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2002

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*Friday & Saturday, 5th-6th - Mid-Atlantic Conclave, Ocean City, MD Sunday, 7th - 2002 Session Meeting, Grantville, PA Saturday, 20th - Tri-State Rally, St. Clairsville, OH Saturday, 27th - Five County Rally, Indiana, PA

MAY

*Saturday, 11th - Southeast Dinner Dance - TBA later *Saturday, 18th - All State Rally - TBA later Sunday, 19th - Session Meeting, Grantville, PA

JULY

*Saturday, 27th - Fun Day '02 - Knoebel's Grove

AUGUST

Saturday, 10th - Irene Kelly Testimonial, TBA later

SEPTEMBER

*Saturdàx, 14th - Schlott & Strausser Joint Testimonial - TBA later

OCTOBER

*Saturday, 19th - Cook Testimonial - TBA later

All 2002 Session Meetings will be held at 2:30 PM at the Holiday Inn.
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MARCH is
Education Month

ALMA LODGE #523 MAKES GOOD ON ITS PLEDGE TO "RELIEVE THE DISTRESSED"



Carl Thomas, Vice Grand of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, presents checks to representatives of the five local food banks the Lodge supports twice each year. From the left: Thomas; Jan Burgess, Franklin Street Pantry; Major Robert Carney, Salvation Army; Howard Haupt, West End Food Pantry; Harold Wilson and Donald Lape, Walnut Grove Food Pantry; and Margaret Rawlings, Park Avenue Food Pantry.

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From the Desk of the Grand Secretary

Dear Readers,

Well, as we all know the Groundhog saw his shadow and if he is right it sounds like we have six weeks to plan for spring activities. You will notice by the magazine, there are several rallies coming up. I certainly hope you as a member and your Lodge are planning to attend. Please don't let distance scare you off. I am sure many will agree from personal experiences that some of the best friendships built in this order were made by attending a Rally out of the area.

Our elections for state officers will be held the last meeting night of the month. If you are a Past Grand or Past Noble Grand, please make sure you attend and voice your opinion.

In closing I wish a Happy St. Patty's Day to our Irish Readers, and a Most Happy and Blessed Eaester to you and yours. May the spirit of his resurrection inspire you to work for a resurrection in your Lodge.

Fraternally yours, "Charlie"



MARCH FAIRIES

Marion Doyle
Fast upon the heels of winter
Comes a fairy band,
Holding high their star-tipped torches,
Guiding Spring throughout the land.

See them light the daffodils — Touched with flame they glow; Building fires in the crocus While the March winds blow.

Waking up the street arbutus From her winter nap; Tying on each pussy willow's Furry little cap.

Never fairies half so busy As when March is here, Planning for the world's new beauty And its springtime cheer.

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SMETHPORT #389 HOLDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Below are some pictures from Smethport Lodge #389, Smethport, PA Christmas Party held this past season. A dinner and music entertained those present.





Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship that I received. I am doing well at Saint Francis University in Loretto, PA, where I am majoring in Chemistry with a minor in Mathematics. I am still Captain of our golf team, President of the Chemistry Club and Vice-President of the Class of 2003.

Once again I thank you for your generosity and I look forward to returning to school in spring to continue my academics.

Sincerely, Daniel E. Solomon

TRIVIA TIME – The answer to the January Trivia which was a hard one – What major change took place 25 years ago with the magazine? We went from the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow to the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine. Prior to that the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly each put on their own publications.

MEMBERSHIP

On Monday, January 21, 2002 we had a membership seminar at Star of Hope Lodge #199, Downingtown, we had a grand total of five (5) members from the host lodge and three members of the membership committee plus Grand Master Cook, present for the seminar. All though we had a great seminar with lots of good ideas with lots of discussions but, none of this is any good unless we act and act now before it is too late.

We sent out seminar flyers to eighteen lodges in the surrounding area but, not one person from those lodges showed up. I guess they think that they do not need help in getting new members. If this is the case then maybe they should come out and tell us how they are getting new members or have we forgotten that we are all Brothers & Sisters. Where are all the Sisters?????? Since we started these seminars we have had a grand total of four (4) Sisters come out to the seminars but, each month I hear of another Rebekah Lodge going defunct or consolidating. BROTHERS & SISTERS – DON'T YOU BELIEVE IN THIS GREAT ORDER?????

Someone please tell us what do you think we should do! At the next seminar we will give a prize to the Odd Fellow & Rebekah that came the longest distance (over 20 miles and not a member of the committee).

Has your Lodge appointed a membership chairperson and an activities chairperson? Let us know who he or she it.

REMEMBER ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING

SEMINAR ANNOUNCED: Monday, March 18, 2002 – 7:00 P.M. Host: Bowmansdale Lodge #1179

37 E. Lisburn Rd., Bowmansdale, PA HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!!!!



MARCH



WISHES

- 1 Leon Kramer/#802 Paul Bekavac/#209 Paul Stewart/#739 Norman Winters/#739 Kenneth McGavitt/#1030 Richard Engisch/#1152
- 2 Douglas Lightner Alex Frantz/#348 Arlington Dunkle/#389
- 3 Kenneth Erbe/#1107 Alma Klinger/R#58 Donna Campbell/R#58 Dorothy Scholl/R#202
- 4 Clair Wagner/#74
- 5 Dale Singer/#74 Leah Smeltz/R#58
- 6 Donald Brisco/#348 Jane Reissinger/R#247 Harold Reiss/#488 Miriam Lahn/R#58 James Logan/#348 Harold Reiss/#488
- 7 Craig Walters/#86
- 8 Earl Penrose/#541
- 10 Harry Moore/#802 Esther Kershner/R#20 William Woessner/#1004 Charles Barnes/#1152
- 11 Peggy Walters/R#558 Ernie Nelson/#510 Charles Loper/#74
- 12 Edward Mioduski/#1107
- 13 James Seyler/#74

- Chuck Kelly/#541 Dorothy Byerly/R#58 Lauren Weed/#510
- 14 Lois Kimmel/R#161
- 15 Leonard Santini/#1030
- 16 John Rider/#307 Joe Plasko/#86 Dan Swift/#510 Kenneth Housholder/#812
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- 18 Blaine May/#74 Josh Wells/#74 Clayton Maryott/#1152 Hazen Wilson/#812 Barry Shirey/#541 Richard Gregory/#348
- 19 Mathias Hartman/#541Wilbur Nace/#74Dorothy Struchen/R#110Marjorie Bindas/R#328
- 20 Dolores Keller/R#202 Mary Lou Rebuck/R#58 Rosalie Kessler/R#58 John George/#348 Roland Wolfe/#510 Alexander Donaldson/#739 Earl Morrow/#1004 Ethan Culp/#1030
- 21 Clarence Kieffer/#551 Myra Adams/R#182 Lena Klinger/R#58 Lena Shade/R#58

- 22 Walter Reeher/#739 Leon Work/#348 Jean Wieand/R#222 Joan Snyder/R#58
- 23 Brigitte Shipman/R#58
- 24 Minerva Mitman/R#202 Rebecca Stettler/R#202 Darlene Snyder/R#58 Carroll Goodling/R#74 Charles Fisher/#348 Cloyd Bordner/#551 Lloyd Huffman/#1152 Leon Pipher/#1152
- 25 Wayde Spangler/#74
- 26 Robert Reed/#551 Walter Johnson/#389
- 27 Jon Zizelmann/#86 Palmer Jacobs/#74 Ray Pond/#1152
- 28 Donald Zerbe/#551 Gladys Lebo/R#58 Robert Rumbaugh/#510
- 29 Clarence Gordon/#307 Irene Umholtz/R#58 Donald Kunkel/#74
- 30 Lloyd Herman/#321 Roger Shaffer/#541
- 31 Rebecca Noecker/R#58 William Clements/#74 Richard Kleintop/#488 Michael Peer/#541 Charles Jones/#804 Daniel Nedzinski/#969 Alton Homan/#1152

ODD FELLOWS - MIDDLETOWN HOME

Residents enjoyed the holiday season by baking Christmas cookies, creating Christmas crafts, and warming their hearts with traditional Christmas carols. Many special groups visited or entertained as well.



