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PLACES TO GO – PEOPLE TO SEE

2005 – MARCH

- Saturday, 12th* - Philadelphia Orphans Home Meeting
**18-19th* - Middle Atlantic States Conclave, New York
**26th* - Orchard Manor & Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Home of Western PA Annual Meeting

MAY

- *1st* - Tomb of the Unknown, Arlington
**14th* - Spring Bar-B-Que, Clarion County; details to follow
**21st* - Spring All State Rally, Boyertown; details to follow

JUNE

- *4th* - Encampment & L.E.A. Rally, Warren; details to follow
**11th* - Philadelphia Orphans Home Meeting
**27th* - 30th Unified Sessions, Grantville

JULY

- *9th* - Orchard Manor's Annual Picnic, Grove City
**17th* - Home Day, Odd Fellows Home, Middletown
**23rd* - Fun Day, Knoebels Park, details to follow

SEPTEMBER

- *10th* - Philadelphia Orphans Home Meeting
**10th* - Testimonial. Izetta McGill, 4 Pointe Hotel, Greensburg; details to follow
**24th* - Degree Rally, Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia; details to follow

NOVEMBER

- *12th* - P.M. & L.A.P.M. Rally, York; details to follow

DECEMBER

- *10th* - Philadelphia Orphans Home Meeting

**denotes furnished by Planning Board*

I Hope We Don't Get This Way Too Soon!

A SENIOR MOMENT

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times each week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me – I know we've been friends for a long time – but I can't think of your name! I've thought and thoughts, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes. She just glared and started. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

From Mary Lou Staley and the internet

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Betty Mae Johnson enjoys playing "Christmas Jingo" with her 3rd grade visitor.

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CAN GOD USE YOU?

The next time you find yourself feeling that God can't use you to help accomplish His plan, just remember these things: **Noah** got drunk; **Abraham** thought he was too old; **Isaac** was a daydreamer; **Jacob** told lies; **Leah** was not very pretty; **Joseph** was abused; **Moses** had a speech problem; **Gideon** was afraid; **Samson** was a long-haired womanizer; **Rahab** was a prostitute; **Jeremiah** and **Timothy** were thought to be too young; **David** had a serious affair; **Elijah** was suicidal; **Isaiah** preached while naked; **Jonah** tried to run away from God; **Naomi** was a widow; **Job** went bankrupt; **John The Baptist** ate bugs; **Peter** denied Christ; the **Disciples** fell asleep while the Master was praying; **Martha** worried about everything; **Mary Magdalene**, was, well, you know; the **Samaritan Woman** was divorced, multiple times; **Zacchaeus** was too small; **Paul** was thought to be too religious; **Timothy** had an ulcer; and **Lazarus** was dead.

Isn't God's grace truly amazing? Because of His unconditional love and through His mercy, He has called every one of us, no matter what our age, to be His ambassadors, even when we aren't perfect, and even when we don't deserve such honor. His grace is greater than our sins, His love is stronger than our weakness. Where has God called **you** to serve today? Even in our imperfections, we are called to be God's stewards and servants in His kingdom. Isn't that what **Friendship, Love, And Truth** is to be about? Shouldn't we be about the Lord's business? Think about it, Brothers and Sisters.

Submitted by Ted Bergfelt,
Financial Secretary
Unified Lodge Number 2,
Pittsburgh, PA

THANKS

Charles B. and Irene Kelly wish to thank all the brothers and sisters for all the cards, thoughts, get well wishes and the many prayers for us while we were both sick. We are doing better but still have a long way to go. We are at home and our Daughter Charlene helps us out and looks in on us all the time. Chuck is still driving and we were never in a home.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL CONCERNED.

Charles B. and Irene Kelly

JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA

2005 ALL STATE RALLY

Greetings to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

The Jurisdictional Planning Board extends an invitation to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to join us at the All State Rally to be held **Saturday, May 21, 2005** at Boyertown Lodge Hall, 35 E. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown, PA.

Registration fee will be \$2.00 and will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Please make sure you send your list of candidates to Joseph M. Strausser, 121 N. Cornwall Avenue, Ventnor, NJ 08406-2212 by May 11, 2005. Candidates must have already received their Initiation degree.

The Grand Lodge will open and close for the Odd Fellows and will confer the Grand Lodge Degree at 12:00 Noon and the Rebekah Assembly will open and close for the Rebekah Degree and will confer the Assembly degree at 12:00 Noon. The regular degrees will begin at 12:30 P.M. Walker Lodge will put on the Odd Fellows Degrees and Rebekahs on the Road the Rebekah Degree.

A lunch will be provided at a nominal fee by the members of Boyertown Lodge at 11:00 A.M. and a Banquet will be held at 5:00 P.M. at the Oriels Club. A home style

dinner of Ham and Turkey will be served for \$15.00 per person. Reservations with remittance to be sent to Maynard Ernst, P.O. Box 105, Tatamy, PA 18085-0105 by May 5th, 2005.

Raffle Tickets will be handled by Nancy Strausser, 121 N. Cornwall Avenue, Ventnor, NJ 08408-2212, Phone 609-822-9242 and can be obtained upon request.

Donations for door prizes will be appreciated from Lodges or individuals. They may be sent to Nancy Strausser at the above address.

Bring your Candidates to the All State Rally for a day of Odd Fellowship. The Committee requests that no other tickets be sold at the Rally.

All checks payable to the "Jurisdictional Planning Board."

*Fraternally,
Rally Committee*



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Dear Readers,

As I sit here thinking about what to write, I keep thinking what do I have to do to get more Lodges sending in articles for the Magazine. Also, what can be done to increase the subscriptions? If you are reading this – who do you know that you can get to subscribe? This is your magazine – if we are to keep it going, we have to get more people involved.

By the time you get this copy of the magazine it will be time for you that garden to be thinking about getting your seed catalogs out and start to plan for the planting season. To all of you who garden, I wish you a great time digging in the dirt. Also, this would be a good time to think about what you can do to make your Lodge look better – plant some tree shrubs and flowers.

*Fraternally,
William L. Locke, Grand Secretary*

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CHURCH HUMOR

- No God, no peace. Know God, know peace.
- Free trip to heaven. Details inside!
- Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins.
- Fight Truth decay. Study the Bible daily.
- Dusty Bibles lead to dirty lives.
- Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.
- Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns.
- Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon.
- This is ch-ch. What is missing? (U R)
- If you're in the dark, follow the Son.
- If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the shepherd.

