.00
Harold Teel	5.00
Charles Miller	5.00
Donald Newman	5.00
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Russell Silfies	5.00
Howard Miller	5.00
1998 Session Collection	<u>145.00</u>
	\$345.00

**PA Education Endowment
June 1998**

1004 Hampton	\$ 25.00
OF & Reb. Assoc. of S.E. PA	<u>500.00</u>
	\$525.00

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3 Lady United	\$25.00
5 Frances F. Evans	1.00
30 Salome	10.00
191 Lady Clark	32.00
207 Rosalind	10.00
575 Queen Victoria	<u>25.00</u>
	\$103.00

**Visual Research
May 1998**

146 Lady Evangeline	\$ 25.00
161 Constance	35.00
182 Lady Colfax	27.75
PDD LOA Club of Tioga County (Funds from R.L. #107 Irma Heath)	25.00
	\$112.75

**Rose Parade
May 1998**

29 Hester	\$ 10.00
465 Eugenia	<u>5.00</u>
	\$ 15.00

**Visual Research
June 1998**

134 Annie-Memory of Genevieve Ray	\$ 10.00
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**PA Education Endowment
June 1998**

182 Lady Colfax	\$ 10.00
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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Dear Sisters & Brothers:

Thank you for your generous donations during the '98 season. BUT I regret to inform you it is not enough. Let me explain.

Glaucoma is called the "sneak thief of sight" because it can and does strike without warning, destroying vision slowly over a period of years suddenly, within hours.

The fact that you can read this letter, even if you have to use glasses, is reason to be thankful you have so far escaped glaucoma's vision destruction.

But given the fact that glaucoma claims a new victim every two minutes, will your luck hold out? We can not say, no one can.

For many, perhaps most of those victims, the first "symptom" of the disease will be partial loss of vision – which can never be restored. Vision lost to glaucoma is gone forever. And untreated it will result in blindness, always.

We know that increases pressure from fluid build-up in the eye damages the optic nerve but

we don't know why, so it can't be prevented – nor cured – not yet.

Everything that has been done and each research effort that has brought us closer to victory has been possible only because concerned Odd Fellows and Rebekahs like you cared enough to make it happen.

Please join us in our war against the "sneak thief of sight," please help get that research moving ahead by sending the most generous contribution you can now because tomorrow could be too late!

While there's no cure for glaucoma, advances Odd Fellows and Rebekahs has helped make possible, can sometimes slow its vision – destroying course if it is detected early enough. IF it has been two years since your last eye examination, we urge you to call today for an appointment.

Fraternally,
Visual Research Committee
Don Buchanan, Chairman

Mail all checks to the Grand Lodge or Rebekah Assembly Office.

ELLWOOD L. MCCORKLE TESTIMONIAL

To All Members of All Branches of the Order Greetings:

You are cordially invited to attend a Testimonial Dinner honoring Ellwood L. McCorkle, Past Grand Master of Pennsylvania, on Saturday, October 17, 1998 at the Day's Inn, Butler, Pennsylvania. Dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M.

Dinner Entree will be Prime Rib Queen Cut. Dinner tickets will be \$18.50 each. Send all Dinner Reservations with payment to Christian O. Haussler, 899 S. Kentucky Dr., Elizabethtown, PA 17023 Telephone: 717-362-8578. Deadline for reservations is September 30, 1998.

We are having a Program Booklet and would appreciate your support. Send all Ads and Booster Names (typed or legibly printed) with payment to Warren E. Ribblett, 442 Hemlock St., Johnstown, PA 15906 Telephone: 814-535-6673. Deadline for Ads or Booster Names will be September 30, 1998.

Full Page (Picture)	\$40.00
Full Page (No Picture)	\$30.00
Half Page	\$20.00
Quarter Page	\$10.00
Eighth Page	\$ 5.00
Booster Names (No Titles)	\$ 1.00

Room Reservations must be made directly to the Hotel in Butler, 139 Pittsburgh Rd., Butler, PA 16001 Telephone: 724-287-6761. Rates are \$54.00 plus Tax. Check in time is 2:00 P.M. Please mention that you are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Deadline for special rates is September 17, 1998.

Please plan to attend and help us honor Past Grand Master Ellwood L. McCorkle.