Residents await the cheese and cheers at the New Year's Party.



Bertha Steele and staffer, Valerie Brosey pose at the Christmas Party.

OHIO TO HOST 2002 TRI-STATE RALLY

The Tri-state Rally Committee is pleased to announce this year's Annual Rally will be held Saturday, April 20, 2002 at the Hampton Inn, 51130 National Rd., St. Clairsville, OH.

Reservation direct to the Inn - 740-695-3961. Cost is \$74.00. Be sure to mention the Odd Fellows to obtain this rate, deadline is 4/5/02.

Banquet is 6:00 PM choice of Country Ham or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Cost is \$22.00. Deadline is 4/6/02. Send remittance and choice of entree to: Clyde H. Barger, 701 Maple Dr., Monongahela, PA 15063.

A program book is planned. Deadline is 3/16/02. Remit to Robert J. Love, 2815 Kathy St., South park, PA 15129. Prices are \$20.00 full page, \$10.00 half page, \$5.00 a quarter and \$1.00 for boosters.

All checks are to be made payable to "Tri-State Rally Committee."

Hope to see you there!!!

Residents rang in the new year at the home's "New Year's Cheese & Cheers" Party. Volunteer, Bill Logan sang some golden oldies and even took requests from the residents.

What would the world be like without children?

Seven Sorrows 3rd Grade played their favorite games with residents. Next month they'll be creating Valentine's sand art. 2002 is already moving at high speed!



Seven Sorrows 3rd Graders share their favorite games with their resident friends.



George Calhoon rolls out the dough for Christmas Sugar Cookies.

PIONEER HOME STILL HELPING KIDS

Christmas came early to many young children in Meadville again this year. The Seratoma Club sponsors "The Jimmy Moore" party each year. It is a tradition in the area as an answer to a young boy's request for Santa to visit his little sister.

Over the past years the Odd Fellows Home has answered the call. A Mitten Tree has been set in the lobby, members of the Board and other adults have placed mittens, scarves, hats and toys on and around the tree. Several lodges have given checks to Judy Ireland, our Coordinator, to purchase items. This year the Home board gave \$920.00 to add to the fund. There were 162 items of mittens, hats and scarves on the tree as well as over 100 gifts for the children. Again the Home's gifts represented the largest share of contributions to the party for the children.

Other benevolences provided by the Board are gifts to the Boy and Girl Scouts of the Northwest Region, United Nations Pilgrimage, local youth groups (after school "hangouts") Pa. Scholarships, United Ways of Erie, Crawford and Mercer Counties, Scholarships at Allegheny College for Northwest Pa. students, as well as scholarships to several local colleges for students from Northwest Pa.

Submitted by Leland E. Dorchester, P.G. Grand Lodge Representative to the Home.











JANUARY DONATIONS

	JA	NUARY	DONATIONS	
F	PA EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND		PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE	
523	Alma	500.00	(10/1/01 to 1/31/02)	
282	Lansdowne	300.00	Honor of Col. (R) John Shive	125.00
2	Unified	100.00	Palladium #346	100.00
1179	Bowmansdale	100.00	Newburg #562	100.00
**12	DOWNLAND CARE	1,000.00	Valley E#34	100.00
		1,000.00	Shillington #1175	50.00
	PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND		Canawacta #207	50.00
1175	Shillington	100.00	Walker #306	50.00
R558	Lady Sellers	100.00	Lady Lillie Best R#222	52.00
557	Caernarvon	100.00	Tussey R#66	30.00
R198	Golden Rule	50.00	Leesport #141	25.00
37	Variety	50.00	Clarion #252	25.00
1107	Brushton-Swissvale	50.00	Lady Emily R#452	25.00
591	Shenandoah	25.00	Lady Colfax #182	25.00
		475.00	Annie R#134	25.00
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206	VISUAL RESEARCH	252.00	Mystic #270	25.00
306	Walker	352.00	Mt. Hor #736	
74	Mt. Zion	300.00	Victoria R#575	25.00
2	Unified	100.00	Lady Hall R#545	20.00
	Gerald Bortner (#74)	10.00	Falls Creek #957	18.00
	William McElwain (#74)	10.00	Fern R#234	17.00
	Robt. Raffensberger (#74)	10.00	Highland #428	15.00
	Howard Baker (#74)	5.00	Electra R#537	10.00
ŀ	Stewart Brenneman (#74)	5.00	East Brunswick #802	10.00
	William Clements (#74)	5.00	Lady Selin R#378	10.00
	Richard Detter (#74)	5.00	Conneautte R#324	10.00
1	LaMar Dockey (#74)	5.00	Pine Grove #148	10.00
1	Charles Fleegle (#74)	5.00	Lady Paoli R#136	10.00
1	Nelson Groce (#74)	5.00	Alert #936	10.00
1	Gerald Holtzinger (#74)	5.00	Jeanette #701	10.00
	William Combe (#74)	5.00	Lady Evelyn R#22	5.00
	Palmer Jacobs (#74)	5.00	Lady Ester #74	5.00
	James Keller (#74)	5.00	Malvern-Pocahontas #201	5.00
	Kevin Rill (#74)	5.00	Salome R#30	5.00
	Dale Singer (#74)	5.00		1,037.00
	D. Walter Smith (#74)	5.00	T + 1 1 - 1 - 0 - 1 - 0 - 1 - 1/1/01 +	1/22/02
	Donald Spangler (#74)	5.00	Total donations to the Committee 4/1/01 to	
	Lorin Strickler (#74)	5.00	\$24,675.50. If you are wondering why we are report	
	Richard Wakefield (#74)	5.00	as $4/4/01$ to $3/32/01$, this is to get a better total fo	r SGL and
	Richard Ziegler (#74)	5.00	GL.	

872.00

ORCHARD MANOR

Doll collecting is a popular hobby for all ages. Young and old enjoy looking at and holding dolls of all types. Just seeing them can stir memories of childhood days. The Residents and staff of Orchard Manor had a great time reminiscing at Orchard Manor's Doll Show on January 18th. Family members played a big role in the success of the show. Several searched through boxes; attics and closets to find old dolls that had belonged to the Residents during their childhood. The staff also enjoyed the opportunity to display their collections. There was a table filled with Raggedy Ann dolls, owned by Nursing Home Administrator, Diane Robinson. Other staff brought dolls from their childhood, dolls from their travels and homemade porcelain dolls. In all, there were well over a hundred dolls on display in



Orchard Manor resident, Jewel McGill, cuddles her childhood doll from the 1920s.

REBEKAH LODGE PAYS HOLIDAY VISIT TO CHARTER MEMBERS

The members of Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558, Sellersville took time out of the busy holiday season to pay a visit to two charter members of the Lodge. John and Dorothy Shive who now reside in the Rockhill Community Home, Telford were overwhelmed with their visit. Both John and Dorothy were active with the organization until going into the Home. Sister Dorothy is a Past President of the Dept. Association of PA, L.A.P.M.



the Main Dining Room. The dolls ranged from those of the late 1800's to modern day collectibles. The highlight of the show was Resident, Jewel McGill's niece, Mary Ann Zukas. Mary Ann boasts a collection of more than 1,000 dolls. She brought about 40 of her dolls with her and talked about each during her presentation. Following the Doll Show, every one enjoyed the goodies provided by the Dietary Department. There was an assortment of hot teas, finger sandwiches, and homemade cream puffs. The program drew a large crowd and will surely become an annual event.



Administrator, Diane Robinson, displays a portion of her Raggedy Ann doll collection.