*Submitted by Lori Wertheimer
Mt. Zion Lutheran Church,
Pittsburgh, PA*

SURPRISE! SURPRISE! SURPRISE!

That's exactly what happened on Thursday, November 18, 2004, a surprise "movin' on east" party for Sister Martha Burns, a member of Star of Glassport Rebekah Lodge #563, who pulled up roots in the Pittsburgh area and transplanted them, to reside with her family, the Fred Richmonds, in Lancaster, PA. The party was

organized by Sister Donna Faub, also of the Star of Glassport Lodge. More than 60 friends, Rebekahs, and Odd Fellows of Unified Lodge #2, I.O.O.F., attended the event, which began with dinner at 6:30 P.M.



The members of Unified Lodge were there to send Martha off with a true F.L.T. spirit. Martha really will be missed in the Pittsburgh locale, but everyone in attendance also knows that she will be doing the deeds of a true Rebekah, no matter where she records her address or hangs her hat. God-speed, Sister Martha. God loves you, and so do all of us!



FEBRUARY



WISHES

- 1 - Doris Carl/R#58
Richard Horlick/#348
Stephen Rothermel/#551
- 2 - Carl E. Thomas Jr./#523
Myron Brubaker/#551
John Behrendt/#1030
John Aboud/#306
- 3 - Chester Donner/#739
- 4 - Clyde Barger/#377
Bertha Reitz/R#146
Robert Rhodes/#812
Henry Stitt/#1030
Inez Larichuita/R#29
Bernard L. Kennedy/#551
- 5 - Darvin Schreffler/#551
Joseph Grisman/#1152
Telford E. Manners/#523
- 6 - Janet Betzer/R#378
Robert W. Tilley/#523
- 7 - Catherine McMennanmin/R#173
- 8 - Richard Jantsch/#348
John E. Fetterolf/#510
- 9 - Stephen R. Neiley/#1152

- 10 - Ruth Betz/R#29
Brenda Long/R#58
- 11 - Pete Patterson/#847
- 12 - Alfred Cooper/#74
Henry Leshner/#285
William L. Locke/#739
Robert Willison/#804
Richard Parrish/#969
- 13 - Gene Bennett/#153
- 15 - Barry Fulton/#86
Dwight Koontz/#541
- 16 - Nick Zigmant/#86
Verna Bordner/R#58
Kathleen Wentzell/R#202
- 17 - Noble Beheler/#348
Ruth Good/#123
Harry Ackley/#1152
James R. Clark/#523
- 18 - Sherry Carter/R#39
- 19 - Alton B. Rohrbaugh/#74
Carl B. Holtzapfel/#74
Raymond Darrohn/#488
Robert Ellenberger/#733

- Daniel R. Owens/#523
Kathleen Ernest/R#202
- 20 - Craig Tutton/#969
Charles Anderson/#153
- 21 - Samuel Gallaher/#804
Lynn R. Harrison/#523
Ronald E. Rudge/#523
Russell O. Kelly/#523
- 22 - Lawrence Pieper/#510
George Smith/#1152
John M. Bodie/#523
- 24 - Nancy Tucker/R#173
- 25 - Lawrence Elliott/#1152
Charles R. Deaner/#523
Dawn Snyder/R#58
Charles E. Fishel/#74
- 26 - William Miller/#348
Lorine E. Strickler/R#74
Robert F. Snyder/#551
- 27 - Frederick H. Thomas III/#523
- 28 - Mary Jane Chonko/R#277
Bradley Shirey/#541
Richard A. James Sr./#523
- 29 - Andy Smarr/#86

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION MONTH

A college education has never been more important, and financing it has never been more challenging. That's why our Educational Foundation wants you to know that you can go to them for help with college financing.

College is one of the best investments you can make – for your future or for your children's. If you're a parent of a child heading off to college (or a grandparent, aunt or uncle), you will be very excited about the loans, with a low interest rate, long term repayment periods and no financial need requirements as well as the scholarships available, all possible through the generosity of the members of this Order.

Parents who haven't or couldn't save the necessary funds to finance their children's college education must make major sacrifices such as reducing their retirement savings. Most who are expected to face college bills in the future anticipate the prospect with great anxiety. The burden of paying for college weighs heavily even on relatively affluent, well-educated, and resourceful people like the members of our fraternity.

Still, record numbers of parents and students are willing to go deep into debt to come up with the huge sums (running to more than \$30,000 a year at the most selective private schools) needed to pay college costs. Enrollment at the 5,000+ colleges and universities in the US & Canada continues to increase. Today 65 percent of high-school graduates enroll in college each year, up one-third

over the past two decades. Families take on this huge financial commitment simply because, if they want to give their kids a shot at a secure economic future, they have no choice. Overall, college graduates in the labor force earned a median income in 2000 of over \$40,000, 60 percent more than the \$25,000 received by workers whose education ended in high school.

The Educational Foundation, IOOF offers a way to reduce the financial strain. With our student loan and scholarship program (Ingstrom & Wirz), we can assist your children and you proceed more safely through the college years.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION PROCLAMATION

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

Fraternal Greetings:

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further

Request for Scholarship Application(s)

*How do you obtain an
application for a Scholarship?*

Applications can be obtained by
mailing the forms below to:

R. Kenneth Babb
Educational Foundation, IOOF
P.O. Box 20455
Winston-Salem, NC 27120

EMAIL requests can be sent to:

rkbabb1@bellsouth.net

When using EMAIL, identify Application(s)
requested & address of student applicant

Fax Requests to:
(336) 724-5116

Ingstrom Trust Regional Scholarship

\$2,000.00 Scholarships
awarded annually to
students with IOOF
affiliation in each of
the IOOF 15
Membership Regions.

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**Ingstrom
Regional
Scholarship
APPLICATION**

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

TELEPHONE:

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

Charles J. & Christine Wirz Scholarship

\$1,000.00 Scholarships
awarded annually to
students without
regard to I.O.O.F.
affiliation.

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Scholarship
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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

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\$15,000.00 Scholarships at
the masters or doctoral
level for students who
address the needs of
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SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 6.4 million dollars, and

Whereas, the Educational Foundation depends upon donations from all Units and members for its continued service in this most important field, and

Whereas, the need for loans is ever increasing to meet the higher cost of helping men and women to find their place in life, working in all types of professional, business and trade fields, and

Whereas, one of our commands is: 'to educate'; what better way to achieve this command than through loans and scholarships of the Educational Foundation.

Now Therefore, I, C. LaVaughn Lawson, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as the Sovereign Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of February as **Educational Foundation Month** throughout Odd Fellowship.