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO: MCCORKLE TESTIMONIAL COMMITTEE

Fraternally in F.L. & T.
The Testimonial Committee

*Raised by the bell***LIFE AT ODD FELLOWS**

Chuck Miller holds court most evenings. On many of those evenings he actually holds two. After a brisk basketball game he'll head down to the boulevard and the counter at Eat'n Park where staff management and clientele all know him.

Miller has been a fixture of the neighborhood for many years. A former resident of the Odd Fellows home, located at the current site of Rooney Middle School, he was a member of its staff when it closed in the fall of 1967.

There are times when he misses the facility, and he remembers life there clearly.

Lights went on daily at 6 am. Shortly after the warning bell for breakfast would ring. This meant it was time to wash and make your bed because five minutes later the bell would ring summoning the kids down to breakfast. "I still make my bed every morning," Miller laughs.

The girls went downstairs first. It was their job to set the table. The boys would remain after because it was their duty to wash the dishes.

Following breakfast the residents had a fifteen minute break before it was time to leave for school. Almost all of the younger children attended John Morrow Elementary, the older children were split up amongst Oliver, South, Connelly, Washington Vocational and a few went to Allegheny. Each of these schools had a specialty (the magnet school concept isn't really all that new) and students went to the school that featured their career choice.

Residents left the building with their weekly street car pass and a dime for lunch.

Everyone was assigned chores. Most of the heavy stuff was done Saturday Mornings, leaving the afternoons free for playing ball or field trips.

During the Summer the boys would play a lot of ball. "If you didn't get into trouble, you could come and go as you pleased as long as you checked out with the houseparent," Miller said.

There were a lot of activities for the residents. Miller recalls the many Christmas Shows and plays like "Showboat" that the kids put on. Many outside groups would hold parties around the holidays for the kids and outsiders would regularly invite kids to cultural and sporting events. "Home kids were able to make up their own minds a bit," Miller recalled.

There were certain standards to be met. A bad report card would land a student in after dinner study hall and "campus" until the grades improved. "Campus" meant you were only al-

lowed into certain areas. There were various types of campus: dorm, house and grounds. Fighting or other misbehavior could net you campus as well. Of course you still went to school and worked while on punishment.

Actually the residents never really ventured far from the grounds anyway. "We pretty much kept to ourselves. The social life was around the home," Miller said.

The boys and girls lived on separate halves of the building and were pretty much kept apart except for the occasional social. Despite an invisible line separating the building there was "some sneaking around," Miller recalled. Everyone was well aware to avoid the wooden step outside Mrs. Kress' quarters.

Miller remembers it as a good life. A resident was allowed to maintain their own sporting equipment and card collections. "Basically we were poor kids, but if kids had things they'd share. The houseparents were very nice but firm. There was a point where 'enough is enough.'"

Miller recalled the experience fondly enough that when he finished his stint in the military he returned to the home as a house parent.

Miller says that the training at the home was excellent, "You had a fair amount of individuality, but you lived by the bell. It was all right as long as you could live by the bell."

Fond memories of summer ball leagues and evening excursions to Bard's Dairyland at California & Termon mix with pride in successful alumni of the home as he talks. He tells of kids trying out for the Pirates and alumni who ended up bank presidents and police chiefs. Oh, and moments. "Moments of tidbits when you were a celebrity. People wanted to see you (because you lived at the home) – and you wanted to see them."

He was a resident of the Odd Fellows Orphan Home on the North Side of Pittsburgh.

THANK YOU

This is to express my thanks to everyone, Sisters and Brothers, for the cards, letters, thoughts, and prayers during my illness. These gestures of being remembered at a special time of need are really appreciated. Again Thanks!

Polly Rollman

SUMMER FUN

The Summer is upon us, and hopefully we're all enjoying the warm weather and outside activities. I hope you were able to attend the Unified Session in June and at the same time, I hope you supported the PA Arthritis Committee's efforts to further their work for the Arthritis Foundation by purchasing the **Christmas in June Jingle Bells**.

Camp JRA has finished it's third season and we'll have a report from the Director in a future issue. The PA Jurisdictional Arthritis Committee helped obtain some items from the 1998 Camp JRA Wish List to make camp a bit more fun for the children. Your efforts and financial support were much appreciated.

The AJAO National Conference is July 23rd to 26th in Arlington, VA. We'd like to extend congratulations and best wishes to Peter Corrado who left the Eastern PA Chapter to go to the Florida Chapter as President. His leadership and friendship will be missed.