BECKY'S BACKYARD

- 1. Freezing fresh corn: Instead of using a paring knife, use an electric knife to speed up the process. It is less messy and easier on your hands.
- 2. A quick way to core tomatoes is to slice off the end and use a grapefruit spoon to scoop out the core.
- 3. To peel tomatoes quickly and easily, cut a shallow "X" on the bottom of the tomato. Put is into a pot of boiling water for about 1 minute, then rinse under cold water. The skin will peel right off.
- 4. A Shoe-In: Dip the ends of frayed shoelaces in clear nail polish to make them easier to poke through the eyelets.
- 5. Magic Carpet: Lightly sprinkle sodium based baking soda over your carpet 40 to 50 minutes before vacuuming to noticeably brighten the color.
- 6. Tea Tree Trick: For instant relief of tooth ache pain, apply a dab of tea tree oil (available at pharmacies and health food stores) to the area. This natural pain reliever also soothes pain from minor cuts, scrapes and sores.
- 7. A Kinder Cut: For paper cuts on the job, sprinkle sugar onto the cut, then bandage. The pain and the sugar will disappear.
- Easy Picking: Can't find the staple remover? Pick the staple out with a fingernail clipper instead of using your nails.

THE ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

The I.O.O.F. – Arthritis Foundation linkage goes back a good many years. When the Sovereign Grand Lodge selected the Arthritis Foundation as one of its focus programs, they also selected the month of **March** to highlight it. In March, the Arthritis Foundation has Junior Arthritis Awareness Week so I will focus on that area this month.

The American Juvenile Arthritis Organization (AJAO) is devoted to improving the qualify of life for and serving the needs of children, teens and young adults with childhood rheumatic and other related diseases and their families. We have talked about the AJAO in the past telling you about the local and regional conferences and the great benefit they have been to the members. There are about 300,000 children in the United States with rheumatic disease. The most common childhood type is juvenile rheumatic arthritis. Arthritis can appear at any age and affect any joint.

The "Praying Hands" are much, much more than just a work of art, They are the "soul's creation" of a deeply thankful heart -They are a Priceless Masterpiece that love alone could paint, And they reveal the Selflessness of an unheralded saint -These hands so scarred and toilworn, tell the story of a man Who sacrificed his talent in accordance with God's Plan -For in God's Plan are many things man cannot understand, But we must trust God's judgment and be guided by His Hand -Sometimes He asks us to give up our dreams of happiness, Sometimes we must forego our hopes of fortune and success -Not all of us can triumph or rise to heights of fame, And many times What should be Ours, goes to Another Name -But he who makes a sacrifice, so another may succeed, Is indeed a true disciple of our blessed Savior's creed For when we "give ourselves away" in sacrifice and love, e are "laying up rich treasures" in God's kingdom up above -And hidden in gnarled, toilworn hands is the truest Art of Living, Achieved alone by those who've learned the "Victory of Giving" -For any sacrifice on earth, made in the dear Lord's name. Assures the Giver of a Place In Heaven's Hall of Fame -And who can say with certainty Where the Greatest Talent Lies, Or Who Will Be the Greatest In Our Heavenly Father's Eyes!

Helen Steiner Rice

Growing up with arthritis is challenging, but the medical teams are finding that coordinated care by rheumatology health professionals allows most children to live a full and active life. Childhood arthritis can last for a short time or a lifetime. Early diagnosis and treatment can make the difference between a life with disability and a life without limits. The biggest problem is that the presenting symptoms of arthritis are often dismissed as "growing pains" when the child first begins to complain. Physical activity and exercise are important to children with arthritis. It helps to keep the joints flexible and muscles and tendons strong. It is also important that they be able to develop a positive image of themselves and minimize the difference that arthritis makes in their lives. In our area, Camp JRA is just such a place. The children go "to camp" – just like their classmates and siblings. They fish, swim and play games. They also get one more valuable things - they learn about the disease they have, newer treatments and medicine savaiable and how important it is that they maintain good health habits and exercise. It's all incorporated into the camp experience. The PA Arthritis Committee has helped to support the activities at CAmp JRA for several years. Grand Master Reggie Cook has Camp JRA as one of his special projects this year as PGM Adams did during his term of office. Visits to CAmp JRA are inspiring. Please help continue the support for this endeavor by giving your donations to the Grand Master when he visits or sending them to the PA IOOF Jurisdicational Arthritis Committee.

The PA Arthritis Committee had to delay its review of the "Deck the Halls with Bells for Arthritis" submissions and selecitno of a winner because the snow forced us to cancel our scheduled January meeting. Reminder: Returning, by way of popular demand, will be our "Christmas in June" theme tree at the Unified Session. We will have the bells for sale in the Lobby and a tree to decorate. Watch for the announcement and order form in a mailing from the Grand Lodge office.

For all project and general donations, please make your checks payable to the PA IOOF Jurisdictional Arthritis Committee and mark the specific project or "general" on the check. Mail all donations to Nevin Adams, 951 Shoemakersville Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555.

For more details about any event or questions about Arthritis, contact the Chapters directly at the addresses and telephone numbers below.

Eastern PA Chapter Arthritis Foundation 219 N. Broad Street Suite 2 Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-564-9800 or 800-283-7800

Western PA Chapter Arthritis Foundation 332 5th Avenue Warner Center 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222 412-566-1645 or 800-522-9900 Central PA Chapter Arthritis Foundation 17 S. 19th Street P.O. Box 668 Camp Hill, PA 17011 717-763-0900 or 800-776-0746

Remember, the PA Jurisdictional Committee is asking you to become active.

VOLUNTEER!

Charles E. Danihel, Chair, PA IOOF Jurisdictional Arthritis Committee





I.O.O.F. ARTHRITIS PROCLAMATION



To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are proud to be recognized once again for their support in relieving the pain and suffering caused by Arthritis. I along with the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Advisory Board, in turn, are proud to recognize everyone who has donated time and money in supporting this cause over the past years.

The National Arthritis Foundation this past November, at their Annual Meeting in San Jose, California recognized the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for their support to the Arthritis Foundation.

At these annual meetings we meet enlarged family and community of arthritis chapter volunteers who become our friends and co-volunteers in a cause that makes you and me proud of our efforts in helping our fellow man.

Now, therefore, I, Harry V. Lohman, by virtue of the authority in me duly vested as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do proclaim,

The month of March as Odd Fellows and Rebekah Arthritis Month throughout Odd Fellowship.

Done in the City of Washington, District of Columbia this 1st day of January, 2002, and of our Order the 183rd year.

Attest: Terry L. Barrett

Sovereign Grand Secretary

Harry V. Lohman Sovereign Grand Master

ADDENDUM:

Whereas the Arthritis Committee of Pennsylvania, composed of members of all Five Branches of Odd Fellowship has been working with the local Chapters of the Arthritis Foundation, through various programs and projects,

Now, therefore, I, Reginald Cook, Grand Master, do also proclaim the month of March as *Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arthritis Month* in co-operation with our Sovereign Grand Master.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this 3rd day of February, 2002 and in the 179th year of this Grand Body.

Attest: Charles H. Bailey Grand Secretary Reginald Cook Grand Master

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A BROTHER'S REFLECTION ON THE PAST 58 YEARS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP

After 58 years in the Order and reaching the age of 80 many a Brother would say it's time to sit back and relax. This is not the case for Brother Charles Reinert of Pottstown.

He was initiated into Monocacy Lodge of Douglassville, November 9, 1944, went to work immediately and hasn't stopped since. He became a Past Grand of the Lodge, and went on to serve as Lodge Representative to Grand Lodge for many years.

Of all his accomplishments, the one he boasts of the most and indeed he should is his Meritorious Service Emblem and Certificate he received May 7, 1946 from Grand Sire Monroe for response to their membership drive in 1945. During the time frame of six months he signed up 72 members. All of whom were initiated and received their other Degrees in Boyertown Lodge #708.

Late on in years Monocacy Lodge faced the same challenges so many others did and were forced into consolidation with Neversink Lodge #514, Birdsboro, where Brother Reinert still holds his membership, along with membership in Excelsior Encampment #85 and Pottstown Canton #6, both of Pottstown.

Brother Reinert reflects to the mid sixties when Brother Robert Derr, GR Emeritus, also a stranger at the time, approached him at his place of business to join Manatawny Lodge #124, Pottstown, Brother Reinert ran a garage and held residence in Pottstown and the lodge there needed help. Brother Derr felt that with his involvement with the people of Pottstown, Brother Reinert might be the key to their membership problem. Brother Reinert dedicated to his original Lodge decided to sign on at #214 as Associate Member and has been involved in the Lodge and the Home

P.O.F. DAYS GONE BY

75 YEARS AGO

(March 1927)

CANTON READING NO. 2 – paid a fraternal visit to Wernersville Lodge #835 in full dress uniform for the purpose of advertising the Patriarchs Militant Branch of the Order. Their efforts were not in vain and more visitations are planned.