Further, request all Units of the Order to support this project by: Making a special effort to sponsor a money-raising event for the benefit of the Educational Foundation or a treasury donation.

All monies raised and contributions made should be sent to the Jurisdictional Secretary of each Unit of the Order and the Jurisdictional Secretary will, in turn, send the total donations for the Jurisdiction to: R. Kenneth Babb, Ex. Dir., Educational Foundation, I.O.O.F., P.O. Box 20455, Winston-Salem, NC 27120. This will enable each Jurisdictional Secretary to give credit for contributions made by Local Units.

When you reach out and touch people through education you provide them with the knowledge.

Done this 1st day of December 2005, in the City of Wilmington, North Carolina, and of our Order 186th year.

Attest:

/s/ C. LaVaughn Lawson
Sovereign Grand Master

/s/ Terry L. Barrett
Sovereign Grand Secretary

ODD FELLOWS – MIDDLETOWN

There were many ways for residents to stimulate their senses this Christmas season. There was caroling, Christmas cookie baking and tasting, and decorations galore. Residents enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and visiting with the many children that visited the Home.

The year 2005 is just around the corner! Residents will ring in the new year with a party including munchies, sparkling wine, and good music.

Happy New Year!!!



Alvina "Fritz" Gross helps trim the tree.



Kathy Flanigan enjoys The Home's Tree Trimming Party.



Connie DiSanto receives a gift from a Seven Sorrows' 3rd Grader.

How do you obtain an application for a student loan?

Detailed information or an application can be obtained by mailing the form below, completed by only the applicant, to the address below, or by writing to:

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Executive Director
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P.O. Box 20455
Winston-Salem, NC 27120

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

The money comprising the Revolving Loan Fund has been contributed by Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, individual members and the Patriarchs Militant and Encampment units of the Order. We have been able to loan approximately two and one-half more than contributions because, as the loans are repaid by the students, the money is available to loan again. **All contributions to the Educational Foundation are placed in a Trust Fund and used only for Student Loans. All Canadian contributions are deposited in a Trust Fund Account in Canada and used only for Canadian students.**

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2005 NEW YORK MIDDLE ATLANTIC STATES CONCLAVE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS

October 12, 2004

For Members of ALL Units of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Preparations are almost complete for the 48th Annual Middle Atlantic States Conclave which will be held at the Nevele-Grande Resort, Ellenville, NY, March 18-20, 2005.

We extend a hand in Friendship to Each Brother and Sister to join with us for a great weekend of Friendship, Love and Truth.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, March 18, 2005

1:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Registration in Palace Lobby
7:45 p.m. Presentation of Flags with Escorts
8:00 p.m. Entertainment

Saturday, March 19, 2005

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Registration
9:00 a.m. General Conclave Meeting
Everyone Invited to Attend this Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Drill & Skit Program
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Social Hour
7:30 p.m. Banquet and Entertainment

All programs are open to the public with a registration badge as the only Admission Fee. Theta Rho Girls and Junior Lodge Members are guests of All events, with no charge except for the Banquet.

DRILL AND SKIT PROGRAM

Drill Teams and Skit Groups wishing to participate should contact Ellen Jean Whited, PP, 31 Paul Street, East Greenbush,

NY 12061, telephone (518) 477-6517.

Maximum time allowed for each group is 10 minutes.

Deadline for application is February 28, 2005 (use form on next page).

PRE-REGISTRATION

All persons who pre-register prior to February 14, 2005 will have their names included in the *Booster Listing* and receive a name tag upon arrival. Send your pre-registration forms with your \$2.00 remittance to: Betty Dennis, PP, 556 Falstaff Road, Rochester, NY 14609, telephone (585) 288-2676.

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We are looking forward to sharing this fun filled weekend with each Brother and Sister and sincerely hope you will enjoy events.

Fraternally,
New York State Conclave Committee
Ralph Berns, GM, Chairman

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REFLECTIONS

An Autobiographical Glimpse of My Life In the I.O.O.F. Orphanage in Sunbury, Pennsylvania

By Chester W. Leffler

The following story has been submitted by Brother Bob Betzer of Lewisburg who was raised in the Sunbury Home. The article was written by one of his childhood buddies who grew up at the Home with him. Bob felt the article best described life in an Odd Fellows Orphanage. Due to the size of the article and wonderful pictures submitted, we will be breaking it up over the next several months. I hope you enjoy the history.

PART 3

We also had a few sheep, which usually went where the cows would go. One day while I was watching the cows, the ram sheep got into the alfalfa field. That was a no-no. I went after the ram to get him back where he was supposed to be, but he had no intension of me getting him back. He turned on me and I turned to run from him, but he caught up with me and butted me in the rear and knocked me down. I got up again and he knocked me down again. About that time, the farmer's son saw what was going on and he came to my rescue with a pitch fork and chased the ram away from me.

On days that I had to watch cows, I would hang around and watch the cows come into the barn for milking. Cows must be pretty smart, because every one had its own stanchion which they would walk into and put their head through the bars to be latched in place. Each cow had its own name, and a chart was kept on the weight of the milk each one gave at each milking. The production of milk from each cow would determine what kind of dry feed and how much they got that evening. The milk was put in ten-gallon milk cans and taken across the road to the creamery. One of the guys was in charge of putting the milk over a cooler and then in quart bottles for transport to the refrigerator next to the kitchen and dining area. Once in a while, I would get to sample the fresh milk as it came off the cooler. If you like milk, and I did, it was great. It was a lot better than store-bought milk. Any excess milk that was produced was taken in ten gallon cans to Sunbury and sold to some dairy.

Another job during the spring growing season for us was working the vegetable garden. A horse was used to cultivate between the rows, then we had to pull the weeds from around the plants. It was back breaking work and we hated it, but it had to be done. One of the pleasant things I got to do during the summer was when hay was being cut and hauled to the barn. The farmer would let me drive the horses while the big boys and the farmer loaded the hay wagon.

One of the jobs which I didn't like was following the reaper being pulled by horses and picking up the sheaves of wheat or oats and putting them in shocks. After drying out a few days, the grain was loaded onto a hay wagon and taken into the barn for threshing. This was a terrible job for us. We had to be in the straw mow distributing the straw as the threshing machine would blow into the mow. The dust was terrible. We used wet cloths over our noses, but we still got a lot of dust into our lungs. At the end of the day my lungs would hurt when I took a deep breath, but it passed after a couple of days.