Eastern PA Chapter: August 2nd Mini Grand Prix on Market Street in Kingston, PA. The **Lehigh Valley Golf Tournament** is on **August 12st** and the **Edgmont Golf Classic** is on **September 12-13th**. **Central PA Chapter: July 26th Mini Grand Prix** in Lancaster and **August 15th** in York. **Western PA Chapter: August 22nd Mini Grand Prix** in Pittsburgh. Come out to the Mini Grand Prix near you and support our efforts. We need you!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and remember "Help the Arthritis Foundation celebrate it's 50th anniversary of providing help and hope to

people with arthritis. Make this the year to get active." We're looking for your help and support. Make a commitment to help in whatever way you can as an individual or as a Lodge. Call your local Chapter or Branch to volunteer!

Charles H. Danihel, Walker Lodge #306 and Perseverance Encampment #135.

RIKKI SUE FILLHART SAYS "THANKS"

Rikki Sue Fillhart received a scholarship from the I.O.O.F. Scholarship Fund, July 1997. She attends University of Penn State, University, PA. Her majors are Business Administration. She made the Dean's List at the completion of your Freshman year.

She is presently employed at the Courtyard Family Restaurant at Smethport, PA for this summer to help with her expenses.

This coming fall she will start her Sophomore year of 1998-1999.

She is the daughter of Rickey and Brenda Fillhart and granddaughter of Erma Fillhart, P.N.G. and N.G. of Wisteria Rebekah Lodge No. 164.

Her family and friends are very proud of her and very grateful and appreciative for the scholarship from the I.O.O.F.

Rikki Sue says thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for this Fund. I am also very grateful and appreciate for all you have done to help me with my college education.

In F.L.T.

Rikki Sue Fillhart

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Roulette, PA 16746

TO BE A BETTER YOU

To be a better you, ask yourself:

1. How can I, a small insignificant Lodge member make a difference? Each of us can make a difference, just by being a better person. Try the following.
 - Let go of grudges, gripes and prejudices
 - Push the "clear" button on attitude and develop one that really fits into the principles of our Order
 - Treat each person you meet as you want to be treated
 - Make every day a happy new experience
 - Make an extra effort to be unusually nice to some one each day

Submitted by: Sister Leola Madigan



This is a picture of the Royal Purple Degree Team which participated in the Encampment Degree Rally in Warren, Pa. on June 6, 1998 under the direction of Ernest L. Nelson.

ANNIVERSARY OBSERVED BY LADY BUTLER NO. 316

Lady Butler Rebekah Lodge, members and friends celebrated their 55th Anniversary of being chartered.

A banquet was enjoyed by 18 meeting at Hoss' Steak and Sea Food Restaurant, Lewistown, PA on May 15th. Following the banquet, door prizes were distributed to lucky ones by random numbers. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of a framed certificate to Jean Sulouff who is the only charter member of Lady Butler Rebekah Lodge with 55 years as a member. There was reminiscing by impromptu comments from the members.

Those attending were: Dorothy L. Brown, Past President Rebekah Assembly Jean Sulouff, Charter Member, her husband, William; Virginia Reed, past Outside Guardian Rebekah Assembly, her husband, Paul; Mary E. Henry; Florence Sulouff; Evelyn N. Snook; Nancy Wert, her husband, Curtis; Sara V. Bonson, Treasurer of Rebekah Assembly; Selena Leitzel; Margaret Leister; Hannah Hassinger and husband

Benjamin; Rae E. Young; Hester Peoples; Beverly Peoples.

Sara V. Bonson



Front Row: L to R: Florence Sulouff, Evelyn Snook, Dorothy L. Brown, PP. Back Row: L to R: Jean Sulouff, Virginia Reed, Mary Henry, Sara V. Bonson, Nancy Wert.

ODD FELLOWS RALLY

The 35th Odd Fellows Five-County Rally was held recently at the Best Western University Inn in White Township. Members gathered for activities that included the initiation of four ladies into the Rebekah organization.

The Odd Fellows had 11 Brothers for the three Degrees. Monongahela Degree Lodge No. 88 did a superb job in Opening and Closing along with the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees.



Pictured are, left to right, back row: Robert Kantorski, Chairman; Ellwood L. McCorkle, Grand Master; William L. Locke, Grand Patriarch; Col. Herman L. Schlott Jr., Department Council. Left to right, front row, are: Lee Etta Mansberry, Co-Chairman; Marcia LaVan, Rebekah Assembly President; and Lady Pat Feldman, Department Associate.