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Resident Dot Higgin Botham enjoys getting her nails done by Activity Aide Tina Rhinesmith.

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2005

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APRIL

*23rd - Membership Rally, Gastonville; details to follow

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

*5th - Fall All State Rally, Gastonville; details to follow *12th - P.M. & L.A.P.M. Rally, York; details to follow

DECEMBER

*10th - Philadelphia Orphans Home Meeting *denotes furnished by Planning Board

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GOLDEN RULE REBEKAH LODGE NO. 198

Officers for the coming year for Golden Rule Rebekah Lodge of Atlantic were installed recently by Izetta McGill of Smock, president of the Rebekah Assembly, and her staff.

They are: Marion Green, noble grand; Beverly Hebert, vice grand; Nancy Gruber, secretary; Violet Nottingham, treasurer; Wilma Ferguson, warden; Jean Talbot, conductor; Shirley Bovard, right support to noble grand; Mary Home, left support to noble grand; Annabella Shearer, chaplain; Betty Christie, right support to vice grand; Dora Kahler, outside guardian; Martha Hanna, pianist; Sharren Miller, past noble grand.

Officers appointed but absent for installation were: Left support to vice grand, Dorothy Zahniser; inside guardian, Marion Hickman; and American Flag Bearer, Faye Millard. Appreciation gifts were presented to the installing staff.

A past noble grand jewel was presented to Miller for her services as noble grand for the past year. Several members received certificates for continuous membership; Shirley Bovard, 57 years; Ferguson, 54 years; Hanna, 53 years; and Shields, 52 years.

Others receiving certificate who were unable to attend were Christina McConnell and Hulda Phillips each with 59 years; Jean Ellis, Eldora White and Olive McCurdy with 50 years each.

Members of Sheakleyville Rebekah Lodge were in attendance.

A cash donation was given to the president of the Rebekah Assembly, Izetta McGill for her year's project to support the breast cancer program.

A tureen dinner preceded the meeting with Marion Green, Hebert, Talbot, Shearer and Miller in charge. Tables were decorated in a patriotic theme.

Submitted by: Jeanne M. Talbot

Have a Blessed
Holiday all
Sisters & Brothers.
God Bless
Karen Brobander

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34TH UNIFIED SESSION 2005

TO ALL ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAH LODGES, ENCAMPMENTS, CANTONS & LADIES AUXILIARIES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The 34th Unified Sessions of all Branches of our Order in Pennsylvania will be held at the Holiday Inn, 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA 17028-9155, the week of Saturday, June 25 through Thursday, June 30, 2005.

ROOM RESERVATIONS: Reservations must be made directly with the motel. The room rate is \$88.00 + tax 1-4 persons per soon. (No more than four per room.) Telephone 717-469-0661. Deadline for rooms is May 31, 2005. Be sure to tell them that you are with the Grand Lodge of PA/Rebekah Assembly.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration \$3.00. Send all registrations to MARY C. LEITZEL, 2 Locust St., Apt. C, Shiremanstown, PA 17011 by May 31, 2005. After that date all

registrations will be \$5.00, no exceptions.)

BANQUET: The banquet for all Branches will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2005 at 6:15 PM. Tickets will be \$25.00 per person. Choice of entree will be Prime Rib of Beef or Broiled Crab Cakes. Please specify your choice and list all names. Send all reservations with remittance to Mary D. DeLong, 145 North Front St., Hamburg, PA 19526. Special dinners will be available for those with a dietary problem, please make your request known to Mary D. DeLong. Deadline for Reservations is June 17, 2005.

2005 PROGRAM BOOK. Please print or type all ads and booster names. Send with remittance to Robert Love, 2815 Kathy St., South Park, PA 15129. Deadline is May 15, 2005.

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RAFFLE TICKETS: Raffle tickets are available from Maynard Ernst, 222 High St., Tatamy, PA 18065-0105, for a donation of \$1.00 per ticket. Send all monies for raffle tickets to Maynard Ernst.

SPECIAL DINNERS: Any group desiring breakfast, lunch or dinner arrangements should contact Sue Trudnak, 156 South St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18706-1211. Telephone 570-825-6556. Deadline for all special dinners is June 17, 2005.

FUN NIGHT: Saturday night June 25, 2005, information to follow.

FLOWERS: Anyone wishing to order Memorial Flowers or any flowers for Session should contact Richard Heffner, 8 S. 3rd St., Dillsburg, PA 17019. Telephone: 717-432-4230. Deadline to order flowers is Friday, June 17, 2005.