Some of the older boys were given the choice of milking the cows, morning and night. The dairy didn't have milking machines at that time. They were paid five dollars a month to do it. It seemed like a lot of work for the little bit of money, but they didn't have any trouble getting volunteers. I tried milking a couple times, but I wasn't too good at it.

We played a lot of ball, using a rubber ball and a broom stick. We also played "kick the can." I guess this was a game the kids invented. A can was put on the ground next to a tree, then at a signal, you would kick the can as hard as you could, and then run to another tree and try to get back again before your opponent picked up the

can and beat you. If he beat you, you had to chase the can after he kicked it.

We had a game similar to a ball game, but instead of a ball we made a "ball" out of old socks which were sewn in a tight ball. We called it mugums. We chose up sides, or if not enough kids who wanted to play. We would have three batters; one at each base and three in the outfield. The rules were different than regular baseball. The batter had to hit the ball with the palm of his hand.

After fielding the ball, the fielder would try to hit you with the ball. He was not allowed to run with the ball, to tag you out. It had to be thrown. When the batter was out, he went to the field and every one would advance; the pitcher would then advance to be a batter. I remember this one boy, Clay Myers, who was a cripple with a bad foot, but he was uncanny at dodging the balls when some one tried to get him out. These games were a lot of fun and didn't cost a dime.

The Orphanage had its own indoor swimming pool. During the summer months, we were permitted to swim in groups. The girls and the boys had their swim schedules separately. The swimming pool was located in the basement of the older boys building. We boys would always wait outside our sunroom to watch the girls parade by to the pool. I somehow got a pair of water wings, I got the courage to try to swim without them. The water was over my head, so I had to stay close to the pool edge, until I really learned how to swim. As we got older, we older boys would go skinning dipping after dark. We had a boy, Ray Young, who was afraid of the water. Some of the older boys told him they were going to throw him in and make him learn to swim. He must have been really frightened. That night he disappeared; we didn't know where he went. What he did was to go up into our attic and hide. One or two of his friends knew where he was and took food and water up to him. He was up there four or five days and then he finally came down. I don't think he ever did learn how to swim. He was a well built boy and was a good athlete in football and baseball.

In the winter time, after it snowed, we would have a lot of fun sleigh riding and bob sledding. We made our own bob sled. We also made what we called crust bobs. Instead of regular runners on the sled, we used barrel staves. The front set of runners were fastened with a swivel bolt, a rope was fastened to each side to help guide it. It could only be used in a straight down path because the barrel stave runners couldn't do any good guiding it except to keep it going straight. We polished the runners smooth and the sled would really get you down the hill in a hurry.

My brother Donald (who went by the nickname "Dubb") and I owned a *Flexibly Flyer* sled, which was one of the best sleds made at that time. During the weekends we would start out in a group and go sledding on all the different hills on the Orphanage property and also on some of the adjoining farms. The owners didn't seem to mind.

The boys and girls didn't have many occasions to socialize together. But, Pop Beamon would have corn roasts in the evenings during sweet corn season. There was a shelter with picnic tables in the glen, up across the main road. The shelter had a large fireplace where we roasted the corn. I never really had a so-called girl friend,

but there was a girl named Aida Mae Snyder who I liked a lot. On one occasion after the corn roast was over, I walked her back down to the main building. On the way down, while walking in the dark on the driveway, I managed to get to "smooch" her. I thought I was in heaven, but nothing came of it. We used to hang out on the park benches under the trees along the main road. We just had a good time talking. I lost track of her after I left the Orphanage. I later saw her obituary in our Alumni newsletter.

The Orphanage had its own bake shop. When I was about sixteen years old, I was assigned to work in the bakery. We had three kids and a full time baker (Shorty Persing). He was only about five feet tall, but he was a pretty good baker, that is, when he didn't show up a little drunk. He would give us the recipe for each batch of dough. Our assignment lasted about six months, due to the long learning period.

The most junior person was assigned to come in about five o'clock in the morning to load the mixer, which took about an hour. By the time the rest of the crew came in, the dough was ready to remove from the mixer and roll the dough. Again, the junior worker had to cut the dough and weight it on a small balance scale. After all the dough was cut and rolled in loaves, they were put in baking pans, five loaves to a pan. We had an oven about ten feet square, which was heated by a coal fire in one corner. The baker decided when the oven was ready; there was no control, except the judgment of Shorty, the baker. The oven had space for about ten pans of bread.

On Saturday, we usually made a couple large sheet cakes. This recipe was also determined by Shorty. It was mixed by hand in a large oval bowl. We didn't get to sample any of our baked goods, unless Shorty didn't show up, which didn't happen very often.

Shorty had another job for a while. He was in charge of laundry. The laundry had a large commercial type washing machine. The opening was about five feet wide. It could take an extremely large load. There was a large mangle where all the flat items were put through. There was a large extractor which removed the water from the wash. There was no dryer; all the clothes were hung out on about a half dozen clothes lines. Two boys were assigned the job of keeping the coal-fired broiler hot, and they did all the heavy lifting. The girls were assigned the job of ironing shirts, etc. All our clothes had our names marked with India ink, or a small patch with our name on them. Later on, a lady was hired to be in charge of the laundry.

When I was about twelve years old, Dubb and I built a small chicken coop. Uncle Ralph brought us some chickens, but no rooster. Dubb and I got a few eggs from them. When they stopped laying, I guess we killed them and ate them. John Campbell had a Grandfather who came on weekends and built him a beautiful small chicken coop. He furnished him with several bantam hens and a rooster. My brother Dubb had a dog which was about six months old. One day while we were at school, his dog got loose and got into John Campbell's chicken coop and killed most of the chickens, including the rooster. That upset Dubb so bad that he killed the dog. I watched him do it and it upset me to no end. John Campbell never replaced his chickens. His chicken coop was used to house one of our dogs after that.

When I was about twelve years old, Uncle Ralph came to the Orphanage to get permission to take Dubb and me to my Mother's for Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. Beamon told him it just wasn't done. Uncle Ralph asked whether or not this was a jail. He then went to the head of the Odd Fellows, who happened to live in Shamokin, to get his permission. This person (a Mr. Lark), called Mr. Beamon and instructed him to let Uncle Ralph take us. This upset Mr. Beamon to no end. He told Uncle Ralph to take us and he didn't

care if he every brought us back.

I think it was later that same year that my Grandfather passed away. Uncle Ralph came again to see Mr. Beamon to get permission to take us to the funeral. This time, he gave permission without any hassle.

These situations must have had an impact on the Odd Fellows organization, because the following summer they began giving all the kids a two-week leave to go to their parent or some relative.