CANTON YORK NO. 14 – About forty chevaliers and ladies attended the banquet and dance of the first and second battalions of the second regiment held at the "new" Harrisburg Hall.

REBEKAH DISTRICT MEETING HELD IN WILKES-BARRE – An interesting meeting was conducted by President Belle Heidenrich. Various Rebekah Lodges displayed various ceremonies for instructional purposes. Thalia Rebekah #116 displayed the opening and closing ceremony.

AGED ODD FELLOWS – Brothers from many Lodges met in Meylert Lodge #435, Slippery Rock to watch the conferring of the initiatory degree performed by Brothers of the Wayside Inn, Grove City. Several brothers were in their 80's and commended for performing without a flaw.

LITITZ LODGE NO. 1050 held their annual "Ladies Night" with 250 members and their wives or friends in attendance.

CLOVER LODGE NO. 348 minstrel troupe is scheduled to give a show in the Junior High Auditorium. Also performing will be the Pittsburgh Apollo Male Chorus of 100. Proceeds of this affair are to assist a brother recuperating in the Hill View Sanitarium, Washington, PA.

Association ever since.

Aside from his work in Pottstown, Brother Reinert has been serving on the Board of Directors to the Odd Fellows Home in Middletown for several years.



Certificate for Meritorious Service

This is to certify that

CHARLES REINERT

Has performed Meritorious Service for the Order and is hereby entitled to possess and wear the Meritorious service emblem,

awarded this day by the Grand Sire of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.



Done as Baltimore, Maryland, this 7th They of May

1946.

ATTRET:

Enderguer Grand Services

DO YOU KNOW THEM? NAME THEM ONE BY ONE!

It was a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and food as members and families of Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222 and Jordan Lodge #192 of Schnecksville gathered in the Social Hall of the Fire Company for their Christmas Party.

Submitted by: Jill Schlosser, Sec'y R222



ANNOUNCING

THE 69TH ANNUAL I.O.O.F. PILGRIMAGE TO THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNS

To all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Families and Friends:

It's time for the Annual IOOF Pilgrimage to the Tombs at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, May 5, 2002. The Annual Banquet will be held Saturday at 7:00 PM in the Doubletree Hotel – Crystal City, Arlington, VA. The Parade will begin Sunday at 1:00 PM with the wreath laying immediately following. There is also a Boat Cruise down the Potomac River and a Tour of Mt. Vernon planned for Saturday starting at 8:30 AM. Details for all these events are listed in the January-February issue of the IOOF News, and have been sent to each lodge. See your lodge secretary or contact me for details.

Hope you plan on joining our Jurisdictional Leaders and support this most prestigious ceremony. Remember, if you are a member of the PM or

L.A.P.M., wear your uniform.

IN MEMORIAM

FRED H. MELHORN Mt. Zion Lodge #74 January 21, 2002



Brother Fred Melhorn, 75, of Manchester Township, was initiated into Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York on November 11, 1951.

He was also a member of Hayshire U.C.C. Church. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, the former Agnes Baker, two sons, three grandchildren, and one Sister.

Burial was in the Shiloh Union Cemetery.

NELSON F. BENSINGER January 27, 2002 East Brunswick Lodge #802

Brother Nelson "Nels' Bensinger, 88, of Lewistown Valley, was initiated into Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua, on April 15, 1940. He became a member of East Brunswick Lodge #802, New Ringgold in 1987 through consolidation and became a Past Grand of that Lodge in 1995.

He was also a member of Zion U.C.C. Church of Lewistown Valley. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Grace Buehler.

He is survived by one daughter, one son, six grandchildren, eight grandchildren, a great-great grandchild, three brothers and one sister.

Odd Fellow Services were held with burial in his Church Cemetery, Lewistown Valley.

MANELVA WILLIAMS January 30, 2002

Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge #102

Sister Manelva Holden Williams, 80, of Washington, PA, was initiated into Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge #102, Washington, PA.

She was also a member of the Jefferson U.M. Church in Washington. She was preceded in death b her husband Mervin "Ike" in 1993.

She is survived by four sons, two brothers and two sisters, six grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Schuyler Colfax Day Proclamation

To all Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship was adopted in 1851, and the degree was the work of the Honorable Schuyler Colfax, later to serve as Speaker of the House of Representatives and go on to serve as Vice President of the United States of America.

Whereas, the Rebekah Degree provides woman's softening touch to Odd Fellowship, as founded upon the principles of the Order – faithfulness, hospitality, purity and dedication as portrayed by women of the Bible.

Whereas, because of the untiring efforts of Brother Colfax to provide a Degree for wives and daughters of Odd Fellows, the world now enjoys a Sisterhood of Lodges in twenty countries around the globe.

Therefore, I, Harry V. Lohman, Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by authority in me duly vested, do proclaim,

That the 23rd day of March 2001 be: Schuyler Colfax Day throughout Odd Fellowship in honor of the birthday of Brother Colfax.

Further, please observe the birthday of Brother Schuyler Colfax by initiating a 'Colfax Class' in honor of the celebration.

Done in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this the 1st day of January 2002, and in the 183rd year of our Order.

Yours in F, L & T,

Attest:

Sovereign Grand Master

Harry S. Lelmon

Terry Barrett

Terry L. Barrett Sovereign Grand Secretary



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Secretaries and Scribes — Attention!!!

Please inform the manager promptly of change of secretary or scribe or his address in order that correct listing may appear in Roster.

ALLENTOWN—CANTON ALLENTOWN, #39, meets 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, 118 N. 9th St., Allentown, PA 19102, Harold W. Reiss, Clerk, 1550 Cherry Lane, Ancient Oaks, Macungie, PA 18062-9423.

ALLENTOWN AUXILIARY, #39, meets 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, 118 N. 9th St. Mary Landes, Sec'y, 316 S. Main St., Sellersville, PA 18960.

ALLISON PARK—HAMPTON LODGE, #1004, meets 2nd and last Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at 4743 S. Pioneer Rd., Wm. Ehmann, Sec'y, 2925 Elsiton Ln., Allison Park, PA 15101

ALLPORT—ASTER REBEKAH LODGE, #177 meets 2nd and 4th Monday of every Month at the Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Rte. 2030, off Rte. 53, Allport. Barbara McClellan, 3731 Casanova Rd., Munson, PA 16860, pastprez@pennswoods.net

ASKAM—ASKAM LODGE, #899, meets every Monday at 7:30 P.M. at 2601 S. Main Street. Edward G. Bath, Sr., Sec'y, 330 Beaumont Street, Warrior Run, PA 18706.

ATLANTIC—GOLDEN RULE REBEKAH LODGE, #198, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 PM at I.O.O.F. Hall, Main St., Nancy Gruber, Sec'y, 3752 Atlantic Lake Rd., Atlantic, PA 16111.

BELLEFONTE—CENTRE LODGE, #153, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday in the Odd Fellows Lodge, 756 Axman Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823. Eugene Bennett, Sec'y, 3030 Buffalo Run Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

CRYSTAL SPRING REBEKAH LODGE, #25, meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 8:00 PM at I.O.O.F. Hall, 756 Axemann Rd., Mae L. Summers, Scc'y, P.O. Box 8974, Milesburg, PA 16853.

BIRDSBORO—NEVERSINK LODGE, #514, meets every 1st and 3rd Monday, 518-520 E. Main Street. Arthur Scott Care, Sec'y, 615 Boar Rd., Mohrsville, PA 19541.

BOALSBURG—TUSSEY REBEKAH LODGE, #66, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at I.O.O.F. Hall, 101 W. Main St. Anna S. Roush, See'y, 2215 W. Whitehall Rd., State College, PA 16801.

BOWMANSDALE—BOWMANSDALE LODGE, #1179, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 P.M. at the IOOF Hall, 37 Lisburn Road. Harry R. Kennedy, Sec'y, 392 E. Mt. Airy Rd., Dillsburg, PA 17019.