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BUILDING ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH CEMETERY MUSEUMS

Uncle Fred is buried in an Odd Fellows Cemetery. He was born in 19th century England and immigrated to America. He was a goldbeater, and, according to family tradition, was listed in the Wall Street Journal as one of the ten wealthiest men in America. In fact, Odd Fellowship was his wealth, and after he died we found in the attic a cedar chest containing his perfectly preserved Odd Fellow regalia.

To us, the salt of the earth, the Odd Fellow and Rebekah membership, should not our cemeteries be a public promenade, rich in history, architecture, horticulture and a community treasure? Is not each an Odd Fellow and Rebekah Arlington National Cemetery and an Odd Fellow and Rebekah Westminster Abbey? Is not Odd Fellow and Rebekah example as to an influence upon all posterity? Why hide our light?

Each Odd Fellows Cemetery has its own museum waiting to be developed. For where are we going but the truth?

I wonder if the museum at Uncle Fred's cemetery would be interested in that old stuff of his?

Harold W. Gray, #306

BROTHER LEFEVER RECEIVES 50-YEAR AWARD

Brother John Lefever had the honor of receiving his 50 year continuous membership Jewel from Sovereign Grand Warden Michael Dutton and Grand Master Herman Schlott at the Unified Session in June 2004. Brother John is an active member of Connoquennessing Lodge #278 in Butler and attends regularly. He joined Zelienople Lodge #1166 on November 11, 1953 and through consolidations he is now a member of #278.



2005 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - HELP IS NEEDED

Start out 2005 with a resolution to help the IOOF help those with arthritis. Research is helping us make headway in finding a cure for arthritis. BUT, research and trials are expensive and take time. Some, in fact probably many of you know someone that has arthritis. They need our help. Arthritis is a debilitating illness that knows no boundary. All ages, ethnic backgrounds and both sexes are targets. It would make your heart ache to watch a small child try to pick up a toy that he or she wants, yet because they have arthritis, they can't get it in their hands without experiencing pain. The youth with arthritis can't participate in school activities, because their immune system is so compromised from the drugs they must take, they can't be around their peers. The seniors in our lives have trouble getting around, cutting their food or participating in activities like playing cards or knitting because their joints are so gnarled from arthritis. It doesn't matter who you are, who you know or what you do - arthritis can strike. Take a moment to think about what it would be like if you were crippled by some form of arthritis. What couldn't you do that you currently enjoy? What can you do?

THINK B I G!

Our representatives to the Sovereign Grand Lodge reported that Pennsylvania received one of the Gold Awards for contribution \$32,809.00 this year. **GREAT JOB PA IOOF Members!! BUT**, we need to push harder because those with arthritis need our help. 100% of you donations send through the PA IOOF Arthritis Committee go to the three PA Arthritis Foundation Chapters to help the **kids with arthritis** that go to Camp JRA each summer or the **adults with arthritis** who participate in the P.A.C.E. programs or the many others who participate in other programs offered by the

PA Arthritis Chapters.

We can't rest on our laurels. We need to continue to look for ways to help those with arthritis. Send ALL donations to Nevin Adams, Treasurer, 951 Shoemakersville Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555-9010. Please tell us if you want your contribution designated to help with Camp JRA, the PACE project, or general fund. Volunteers are needed by the Chapters for their local activities. We will be trying to coordinate having some of the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges assist the Chapters as they let us know of their needs. Call the Chapter nearest you and find out what you can do. The contact addresses and telephone numbers are:

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ODD FELLOWS - MIDDLETOWN HOME

The Residents enjoyed the many activities this month. Their weekly nail salon visit, bingo, reminisce and pizza party. Also, the visit from Seven Sorrows 3rd graders who helped the residents play a game of Thanksgiving Jingo (similar to Bingo).



Ruth Smith enjoys looking at the flower pictures in the binder during our morning current events.



Resident Ruth Hill getting some help playing bingo from her husband Harvey who enjoyed his daily visits.

NOVEMBER DONATIONS

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

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R20 Lady Wittenmeyer – Memorial David Amgstad's daughter

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Hampton #1004 25.00



Activity Aide, Patti Ridilla enjoying looking at the animal pictures with Resident Janet Ross.

START SOMETHIN'

When your lodge doesn't grow, Attendance gettin' low, Dues a-comin' awful slow – Start somethin'.