LEESPORT LODGE #141

Leesport Lodge No. 141 decided to have an open house trick or treat night this year on Halloween, and offer lollipops and pencils to the masked visitors and hot dogs, Dutch lunch, cider and hot chocolate to anyone who stopped in at the lodge hall.

Well – they came! Young and old. From age 2 to 82. More than a hundred visitors accepted the lodge's invitation.

Warden Jim Blatt of Leesport Lodge and Sister Malissa Leiby of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge did most of the preparation for the evening, including decorating the club room for the season.

GP Nevin Adams had a DVD player and was showing promotional material about Odd Fellowship.

Some of the visitors had never heard of the Odd Fellows and most had no idea what we do. They were told of all of our projects like visual research, Arthritis, student loans and scholarships, the United Nations Pilgrimage, and many others.



This young trick-or-treater came prepared to serve as Outside Guardian in the Initiatory Degree.

Leesport Lodge and Lady Colfax each signed a new member at the open house and several other prospects have taken application forms with them.

The masked visitors came as individuals and in groups. All of the young people, from a couple of years up through the teens, were very orderly, courteous and expressed their thanks as they were leaving.

Also as part of the Halloween season, the lodge had a float in the annual King Frost Parade which each year attracts thousands of people to Hamburg.

Of course, as Halloween passed, Jim and Malissa removed all of the decorations and have redone the club lounge area with Christmas decorations.



Little Bo Beep (Sister Malissa Leiby) greets Scooby Do at the Halloween open house held by Leesport Lodge and Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge.

P.O.F. DAYS GONE BY

75 YEARS AGO (February 1930)

PAST GRAND'S COUNCIL INSTITUTED IN ERIE COUNTY

There were approximately 300 Past Grands present at the institution of a new Council for Erie County on Saturday, February 15, in the hall of Clement Lodge, No. 220, Union City. They came from many counties in Western Pennsylvania, including Warren, Elk, Forest, Erie, Venango, Crawford, Butler, Mercer, and Allegheny, and many were admitted to the new body.

Two Sessions were held, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 7 o'clock in the evening. The Degree Staff and members of Warren and Forest County Council, No. 1, the first Council to be instituted in Pennsylvania, were present to exemplify the degree with R.J. Abbott, of Sugar Grove, the Degree Master, in charge. The orchestra of Warren Lodge accompanied the staff and enlivened the occasion with superb playing.

At the afternoon session a class of 25 received the degree, and Erie County Council was instituted by J. Harvey Backus, of Andover, N.Y., President of the New York State council and author of the ritual of the organization, assisted by Lloyd Babcock, Deputy Grand Master of New York. Officers of the Erie Council were elected as follows: President, G.L. Kapple, Union City; Vice President, C.L. Auer, Corry; Past President, C.E. Briside; Treasurer, F.H. Hillyer.

Dinner was served to the visitors at 6 o'clock, and when the evening session was resumed another class was initiated, making the total for the day about 60. About 100 had been expected, but cold weather interfered. Twenty-seven Lodges were represented, and

talks were given after the ceremony by some of those present, including Grand Master George B. McDowell; John N. Mark, PGM and Grand Representative; W. L. Heiston, PGP and Grand Representative; and the Rev. S.V. Carmany, Grand Chaplain.

The next meeting of the Warren and Forest Councils is to be held in Kane on Thursday, March 20, and it is expected the drill team and orchestra of Warren Lodge will be present. The next meeting of the Erie Council, No. 2, is to be held at North East, the date to be announced later.

HARRISBURG HAS DISTRICT MEETING

Officers of the Rebekah Assembly visited Harrisburg on Thursday, February 27, and in conjunction with Ada Parthemore, DDP, held a district meeting for all the Lodges in Dauphin County and surrounding territory. The attendance was very good especially in the evening, when it was announced that approximately 250 were present.

Susannah Rebekah Lodge No. 247, home Lodge of Vice-President Mary E. Brown, acted as hostess for the occasion. The Rebekah Degree was conferred by the newly organized staff of Halifax Lodge, under Ira Zimmerman. It was their second attempt, it was said, and the first time away from their home Lodge. The applause after the splendid drill, which concluded the work, indicated the approval of the crowd.

WHEN WILL THE TIDE TURN?

Figures presented by the Grand Secretary in the last issue of this paper will cause the thinking person to ponder – not the figures for 1929 alone, but the tabulated statement indicating a steady decline from 1920. And the better informed are aware that this condition exists not only in Pennsylvania, but throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Valiant efforts are being made here and there to stem the tide, in Pennsylvania and other Grand Jurisdictions, and while meeting with success in the territory immediately contingent, great expanses that are not reached by their lack of cooperation are more than neutralizing the value of the extra work, so that even in the best working Grand Jurisdictions an even break is considered good news.

One of the points made recently by the Grand Sire was that it was not only Odd Fellowship that was suffering recession, but other fraternal bodies were in even worse shape than ours, which perhaps, reveals a condition of indifference more general than we are accustomed to think of as we read of Odd Fellowship's losses. When you come to think of it, does not the same apply to the Church and to other organizations of your own knowledge? What is it, then?

Many years ago Louis Cosset, Hungarian lawyer, orator, and journalist, warned the people of the American Republic: "If shipwreck should ever befall your country, the rock upon which it will split will be your devotion to your private interests at the expense of your duty to the state."

About the time the loss in membership in our Order began to be noticed in high places, an editorial appeared in the *Kansas City Times* which aroused the citizens of that city by suggesting that present-day conditions were pretty much caused by the thing Cosset had warned against when it said:

"The wave that is sweeping over Kansas City is not a crime wave, but a wave of lazy, indifferent, selfish, smug citizenship . . . What is this citizenship doing about crime waves? . . . Curled up like an overstuffed house cat before the fire, it lazily rubs its sleek belly, stretches, opens one heavy-lidded eye and inquires indifferently why somebody doesn't do something about those street robberies and

IN MEMORIAM

CLETUS I. "Legs" MILLER Pine Grove Lodge #148 December 16, 2004

Brother Cletus I. Miller, 79, of Pine Grove, was initiated into Pine Grove Lodge #148 on January 29, 1956. He became a Past Grand of Pine Grove Lodge, and received the Grand Lodge Degree November 21, 1959. Brother Miller was a Past District Deputy Grand Master, a Past District of the Sunbury Orphanage where he served as President. At the time of his death, he was Treasurer of Pine Grove Lodge.