BOYERTOWN—BOYERTOWN LODGE, #708, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. (Oct. thru Mar.) and at 8:00 P.M. (Apr. thru Sept.) at 35 E. Philadelphia Ave. Earl Good, Sec'y, Box 171, New Berlinville, PA 19545.

BRISTOL—HOPKINS LODGE, #87, meets 2nd & 4th Thurs. at 8:00 P.M. in Saint James Episcopal Parish House, Wood and Walnut Sts. Harry B. Keaton, Sec'y, 45 Grasspond Rd., Levittown, PA 19057.

BROOMALL—FRANCES F. EVANS REBEKAH LODGE, #5, mccts 2nd and 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M., Sproul Road, Marple Presbyterian Church. Mabel Bankes, Sec'y, 141 Mill Road, Havertown, PA 19083.

BROWNSVILLE LODGE, #51, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at 31 Market St., Brownsville, Robert Bradman Jr., Sec'y, 31 Market St., Brownsville, PA 15417.

BUTLER—CONNOQUENESSING LODGE, #278, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at 263 S. Main Street, Butler, PA. Alvin Waters, Sec'y, 218 E. Water St., Slippery Rock, PA 16057.

CASSVILLE—LADY EVELYN REBEKAH LODGE, #22, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 44 Walnut Street, Cassville. Anna Bell Ramsey, Sec'y, HCR 1, Box 6, Calvin, PA 16622.

MT. HOR LODGE, #736 meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:30 P.M., 44 Walnut St., Cassville. Scott R. Parks, Sec'y, RR 1 Box 1324, Mapleton Depot, PA 17052-9712.

COCHRANVILLE—NEW CENTURY REBEKAH LODGE, #244, meets 2nd and 4th Mondays, in the Odd Fellows Hall, 173 Cochran St., Cochranville, PA at 7:00 P.M. Hazel Binkley, Sec'y, 2906 Newport Gap Pike, Wilmington, DE 19808.

COLLEGEVILLE—ECONOMY LODGE, #397, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at I.O.O.F. Hall, 111 N. Main St., Spring City. Lloyd T. Hallman, Sec'y, PO Box 548, Frederick, PA 19435.

CONNEAUT LAKE, #980, meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. at 2nd & Wtr. Sts., Conneaut Lake. William Ellison, Sec'y, 15781 Harmonsburg Rd., Meadville, PA 16335.

CONNELLSVILLE—GENERAL WORTH LODGE, #386, meets 1st and 3rd Saturday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, 107 S. Pittsburgh Street. John S. Cupp, Jr., Sec'y, 92 E. Main Street, Suite 24, Uniontown, PA 15401, cupp@sgi.net

DALLAS—ONEIDA LODGE, #371, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. over Fino's Drug Store. Visitors welcome. Walter Gosart, Sec'y, 51 Stang Ave., Shavertown, PA 18708-1529.

DORNSIFE—MAHANOY LODGE, #551, meets every Thursday, Oct 1 to March 31, 7:30 P.M., April 1 to Sept. 30, 8:00 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Route 225. Donald W. Zerbe, Sec'y, RR 1, Box 763, Herndon, PA 17830.

IDELLA REBEKAH LODGE, #58, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Route 225. Jane Blair, Sec'y, RR #1, Box 91, Klingerstown, PA 17941.

EBENSBURG—HIGHLAND LODGE, #428, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, 207 West High Street. Robert C. Burgan, Sec'y, 218 Columbus Ave., Cresson, PA 16630.

EDINBORO-EDINBORO LODGE, #510, meets 2nd & 4th Thurs., 8:00 P.M., Masonic Hall,

101 Walker Dr., Edinboro. Lawrence Piepers, Sec'y, 7216 Crane Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412.

ELIZABETH—MONONGAHELA LODGE, #209, meets every Tuesday, 8:00 P.M. at Roberts Hollow Rd. Les Salzman, Sec'y, 706 Rt. 481, Monongahela, PA 15063.

MONONGAHELA ENCAMPMENT, #109, meets the 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at Roberts Hollow, James R. Lewis, Scribe, 1200 Madison Dr., Elizabeth, PA 15037.

CANTON PITTSBURGH, #5, meets on the 1st Monday of the month, 8:00 P.M., Roberts Hollow Rd. Robert J. Love, Clerk, 2815 Kathy St., South Park, PA 15129.

MONONGAHELA L.E.A., # 109, meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. of each month at Roberts Hallow Rd., Mary Louise Rudman, Scribe, 20-A Greenwood Heights, Connellsville, PA 15425.

ELYSBURG—ELYSBURG LODGE, #548, meets every Thursday in the Lodge Hall on S. Market Street. Anthony Losiewicz, Sec'y, RR1 Box 845, Coal Township, PA 17866

ERIE—LAURA REBEKAH LODGE, #101, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. in the Masonic Bldg., 32 W. 8th St., Erie, PA. Myrtle Nelson, Secy., 811 Wyoming Ave., Erie, PA 16505

FALLS CREEK—FALLS CREEK LODGE, #957, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 106 Main Street. Kenneth A. Wiser, Sec'y, 432 Deemer Ave., Falls Creek, PA 15840.

FREEDOM—EDITH LODGE, #812, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M., 625 Third Avenue, Freedom, PA. Herbert Heinemann, Sec'y, 1049 Catherine Drive. Conway, PA 15027.

HARRISON GRAHAM ENCAMPMENT, #116, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M., 625 Third Avenue. Herbert Heinemann, Scribe, 1049 Catherine Dr., Conway, PA 15027.

FREEPORT—FREEPORT LODGE, #379, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M., except June, July and August, when meetings are held on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall on Ford City Road, Route 128N. Edward Lydick, Sec'y, 203 McWilliams Dr., Natrona Heights, PA 15065.

GASTONVILLE—MONONGAHELA DEGREE LODGE, #88, meets the 4th Wednesday of every month at the Nucleus Lodge Hall at 7:30 P.M. Eugene Umbel, Sec'y, 641 Bitner Rd., Dunbar, PA 15431.

MON VALLEY REBEKAH LODGE, #82, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 P.M., IOOF Bldg., Elrama Rd., Carolyn G. Barger, Sec'y, 701 Maple Drive, Monongahela, PA 15063.

GROVE CITY—ORCHARD MANOR, Director's Meeting Apr. to Sept., 3rd Friday at 7:00 P.M.; Oct. to Mar., 3rd Saturday at 10:00 A.M. at 20 Orchard Drive, Grove City, PA 16127. Diane Robinson, Administrator.

HARRISBURG—SUSANNAH REBEKAH LODGE, #247, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 2:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church, 124 S. 13th St., Harrisburg. Kathryn Bush, Sec'y, 3532 N. 4th St., Harrisburg, PA 17110.

HAZLETON—HAZLETON LODGE, #65, meets every Friday at 7:30 P.M., 120 W. Oak St., Hazleton. Clinton Bittner, Sec'y, 421 E. Walnut Street, Hazleton, PA 18201.

HONESDALE—FREEDOM LODGE, #88, meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. in Odd Fellows Bldg., 742 Main Street. Howard L. Goodenough, Jr., Sec'y, same address as above, hgoodenough@ezaccess.net

INDIANA—PALLADIUM LODGE, #346, meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church, Oakland Ave. and Church Street. Howard B. Brewer, Sec'y, P.O. Box 242, Indiana, PA 15701-0242.

JEANNETTE—JEANNETTE LODGE, #701, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings at Third and Bullitt Ave. Eugene T. Martinella, Sec'y, 218 Margaret Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644.

JOHNSTOWN—ALMA LODGE, #523, meets every Friday evening (except July and August meetings held 1st and 3rd Fridays only) at 440-442 Main Street. John P. Pearce, Sec'y, 355 Edith Ave., Johnstown, PA 15906.

WILLIAM F. PACKER ENCAMPMENT, #127, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in Alma Hall, 440-442 Main Street. John P. Pearce, Scribe, 355 Edith Ave., Johnstown, PA 15906.

LAKE CITY—NICKEL PLATE LODGE, #1125, meets every Wednesday evening in Fern Rebekah Lodge Hall, 2180 Rice Ave. Jack J. Bort, Sec'y, 12141 W. Main St., E. Springfield, PA 16411.