Don't act like you're full of dope, Don't lose every bit of hope, Don't just sit around and mope, Start somethin'.

Don't just open up and close, There's young members – think of those, Things are slow enough. God knows. Start somethin'.

> Find a subject for debate, Don't go home 'till it's late, Start a-visitin'. Fix a date. Start somethin'.

Get your social committee workin', Take a hand and don't be shirkin', When you're loafin', trouble's lurkin', Start somethin'.

Start a sale or a dance, have a picnic, take a chance. Ask your brothers, friends or aunts, Start somethin'.

Start somethin' that will take, No matter if you lose or make, But for thunderation's sake, START SOMETHIN'!

TRIUNE LODGE #307

This upcoming year will have a family flavor at the Triune Lodge. Father Edgar Calhoon is the Financial Secretary. Son Roger Calhoon is the Vice Grand. Son Jeffrey Calhoon is the Noble Grand. Edgar's Son-In-Law, Boyd Martin is the Warden.

The Sons are also active at the Bowmansdale Lodge #1179. Roger will be the Right Supporter of the Noble Grand and Jeff will be the Vice Grand. Roger will also the be the Lodge's Home Representative.

MAKING BEAUTIFUL MUSIC POSSIBLE!

On Wednesday evening, October 27, 2004, John and Norma Giovengo donated a Lowery electric organ valued at more than



\$3,000 to Brighton Heights Lutheran Church located at 3830 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212, for use as musical accompaniment during the church's worship services. John Giovengo is currently serving as the Noble Grand of Unified Lodge No. 2, Pittsburgh, PA. His picture is shown here.

Members of Unified Lodge who delivered the organ to Brighton Heights Church are David Pfister, Recording Secretary on the left, and Thomas Giza, Warden, at the right of the instrument. Not shown in

the picture is Ted Bergfelt, Financial Secretary, who procured his son Eric's van for the delivery. The gesture of the Giovengos certainly is an example of Friendship and Love in action.



PURPOSE OF ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH LODGES

Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges are organized for definite purposes and these by their nature give us a unique position in the community. To seek to improve and elevate the character of man is a worthy ambition and in itself adequately justifies our existence as an organization and our time and effort as individuals. The degree to which this ambition is actively pursued varies dramatically from Lodge to Lodge and is reflected in the attitude of the members and their interest in active participation in the Lodge.

First in our priorities must be the perpetuation of our Order. To ensure this, we must constantly indoctrinate new members in the principles of Odd Fellowship and impress upon them the importance of our fraternity in securing the future of the world. By performing this basic function of Odd Fellowship, we justify and guarantee our continual existence. By omitting it, we lose our purpose and justification.

It is important that every Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge be active in the community. A Lodge that shows a decrease in Fraternal service and of membership is a failure. Only those Lodges with officers whose Lodge shows an increase are keeping up with today's requirements. To be unnoticed is to be unknown. Active men and women are attracted to active organizations.

A lodge that teaches and practices Odd Fellowship and participates in projects designed to better the community will be admired, respected, and supported. One that does none of these will be ignored.

Odd Fellowship became the great fraternity it is today because of the inspiration of its leadership. Leadership in The Sovereign Grand Lodge, the Jurisdiction, and the Lodge. We are primarily interested in the leadership in the Lodge.

BECKY'S BACKYARD

- 1. Pots, Pans, and Cookware: Clean encrusted grease and food on roasting pans by dampening with hot water and sprinkling with baking soda. Let sit for an hour, and sponge clean.
- 2. To polish stainless-steel cookware, sprinkle baking soda directly onto a wet pan, and scrub with a synthetic scrubber.
- 3. Remove crayon marks on walls with a damp sponge dipped in baking soda.
- 4. Remove water spots on wooden floors with a sponge dampened in a baking soda solution.
- 5. Clean gold and silver jewelry with 3 parts baking soda to 1 part water. Rub on gently, then rinse. Buff with soft cloth.
- 6. How to make potatoes last longer. Potatoes are best stored in a dark, cool and well-ventilated place. But don't leave them in the plastic bag the bags prevent good air circulation.
- 7. For tasty flavorings in cakes and frostings, save the peels from oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit. Cut them into long thin strips and mince in a blender at high speed. Store in an airtight container until needed.
- 8. When you have to slice, dice, mince or chop onions, always cut off the top and leave the root end alone. As long as the root end isn't cut, it will never make you cry. Try it!