Brother Miller was a member of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Pine Grove, where he was a Sunday School teacher, a former member and past president of the Consistory, and a member of the Men's Brotherhood of the church. Brother Miller was also a member of the Pine Grove Senior Citizens.

An Army veteran, he served as a hospital medic during World War II. Brother Miller played baseball and was a good bowler. He also served as a coach for the Junior Bowlers' Program.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Monroe M. and a half brother, Samuel Stoudt.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, the former Erma R. Brown; a daughter, Linda L. Murray, a step grandson William Murray; two brothers H. Lewis, and Alvin A.; a sister Mabel Wolfe; nieces, nephews and cousins.

Interment was at the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Pine Grove.

murders. . . This crime wave is of Kansas City's own creation . . . born of its . . . lust for private indulgence at expense of public organization. There's your crime wave, Kansas City. Look at it! it's your own, bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh. How do you like it?

If that is what is the matter with the country in general, then Odd Fellowship, based and organized on the Republican system, with these people forming its membership, can hardly be expected to escape the consequent effects of loss by lack of effort necessary for expansion. "Devotion to private interests at the expense of the Order" is how we read it in this case. And how true it seems in that sense right now.

But nations do not as a rule fail by default, and even though it seems all too true that this country is headed toward that kind of disaster, wiser heads will see that this does not happen, and the day may not be far distant when the people of the United States will again devote more of their time to interests of the State, and when that day comes they will also devote more time to the Church, the Lodge and other organizations, and Odd Fellowship may in that day rise to greater achievements than ever.

Hasten that day!

25 YEARS AGO

(February 1980)

ODD FELLOWS HONOR 3 LOCAL MEN

Brandywine Lodge #388, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Downingtown, recently honored John C. McCausland, R. Vinton Smedley, and C. Allen Woodward for their 50 years of membership in the lodge at a dinner held at the Downingtown United Methodist Church.

Hervey Painter, Noble Grand of the local lodge, presented 50 years pins and inscribed pen and pencil sets to each honoree. The three honorees are Past Noble Grands of Lodge #388. And McCausland has served as a director, for many years, of the Odd Fellows Home, Middletown, PA.

Gilbert Cox was master of ceremonies for the evening. Group singing was conducted by Betty Snyder with accompanist Allen R. Popjoy, Jr., at the piano.

Painter gave a slide presentation of a recent trip to Austria, Yugoslavia, and other Central European countries.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows is a fraternal and benevolent lodge with the local lodge being chartered in 1875.

SUSANNAH REBEKAH LODGE 3247 INITIATED FOR LADY LANDIS #303

Susannah Rebekah Lodge #247, Harrisburg, recently conferred the Rebekah Degree on two candidates who became members of Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303, Landisburg.

The District Deputy President of Perry County, Nola Reisinger, and Noble Grand of Lady Landis Lodge Margaret Reisinger brought the two candidates for initiation.

Lady Landis was very grateful to Susannah for initiating their candidates as their hall is too small to put on the degree effectively.

The Degree Staff was happy they could comply with the request.

Susannah has also been requested to put on the Degree for candidates from Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown in the near future.

After the meeting of February 21, 1980, we all enjoyed a social hour with refreshments.

*Jane Reisinger, Chairman of Publicity
Susannah Rebekah Lodge*



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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 Elison 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, pastpresz@pennswoods.net

AMBRIDGE—CLOVER LODGE, #348, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. at 625 Merchant St., Ambridge, PA 15033. Arthur Brown, Sec'y, 52 Grandview Ave., Baden, PA 15005; (724) 869-9117.

BELLEFONTE—CRYSTAL SPRING REBEKAH LODGE, #25, meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:30 PM at I.O.O.F. Hall, 756 Axemann Rd., Eugene Bennett, Sec'y, 3030 Buffalo Run Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

BELLEVILLE—LADY GREENWOOD REBEKAH LODGE, #308, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Senior Citizens Building, 50 S. Kishacoquillas Street, Belleville; Hannah Hassinger, Sec'y, 4470 East Main Street, Belleville, PA 17004.

BOALSBURG—TUSSEY REBEKAH LODGE, #66, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at I.O.O.F. Hall, 101 W. Main St. Mae D. Judy, Sec'y, 123 Westside Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

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, 5269 Terrace Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050.

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 the Elks Lodge on Wood St. in Bristol, Livio V. Ruggieri, Sec'y, 33 Avenrowe Ct., Fairless Hills, PA 19030.

BUTLER—CONNOQUENESSING LODGE, #278, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, 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. William Ramsey, Jr., Sec'y, HCR1 Box 6, Calvin, PA 16622.

CONNELLVILLE—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, 2 West Main Street, Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401.

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—MAHANAY 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. Borgan, Sec'y, 218 Columbus Ave., Cresson, PA 16630.

EDINBORO—EDINBORO LODGE, #510, meets 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 P.M., Masonic Hall, 101 Walker Dr., Edinboro. Lawrence Pieper, Sec'y, 7216 Crane Rd., Edinboro, PA 16412.

ELIZABETH—STAR OF GLASSPORT REBEKAH LODGE, #563, meets 2nd and 4th Fridays at 7:00 P.M. at Roberts Hollow Rd., Dianne Rosche, Sec'y, 21 Shady Lane, Elizabeth, PA 15037.

CANTON PITTSBURGH, #5, meets on 1st Monday at 8:00 PM at Roberts Hollow Rd. Ellwood L. McCorkle, Clerk, 1833 Woodcove Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-2913.

OLD MONONGAHELA LODGE, #209, meets every Tuesday night at 8:00 P.M., Roberts Hollow Road, Elizabeth, PA 15037. Les Salzman, Secretary, 706 Rt. 481, Monongahela, PA 15063; Phone 724-258-2724.

MONONGAHELA L.E.A., # 109, meets the 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. of each month at Roberts Hollow Rd. Carolyn Barger, Scribe, 701 Maple Dr., Monongahela, PA 15063; Phone 724-258-3039.

FALLS CREEK—FALLS CREEK LODGE, #957, meets every Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 110 Main St. 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 Ave., Freedom, PA. Herbert Heineman, Sec'y, 1049 Catherine Drive, 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. Robert Buterbaugh, Sec'y, 113 Srade Grove Rd., Freeport, PA 16629.

GASTONVILLE—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.

NUCLEUS LODGE, #377, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M., IOOF Hall, 3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd. Allen J. Cushey, Sec'y, 339 Springdale Rd., Venetia, PA 15367-1323.