FERN REBEKAH LODGE, #234, meets 2nd & 4th Tues., Apr. 1 to Oct. 31, 7:30 P.M. and Nov. 1 to Mar. 31, 2:00 P.M., at 2180 Rice Ave. Mildred Struchen, Sec'y, 2500 Nursery Rd., 301 N. 3rd St., Lake City, PA 16423.

LAKE COMO—NAKOMIS REBEKAH LODGE, #497, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall, Rt. 247. Violet Maholchie, Sec'y, P.O. Box 13, Poyntelle, PA 18454.

LANSDOWNE—LANSDOWNE LODGE, #282, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 8:00 P.M. at the Masonic Bldg., 27 S. Lansdowne Ave. Lee McDonald, Sec'y, 2635 Eldon Ave., Drexel Hill, PA 19026.

LATROBE—JOHN E. NACE ENCAMPMENT, #199, meets 1st Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Bowser Hall, 630 Rear, Depot St, Latrobe. Fred M. See, Scribe, P.O. Box 226, Latrobe, PA 15650-0226

LATROBE LODGE #541 meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at 630 (R) Depot St., Fred M. See, Sec'y, P.O. Box 226, Latrobe, PA 15650, fredseeatlave@webtv.net

LAWRENCE VILLE—LADY LAWRENCE REBEKAH LODGE #349, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 11:00 A.M. at the Lawrence Municipal Bldg. Avis Deats, Sec'y, RFD 2, Box 935, Lawrenceville, PA16929

LEESPORT—LEESPORT LODGE, #141, meets every Tuesday, May-Oct. 7:30 PM, Nov-Apr. 8:00 PM, at Lodge Hall, 27 Railroad Avenue. LeRoy K. Seip, Sec'y, PO Box 251, Leesport, PA 19533

EARL R. LEIBY ENCAMPMENT, #106, meets every 2nd Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall. Leon S. Stamm, Scribe, 315 Governor Dr., Mifflin Park, Reading, PA 19607-2815, goviss@earthlink.com

CANTON LEESPORT, #2, meets 4th Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in LO.O.F. Hall. Capt. (R) Nevin W. Adams, Clerk, 1083 Shoemakersville Rd., Shoemakersville, PA 19555-9009.

LEHMAN—OSAGE LODGE. #712, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Mill and Market Streets. Alan S. Major, Sec'y, P.O. Box 25, Lehman, PA 18627.

LEWISBURG—LEWISBURG LODGE, #96, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M., at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, South 4th Street, Back Entrance. Gary Hallock, Sec'y, 10 Albert Blvd., Winfield, PA 17889, lodge96IOOF@hotmail.com

LINWOOD—LADY ELAM REBEKAH LODGE, #2, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 11:00 A.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, Ridge and Market Streets. Lois U. Kelly, Sec'y, 86 Summit Ave., Chadds Ford, PA 19317-9036.

LITITZ—LITITZ LODGE, #1050, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, 111-113 N. Broad Street, Lititz, PA 17543, John H. Himmelberger, Sec'y, P.O. Box 267, Lititz, PA 17543.

LADY SUTTER REBEKAH LODGE, #435, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at 111-113 N. Broad St., Dotty Derr, Sec'y, 101 Lincoln Ave., Lititz, PA 17543.

MALVERN—MALVERN POCAHONTAS LODGE, #201, meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. at Malvern Lodge Hall, 111 Church Street, Malvern, PA 19355, Donald Smith, Sec'y.

CHOSEN FRIENDS ENCAMPMENT #88, meets 3rd Wednesday at 111 Church St. Robert Vaughn, Scribe, 291 Valley View Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.

LADY PAOLI REBEKAH LODGE, #136, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at Malvern Lodge IOOF, 111 Church St. Gertrude Vaughn, Sec'y, 291 Valley View Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.

PAOLI LODGE, #290, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the Malvern Lodge Hall, 111 Church Street, Malvern, PA. Robert R. Pyle, Sec'y, 685 Hopewell Road, Downingtown, PA 19335.

MEADVILLE—MEADVILLE AUXILIARY, #47, meets the 4th Saturday each month at Odd Fellows Home, 400 N. Main St. Lady Marcia LaVan, Sec'y, 2515 Scrubgrass Rd., Jackson Center, PA 16133.

CUSSEWAGO LODGE, #108, meets every Monday at 400 N. Main St., Meadville. Leland Dorchester, Sec'y, Box 94, Cochranton, PA 16314.

ODD FELLOWS HOME OF WESTERN PA, The Pioneer Home, Board of Directors and Trustees, nieets every 2nd Friday at 400 N. Main St., Dora Kahler, Sec'y, 3700 State Highway #173, Cochranton, PA 16314

MIDDLETOWN—TRIUNE LODGE, #307, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 47 W. Emaus Street. Mail to: P.O. Box 612, Middletown, PA 17057.

RED ROSE REBEKAH LODGE, #586, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall, 47 W. Emaus Street. Edith M. Morrow, Sec'y, 407 E. Emaus Street, Middletown, PA 17057.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAH HOME AUXILIARY OF EASTERN PA, meets 1st Saturday at 1:00 P.M. at the Odd Fellows Home of Middletown. Jane E. Reisinger, Sec'y., 5880 Chamber Hill Rd., Harrisburg, PA 17111.

MIFFLINBURG—FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY REBEKAH LODGE #15, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M., at Vicksburg Community Center, Vicksburg, PA. Molly M. Criswell, Sec'y, RD #4, Box 203, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, criswell@ptd.net

MILLBROOK—LADY WORTH REBEKAH LODGE, #328, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30 P.M. at the Millbrook Grange. Doris Carey, Sec'y, 1772 Sandy Lake-Grove City Rd., Jackson Ctr., PA 16133.

MILROY—LADY BUTLER REBEKAH LODGE, #316, meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:00 P.M., Fellowship Hall, White Memorial United Church of Christ. Virginia Reed, Sec'y, 7 Colonial Dr., Reedsville, PA 17084.

MONTROSE—MARY REBEKAH LODGE, #7, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at U.M. Methodist Church, 90 Church St., Montrose, PA. Dorothy Snow, Sec'y, R.D. 3, Box 91, Montrose, PA 18801

MORGANTOWN—CAERNARVON LODGE #557, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. (Oct 1st thru Mar. 31st) and at 8:00 P.M. (Apr. 1st thru Sept. 30th) St. Thomas Parish House, Cherry Lane. Charles R. Garman, Sec'y., R.D. 1, Box 293, Morgantown, PA 19543.

MUNCY—CELESTIA REBEKAH LODGE, #80, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 13 S. Main Street. Constance Hess, Sec'y, 210 Westland Ave., Duboisetown, PA 17701.

BRADY LODGE, #116, meets every Friday, 8:00 P.M., at 13 S. Main St. Leon Fenstermaker, Sec'y, RR 3 Box 553, Muncy, PA 17756-9023.

NAZARETH—ALUTA LODGE, #488, meets every Friday at 8:00 P.M. at 1068 Bushkill Center Road. Frank Dalcin, Sec'y, P.O. Box 157, Bath, PA 18014.

LADY HALL REBEKAH, #202, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 P.M. at Aluta Hall, Dolores Keller, Sec'y, 24 E. 2nd St., Nazareth, PA 18064.

BUSHKILL ENCAMPMENT, #55, meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8:00 P.M. at 1068 Bushkill Ctr. Rd., Bushkill Twp. Maynard J. Ernst, Sec'y, PO Box 105, Tatamy, PA 18085-0105.

NEW BLOOMFIELD—MACKINAW LODGE, #380, meets every Monday at 7:30 P.M. (Oct. thru Apr.) and 8:00 P.M. (May thru Sept.) in the Lodge Hall, 18 W. Main Street. Brooks E. Reeder, Sec'y, 1760 Shermans Valley Rd., Elliotsburg, PA 17024.

MAHONEY REBEKAH LODGE, #428, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. (May-Oct) & 1:30 P.M. (Nov-Apr) in Odd Fellows Hall, 18 W. Main Street. Martha Rice, Sec'y, 26 W. Shortcut Rd., Newport, PA 17074.