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

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 1:00 P.M. at Christ Lutheran Church, 124 S. 13th St., Harrisburg. Kathryn Bush, Sec'y, 999 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

HERMITAGE—ADONIRAM LODGE, #739, meets the 1st and 3rd Friday at 7:30 P.M. at St. Paul's U.C.C., 159 Todd Ave., Hermitage, PA. Richard Slater, Sec'y, 814 Pearl Street, Sharon, PA 16146.

SHARON LODGE, #347, meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:30 P.M., St. Pauls UCC, 159 Todd Ave. James A. Housman, Sec'y, 1192 Bedford Rd., Masury, OH 44438.

SHARPSVILLE REBEKAH LODGE, #110, meets the 2nd Thursday at 3:00 P.M. and the 4th Thursday at 1:00 P.M. at St. Paul's U.C.C., 159 Todd Ave., Hermitage, PA. Florence Paddock, Sec'y, 7626 Stewart Sharon Rd., Masury, OH 44438.

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.

LAKE CITY—NICKEL PLATE LODGE, #1125, meets every Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., at the Lodge Hall, 2180 Rice Ave. Paul W. Crosby, Secretary, 8130 Keefer Road, Girard, PA 16417.

LAKE COMO—NAKOMIS REBEKAH LODGE, #497, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall, Rt. 247. Gayle Milko, Sec'y, P.O. Box 47, Lake Como, PA 18437.

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 2nd Thursday at 7:00 P.M. in the Bowser Hall, 630 Rear, Depot St, Latrobe. Fred M. See, Scribe, 1111 Jefferson St., Apt. 101, Latrobe, PA 15650-0226

LATROBE LODGE #541 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at 630 (R) Depot St., Fred M. See, Sec'y, 1111 Jefferson St., Apt. 101, Latrobe, PA 15650, fredseeatlave@webtv.net

LEESPORT—LEESPORT LODGE, #141, meets every Tuesday, May-Oct. 8:00 PM, Nov-Apr. 7:30 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, goiviss@earthlink.com

LADY COLFAX REBEKAH LODGE, #182, meets 1st and 3rd Monday, 7:30 P.M., IOOF Hall, 27 Railroad Ave. Leon Stamm, Sec'y, 315 Governor Dr., Mifflin Park, Reading, PA 19607. goiviss@earthlink.com

CANTON LEESPORT, #2, meets 4th Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall. Capt. (R) Nevin W. Adams, Clerk, 951 Shoemakersville Rd., Shoemakersville, PA 19555.

LEESPORT AUXILIARY #2, LAPM, meets 4th Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in IOOF Hall. Myra Fay Adams, Sec'y, 951 Shoemakersville Rd., Shoemakersville, PA 19555.

LEHMAN—OSAGE LODGE, #712, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, Mill and Market Streets. Harry Howell, Sec'y, Osage Lodge #712, 70 Camp Ground Rd., Dallas, PA 18612.

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

FAITH, HOPE, & CHARITY REBEKAH LODGE #15, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7:30 P.M., at the Mazeppa Union Church, 3200 Johnson Mill Road, Lewisburg, PA 17837. Molly M. Criswell, Sec'y, 714 Church Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, criswell@ptd.net

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., Doty 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.

LADY PAOLI REBEKAH LODGE, #136, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at Malvern Lodge I.O.O.F., 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. Harry L. Stoll, Sec'y, 678 Thoburn Court, North Meadville, PA 16335; Phone 814-332-9431.

ODD FELLOWS HOME OF WESTERN PA, The Pioneer Home, Board of Directors and Trustees, meets every 2nd Friday at 400 N. Main St., Harry Stoll, Sec'y, 678 Thoburn Ct. North, Meadville, PA 16335.

MIDDLETOWN—TRIUNE LODGE, #307, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. at 47 W. Emaus Street. Mail to: Herbert Swank, Sec'y, 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. Cordia Bechtel, Finan. Sec'y, 1830 Kaylor Rd., Hummelstown, PA 17036.

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.

MILLBROOK—LADY WORTH REBEKAH LODGE, #328, meets 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 P.M. at the Millbrook Grange. Linda Dickson, Sec'y, 433 Liberty St., Grove City, PA 16127-2206.

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 15943.

MUNCY—BRADY LODGE, #116, meets 1st and 3rd Friday at 8:00 P.M. at 13 S. Main St. William E. Smedley, Sec'y, P.O. Box 463, Muncy, PA 17756.

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., Duhoisstown, PA 17701.

NAZARETH—ALUTA LODGE, #488, meets every 1st and 3rd Friday at 8:00 P.M. at 1068 Bushkill Center Road. Mellis Zellner, Sec'y, 1110 Marfield Dr., Nazareth, PA 18064.

LADY HALL REBEKAH, #202, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 P.M. at Aluta Hall, Dolores Keller, Sec'y, EASAB, 676 American Banbor Road. Apt. A 210, Bangor, PA 18013.

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. October 1st to April 1st and 8:00 P.M. April 1st to October 1st, in the Lodge Hall, 18 W. Main Street. Brooks E. Reeder, Sec'y, 1760 Shermans Valley Rd., Ellitsburg, PA 17024.

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

NEWFOUNDLAND—LADIES of PAUPACK REBEKAH LODGE, #559, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the American Legion Hall, Nadine Hager, Sec.Y., Box 19, Sterling, PA 18463.

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, 134 Red Hill Rd., Andreas, PA 18211.

NORRISTOWN—MONTGOMERY-CURTIS-NORRIS LODGE, #57, meets the 2nd & 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M. at I.O.O.F. Hall, 1232 Astor st., Norristown, PA 19401. Jon Gorman, Sec'y, 1919 Muhlenburg Dr., Lansdale, PA 19446.

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 Southampton Rd. Dave Harte, Sec'y, PO Box 52572, Philadelphia, PA 19115-7572.

METROPOLITAN LODGE, #150, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday in their Lodge Hall at 500 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, Harold A. Boden, Sec'y, 6211 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

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.

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 Presbyterian Church, Tyson and Glenloch Sts. Paul Crossley, Sec'y, 27 Saddle Rd., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

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, Dttallone2@aol.com

UNIFIED LODGE, #2, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at 3219 Central Ave. David A. Pfister, Sec'y, 5 Pearl Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15229; Phone 412-931-1363.

PETER FRITZ LODGE, #486, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., in the American Legion Hall, 1751 Arlington Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Myra W. McCorkle, Sec'y, 1833 Woodcover Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15216-2913. Myell2@aol.com

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

PITTSSTON—THALIA REBEKAH LODGE, #116, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the I.O.O.F. Hall at 59 South Main Street, Pittston, PA; Sue Trudnak, Sec'y, 156 South Street, Hanover Twp., PA 18706. Phone (570) 825-6556.