NEW HOLLAND—EARL LODGE, #413, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at 272 Locust Street. Russell E. McQuate, Sec'y, 17 S. Groffdale Road, Leola, PA 17540.

NEW KENSINGTON—NEW KENSINGTON LODGE, #804, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday

nights at 8:00 p.m., Carpenters Union Hall, 854 Fifth Ave., New Kensington, PA 15068. Charles Jones, Sec'y, 1520 Neely St., Natrona Heights, PA 15065.

NEW RINGGOLD—EAST BRUNSWICK LODGE, #802, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM at 155 Wetherill St., Alfonso Martinez, Sec'y, RD 1, Box 37, Andreas, PA 18211.

NORRISTOWN—MONTGOMERY-CURTIS-NORRIS LODGE, #57, meets the 2nd & 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M. at LO.O.F. Hall, 1232 Astor st., Norristown, PA 19401. Jon Gorman, Sec'y.

PHILADELPHIA—CANTON PHILADELPHIA, #1, meets 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at Walker Hall, 1290 Southampton Rd. Joseph M. Strausser, Clerk, 121 N. Cornwall Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406, ret388@aol.com

WALKER LODGE, #306, meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. at 1290 Southhampton Rd. Mike Shorten, Sec'y, 12603 Dunks Ferry Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, #150, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in their Lodge Hall at 500 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, Harold A. Boden, Sec'y, 1375 Slayton Drive, Maple Glen, PA 19002

MYSTIC LODGE, #270, meets every Monday (except the 1st Monday each month) at 8:00 P.M. at the American Legion Bldg., 8041 Frankford Ave. Elliot Tenenbaum, Sec'y, 83 Hunt Drive, Horsham, PA 19044-1134, elliot386@msn.com

LETITIA PENN REBEKAH LODGE, #173, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M. at Walker Lodge Hall, 1290 Southampton Rd., Philadelphia. Catherine E. McMenamin, Sec'y, 238 Street Rd. C-101, Southampton, PA 18966.

ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEASTERN PA meets 1st Wednesday of March, June, September, and December. Contact the Secretary for meeting information. Gertrude Vaughn, Sec'y, 291 Valley View Rd., Malvern, PA 19355.

PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT, #135, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday evenings in Walker Hall, 1290 Southampton Rd. Elliott L. Tenenbaum, Scribe, 83 Hunt Dr., Horsham, PA 19044-1134, elliot386@msn.com

HENRY DISSTON LODGE, #8, meets 1st & 3rd Monday at 8:00 PM at Disston Preshyterian Church, Tyson and Glenloch Sts. James Murphy, Sec'y, 3342 Lansing St., Philadelphia, PA 19136

VARIETY LODGE, #37, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 8:00 PM at 1290 Southampton Rd., Philadelphia. Gilbert A. Rand, Sec'y, 8641 Ferndale St., Philadelphia, PA 19149.

PINE GROVE—PINE GROVE LODGE, #148, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 PM at 277 S. Tulpehocken St., Roger Zimmerman, Sec'y, 22 Carbon St., Pine Grove, PA 17963.

PITTSBURGH—BRUSHTON-SWISSVALE LODGE, #1107, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the American Legion Hall, Post #351, Verona Road. Donald G. Buchanan, Sec'y, 621 Veronica Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

UNIFIED LODGE, #2, meets every Thursday at 8:00 PM, at 3219 Central Ave. Ronald J. Collins, Sec'y, 1432 Eckert St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

PETER FRITZ LODGE, #486, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 P.M. at American Legion, 1751 Arlington Ave. Bill McClaren, Sec'y, 2929 Leander St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

LADY UNITED REBEKAH LODGE, #3, meets 2nd and 4th Monday, 8:00 P.M., Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Ctr., 3579 Masonic Way. Anne Dihlman, Sec'y, 841 Calif. Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

MARY MAGDALENE REBEKAH LODGE, #365, meets 2nd and 4th Monday in the Mary S. Brown United Methodist Church, 3424 Beechwood Blvd., Myra McCorkle, Sec*y, 1833 Woodcove Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15216, myell2@aol.com

PITTSTON—THISTLE LODGE, #512, meets every Monday at 7:30 P.M. in IOOF Hall. 59 S. Main Street. Francis McGrath, Sec'y, 902 W. Elm St., Scranton, PA 18504.

PORT MATILDA—PORT MATILDA LODGE, #733, meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:30 P.M. at the Fowler Grove U.M. Woman's Bldg., Route 220. Donald R. Trulick, Sec'y., 161 Stover Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823, dtrulick@aol.com

POTTSTOWN—MANATAWNY LODGE, #214, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. at the I.O.O.F. Hall, King and Charlotte Streets Oct. 1 through May 31, and at 8:00 P.M. June to Sept. 30. Gerald L. Markley, Sec'y, 393 State Street, Pottstown, PA 19464.

LADY WITTENMYER REBEKAH LODGE #20, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8:00 PM at IOOF Hall, 300 King St., Pottstown, Pat Feldman, Sec'y, 23 Grosstown Rd., Stowe, PA 19464.

ROCHESTER MILLS—ALERT LODGE, #936, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the 1.O.O.F. Hall, Main Street. Robert Kantorski, Sec'y, 219 Enterprise Dr., Rochester Mills, PA 15771-8135.

RUSH—ERNESTINE REBEKAH LODGE #548, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at Rush Odd Fellows Hall, Rush, PA, Sylvia Jones, Sec'y, RR 5, Box 53, Montrose, PA 18801. RUSH LODGE #471, meets every Saturday, 8:00 P.M. at IOOF Hall. Alton G. Arnold, Sec'y.,

SANDY LAKE—Sandy Lake Lodge #573, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:00 PM in the Odd Fellows Lodge, 5242 Lake Street, Sandy Lake, PA 16145. Harold McQuiston, Sec'y., P.O. Box 265, Sandy Lake, PA 16145.

RD #5, Box 49, Montrose, PA 18801.

SCHNECKSVILLE—JORDAN LODGE, #192, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, Schnecksville Fire Hall, Main Street. Stanley Wieand, Sec'y, 3795 Maple Street, Allentown, PA 18104.

LADY LILLIE BEST REBEKAH LODGE, #222, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday, Schnecksville Fire Hall, Main Street. Jill Schlosser, Sec'y, 4927 Spruce St., Schnecksville, PA 18078.

SELINSGROVE—LADY SELIN REBEKAH LODGE, #378, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 PM at Community Building, 1 N. High St., Hilda Mull, Sec'y, RD 2, Box 298B, Middleburg, PA 17842.

SELLERSVILLE—LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE, #558, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall, Main Street and Temple Ave. Mary Landes, Sec'y, 316 S. Main St., Sellersville, PA 18960.

VICTORY LODGE, #658, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at Main and Temple Sts., Lee Wagner, Sec'y, 203 N. Main St., Setlersville, PA 18960.

SHAMOKIN—REGINA REBEKAH LODGE #230, meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the Mt. Tabor #125 Lodge Hall, Treverton Rd., Jearldean Losiewicz, See'y, R.D. 1, Box 845,

Coal Township, PA 17866.

MT. TABOR LODGE, #125, meets every Monday at 7:30 P.M., 1 mile north of Shamokin on Rt. 225. William Gruneberg, Sec'y, 1731 Park Avenue, Shamokin, PA 17872.

SHARON—SHARON LODGE, #347, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 25 W. Shenango Street, Sharpsville. James Housman, Sec'y, 1192 Bedford Road, Masury, Ohio 44438.

SHARPSVILLE—ADONIRAM LODGE, #739, meets every Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at 25 W. Shenango Street. Richard Slater, Sec'y, 814 Pearl Street, Sharon, PA 16146.

SHARPS VILLE REBEKAH LODGE, #110, meets the 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at 25 W. Shenango St. Florence Paddock, Sec'y, 7626 Stewart Sharon Rd., Masury, OH 44438.

SHENANDOAH—SHENANDOAH LODGE, #591, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M., OF Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Rd., Shenandoah Heights. Robert Beddall, Sec³y, 34 S. Jardin St., Shenandoah, PA 17976.