THISTLE LODGE, #512, meets every Monday at 7:30 in I.O.O.F. Hall, 59 S. Main Street. Francis McGrath, Sec'y, 902 W. Elm Street, 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 Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at 300 King St. Jane Dotterer, Sec'y, 1275 Manatawny Rd., Pottstown, PA 19464.

ROCHESTER MILLS—ALERT LODGE, #936, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Main Street. Robert Kantorski, Sec'y, 219 Enterprise Dr., Rochester Mills, PA 15771-8135.

RUSH—RUSH LODGE #471, meets every Saturday, 8:00 P.M. at IOOF Hall. Alton G. Arnold, Sec'y., RD #5, Box 49, Montrose, PA 18801.

ERNESTINE REBEKAH LODGE, #548, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Rush Odd Fellows Hall, Rush, PA. Shirley Severcool, Sec'y, RR 4, Box 4219, Meshoppen, PA 18630.

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. James Donley, Sec'y., 440 Boyd Rd, Stoneboro, PA 16153.

OIL CITY ENCAMPMENT, #182, meets the 1st Thursday at 10:00 AM at the Sandy Lake Lodge Hall, 5242 Lake St., Sandy Lake, PA. Leland Dorchester, Scribe, 114 Riher St., Cochran, PA 16314.

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.

SELINGSGROVE—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—VICTORY LODGE, #658, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at Main and Temple Sts., Greg F. Dimick, Sec'y, 5617 Old Philadelphia Pike, Gap, PA.

LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE, #558, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM, 203 N. Main & Temple. Mary Landes, Sec'y, 316 S. Main St., Sellersville, 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., Jeardean Losiewicz, Sec'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. Rod Faust, Sec'y, PO Box 417, Shamokin, PA 17872.

SHENANDOAH—SHENANDOAH LODGE, #591, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M., OF Cemetery Chapel, Cemetery Rd., Shenandoah Heights. Robert Beddall, Sec'y, 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. Starnum, Sec'y, 315 Governor Dr., Mifflin Park, Reading, PA 19607-2815, goviss@earthlink.com

SMETHPORT—SMETHPORT LODGE #389, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 8:00 P.M., in IOOF Hall, 406 w. Main St., Arthur Paulson Jr., Sec'Y., 1 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 & 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M. at 111 Main St., Spring City, PA. Park K. Snyder, Jr., Sec'y, 1222 Monroe Avenue, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

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

BELLEFONTE ENCAMPMENT #72, meets 2nd, Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Widmere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr.; Donald Trulick, Scribe, 161 Stover Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

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, 454 Rolling Ridge Drive, State College, PA 16801 - ken@khkulp.com

STONY FORK—MARINDA REBEKAH LODGE #107 meets the 1st & 3rd Monday at 1:00 P.M. in the Social rooms of the Baptist Church of Stony Fork, Elva Maines, Sec'y, 67 Sylvan Glen, Tioga, PA 16946.

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.

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., Robert Leibensperger, Sec'y, 421 Hauto Hwy., Tamaqua, PA 18252.

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.

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 and 4th Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M., at Lemon Community Hall, Route 29 North, Lemon, PA. Suzanne Palmer, 144 Tague Road, Tunkhannock, PA 18657. ri@epix.net - (570) 836-5042.

WALTERSBURG—NATHAN LEWISFORT NECESSITY LODGE, #254, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 P.M. Eugene Sabatula, Sec'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.

WARREN—KOSSUTH ENCAMPMENT, #98, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M., 208-210 Hickory Street. Annual Degree Rally, 1st Saturday in June. Wayne E. Russ, Scribe, 82 Kamp Street, Warren, PA 16365.

WASHINGTON—LADY HOGUE REBEKAH LODGE, #102, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M., 696 Fayette St., Washington, PA. Leru J. McClosky, Sec'y, 33 Wilson Rd., Washington, PA 15301-7133.

NATIONAL LODGE, #81, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday, 8:00 P.M., 696 Fayette St. James Ragan, Sec'y, 84 Woodrow Dr., Avella, PA 15312.

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 Christ Community United Methodist Church, 205 N. Duffy Road, Butler, PA 16001. Audean Byers, Sec'y, 1066 Hooker Rd., Kams City, PA 16041-1314.

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

WILKES-BARRE—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.

WYSOX—WYSOX LODGE, #1152, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. 1 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. James Keller, Fin. Sec'y, 620 Greenwood Rd., York, PA 17404.

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

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.

ORCHARD MANOR

As the snow came down, Orchard Manor was all aglow for the Holiday Season!



FROM GRANDMA'S KITCHEN

Slow-Cooked Swiss Steak

- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/2 pounds boneless beef round **steak**, cut into six pieces
- 1 medium onion, cut into 1/4-inch **slices**
- 1 celery rib, cut into 1/2 inch **slices**
- 2 cans (8 ounces each) **tomato sauce**

In a large resealable plastic **bag**, combine the flour salt and pepper. Add the **steak**; seal the **bag** and **toss** to coat. Place the onion in a greased slow cooker. Top with the **steak**, celery and tomato sauce. Cover and cook on low for 6 to 8 hours or until meat is tender. **Yield:** 6 servings.

Mixed Vegetable Casserole

- 1 package (16 ounces) frozen **mixed vegetables**, thawed
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 celery ribs, chopped
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded **Cheddar cheese**
- 1 cup mayonnaise (not low fat or fat-free)
- 3/4 cup crushed butter-flavored **crackers**
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, **melted**

In a bowl, combine the first five ingredients. Spoon into a greased 1-1/2 quart baking dish. **Toss** the cracker crumbs and butter together; sprinkle over the top. **Bake** uncovered for 30-35 minutes or until heated through. **Yield:** 6 servings.

Creamy Refrigerator Pie

- 2 packages (3 ounces each) **cream cheese**, softened
- 1 can (14 ounces) sweetened **condensed milk**
- 2 tablespoons **lemon juice**
- 2 cups **whipped topping**
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)
- 1 can (21 ounces) **peach pie filling** or pie filling of your choice

In a large bowl, beat the cream cheese until smooth. Add the milk and lemon juice; mix well. Fold in whipped topping. Fold in whipping topping. Spoon into crust. Cover and refrigerate for 4 hours or until set. Top with pie filling. **Yield:** 6 or 8 servings.

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