SHILLINGTON—SHILLINGTON LODGE, #1175, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 116-118 W. Lancaster Ave. Leon S. Stamm, Sec'y, 315 Governor Dr., Mifflin Park, Reading, PA 19607-2815, goviss@earthlink.com

SMETHPORT—SMETHPORT LODGE, #389, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M. in IOOF Hall, 406 W. Main St., Arthur Paulson, Sec'y, 3 Anderson St., Mt. Jewett, PA 16740.

SOMERSET—SOMERSET LODGE, #438, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. at 113 N. Center Ave. Donald Sechler, Sec'y, 1344 Grandview Ave., Somerset, PA 15501.

SPRING CITY—VINCENT LODGE, #762, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the basement of the Odd Fellows Temple, 111 N. Main Street. Gary Yerger, Sec'y, 111 Main Street, Spring City, PA 19426.

STATE COLLEGE—LADY EMILY REBEKAH LODGE #452, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. in Windernere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr., State College, PA. Ella Lee Trulick, Sec'y, 161 Stover Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823, EllieTrulick@aol.com

CANTON RIDGELY #8 meets at the 2nd Wed. at 8:00 P.M. at Windemere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr., State College. Arthur Moyer, Clerk, 120 Grandview Rd., State College, PA 16801. (814) 238-8547

STATE COLLEGE LODGE #1032, meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:30 P.M. at Windmere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr., State College, PA. Kenneth H. Kulp, Sec'y, P.O. Box 255, State College, PA 16804, khkulp@prodigy.net

STONY FORK—MARINDA REBEKAH LODGE #107 meets the 1st & 3rd Monday at 1:00 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall. Patricia Kriner, Sec'y, R.D. 1, Box 83, Wellsboro, PA 16901.

STRASBURG—STRASBURG LODGE #361 meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. at 9A E. Main St. Donald A. Bachman, Sec'y, 117 Miller Street, Strasburg, PA 17579.

STROUDSBURG—FT. PENN LODGE #134 meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. at 572 Main St., Stroudsburg. Richard Seidof, Sec'y, HCR 1, Box 560, Sciota, PA 18354.

SUMMERVILLE—LADY EVANGELINE REBEKAH LODGE, #146, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in Civic Center, West Penn Street. Bertha Reitz, Sec'y, RD 1, Box 185, Summerville, PA 15864.

SUNBURY—LADY EDEN REBEKAH LODGE, #56, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, at 7:30 P.M. at Augusta Lodge Hall, I.O.O.F., R.D. 3, Plum Creek Road. Gloria M. Snyder, Sec'y., R.R. 1, Box 171, Sunbury, PA 17801-9750.

TAMAQUA—HARMONY LODGE, #86, meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M., Odd Fellows Hall, 503 West Broad St., Justin C. Bailey, Sec'y, 223 Hunter St., Tamaqua, PA 18252.

SCOTT ENCAMPMENT, #132, meets the 1st Thursday at 7:00 PM, Harmony Hall, 503 W. Broad St. Donald R. Serfass, Scribe, 242 W. Broad St., Tamaqua, PA 18252, ironstep@ptd.net.

HESTER REBEKAH LODGE, #29, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, at 7:00 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, 503 W. Broad St., Tamaqua, Fern V. Mantz, Sec'y 222 E. Broad St., Apt. 1405, Tamaqua, PA 18252

TITUSVILLE—QUEEN CITY LODGE, #304, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., 4291 W. Central Ave., Melford Holmes, Sec'y, 42961 W. Central Ave., Titusville, PA 16354.

OIL CITY ENCAMPMENT, #182, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 PM at 42961 Central Ave., Leland Dorchester, Scribe, 114 Riber St., Cochranton, PA 16314.

LADY DRAKE REBEKAH LODGE #301 meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 1:00 P.M. at I.O.O.F. Hall, 811 W. Central Ave., Joan Gates, Sec'y, 122 E. Bloss St., Titusville, PA 16354.

TUNKHANNOCK—TUNKHANNOCK LODGE, #699, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at Lemon Community Hall, Route 29, Lemon, PA. Thomas Severcool, Sec'y, RR 4, Box 4219, Meshoppen, PA 18630.

LADY ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE #74, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays at 2:00 P.M. at Lemon Community Hall, Route 29, Lemon, PA. Shirley Severcool, Sec'y, RR 4, Box 4219, Meshoppen, PA. 18630

VANDERGRIFT—VANDERGRIFT LODGE, #1116, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:45 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, 112 Grant Ave. Ronald Stephenson, Sec'y, RD 2, Box 383, Kittanning, PA 16201.

WALTERSBURG—NATHAN LEWISFORT NECESSITY LODGE, #254, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 P.M. Eugene Sabatula, See'y., 596 Bitner Rd., Dunbar, PA 15431.

ELLEN REBEKAH LODGE, #233, meets 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:00 P.M., Waltersburg, Bernice M. Thomas, Sec'y, 244 Rutter Lane, Smock, PA 15480-9520.

WAMPUM—ELLWOOD CITY LODGE, #9, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M., R.D. I, Bernard L. Myers, Sec'y, 802 Etna Street, New Castle, PA 16101.

WARREN LODGE, #339, meets Tuesday at 7:30 P.M., 208-210 Hickory Street. John E. Colter, See'y, 906 Conewango Ave., Warren, PA 16365.

KOSSUTH ENCAMPMENT, #98, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M., 208-210 Hickory Street. Annual Degree Rally, 1st Saturday in June. John E. Colter, Scribe, 906 Conewago Ave., Warren, PA 16365.

WASHINGTON—LADY HOGUE REBEKAH LODGE, #102, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M., 696 Fayette St., Washington, PA. Pat Newman, Sec'y, 976 Mounts Rd., Washington, PA 15301.

WAYNESBURG—WAYNESBURG LODGE, #469. meets 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. at 35 W. High Street. Richard Kamerer, Sec'y, 595 Point Alley, Waynesburg, PA 15370.

WEST SUNBURY—WEST SUNBURY REBEKAH LODGE, #19, meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1:30 P.M., at the IOOF Hall in West Sunbury, Audean Byers, Sec'y, 1066 Hooker Rd., Karns City, PA 16041.

WHITE HAVEN—WHITE HAVEN LODGE, #457, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at 238 Main St. Lawrence Bond, Sec'y, 601 Barrys Lane, White Haven, PA 18661.

WYSOX—WYSOX LODGE, #1152, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. I mile south of Wysox on Rt. 187. Thomas Elliot, Sec'y, Rt. 2, Box 126A, Towanda, PA 18848.

YORK—MT. ZION LODGE, #74, meets 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday at 7:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. Dale Singer, Sec*y, P.O. Box 1173, York, PA 17405.

YORK CANTON, #14, meets 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Rd. William McElwain, Clerk, 136 Crown Pt. Dr., York, PA 17402. Bill83049@aol.com

MOUNT VERNON ENCAMPMENT, #14, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. LaMar E. Dockey, Scribe, P.O. Box 725, York, PA 17405.

SALOME REBEKAH LODGE, #30, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. Beverly A. Bowers, Sec'y, 1228 Edison Street, York, PA 17403.

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS for receiving the Tournament Volunteers Trophy in the 2002 Tournament of Roses Parade for the best floral design under 35 feet in length.

Easter Bunnies

Mrs. Roy L. Peifer

Eastern bunnies came a-hopping Down pussy-willow lane; Past a meadow sweet with clover,

Past a field of greening grain —

Easter bunnies plucked a blossom

From a bursting apple tree; Welcomed back the shy Miss Crocus And a gruff old bumblebee

Easter bunnies came a-skipping
Thru' the wood-lot by the mill;
Thru' the pasture, o'er the foot-bridge,
Up a little rolling hill —

Easter hunnies paused to listen To a robin's cheerful note As it pulsed and throbbed and rippled From his joyous chrimson throat —

Easter bunnies came a-tripping 'Cross the yard and garden too; All the world was bright with sunshine And the skies were clear and blue —

Easter bunnies brought a message, They just dropped around to say "May your heart be filled with gladness On this blessed Easter Day."

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