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR YOUR LODGE NEWS!

ORCHARD MANOR

Pictures taken at the Dedication of the New Wing at Orchard Manor.



Some in attendance.



Left to right: Nevin Adams, Grand Patriarch; Audrey Hutchinson, President, Department Association L.A.P.M.; Izetta McGill, President, Rebekah Assembly; Thomas McHugh, Grant Master.





Some of those attending.



Left to right: William L. Locke, Grand Secretary; Thomas McHugh, Grand Master; Nevin Adams, Grand Patriarch.

GM VISIT TO GENERAL WORTH



GM Tom McHugh with Noble Grand Emilie Cupp

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 2

I can remember the first Christmas I had while living in the annex. I remember my Grandfather coming (someone brought him). He left a large bag of goodies, candy and fruit. Of course I didn't get to keep it. The caretaker doled it out to my brother and me as she wished. On Christmas day I remember all of us kids lined up around our play room. We each had a bag and were given toys and a few goodies, but I don't remember much else about it, no one played Santa.

I remember the times in the dead of winter when it was real cold outside it was quite cold in our bedroom dorms. Miss Pitman, our house mother (caretaker), would let us dress in her bedroom. She had an old fashioned kerosene heater which we would crowd around and get dressed. All the buildings were heated by steam radiators. There was a large steam heating plant, just east of the main buildings. Since the annex was so far away from the heating plant, our radiators were not very efficient, but we managed to survive. We had a bathroom with two bath tubs. Some of the older girls were assigned to give the little kids a bath. I don't remember how often that was. After being transferred to the main building, we kids bathed ourselves. We were given towels and wash cloths every Saturday and told to take a bath. I remember some of the kids wetting their towels and washcloths to make it seem like they took their bath, but they didn't. The Orphanage had its own school building with grades one through twelve. We used to walk in a group from the annex to this school building for my first two years of school.

The Orphanage took good care of our well being, which included medical and dental care. If someone was ill, there was a nurse on call. We had regular dental check-ups. There was a small dental office in the older boys building. Every six months a dentist from Sunbury would come and examine all the boys and girls teeth. If there was a problem, we were taken by the truck (enclosed with benches) to Sunbury. We always had the same dentist. I still remember him. He was always smoking a cigar and a jolly guy. I also remember my first exam. I must have been four or five years old. When I went into that little room and saw that guy in the white coat and his instruments, I started to cry. But he settled me down and I was OK.

After being transferred to the main building, I started school in the third grade. I guess I was a little immature for that grade,



This is a photo of all the kids at the I.O.O.F. Orphanage during my third grade (1927).



This is the barn where I used to take cows out to pasture.

because I had to repeat the third grade. I remember telling my mother, when she visited me, that the teacher had spite against me. However, it must have been the correct thing, because from then on, I got much better grades. We had two grades in each school room, so while the teacher was working with one class, we had to study and wait for her work with the other. After reaching the ninth grade, we had a class room for each grade.

I never had a teacher I didn't like except in fifth and sixth grades. She was real mean. We kids always knew when she was getting mad, because her lower lip would start to quiver. She would stroll back to the kid that was not behaving and all of a sudden she would belt him along the ears. It's a wonder she didn't break their ear drums.

When we advanced to the tenth grade, we had to make a choice as to what kind of course we wanted to study. We had a choice of commercial, academic or shop. I chose commercial because I thought it would be the easiest course. We had no counseling.

When I went into the third grade, I was transferred to the main building to live. This building housed children aged nine to thirteen. We had a large play room where we could create our own games, etc. There we approximately fifteen children to each dormitory. Most of the time, the three dormitories were filled. One dormitory was on the first floor and two on the second floor. I remember on Christmas while sleeping in the lower dorm, we kids woke up early, however we were not allowed to get up until the bell rang. Kids will be kids; some one started a pillow fight. As would happen, someone's pillow broke open. You know the rest, feathers all over the dorm. When the caretaker came in to roust us out of bed, she said no one will get anything for Christmas. But, it was just a threat. We got our Christmas presents. I'm not sure, but I think the toys were donated by the Odd Fellows.

Roy (Pop) Beamon became our superintendent when I was about ten years old. On occasion, he would have a little party for both the boys and girls. When I was twelve years old he had a party, and everyone who was twelve years old that year received a Kodak Brownie camera. Most of the photos I took, while I was at the Orphanage, I took with that camera. I kept it all these years. The cameras were given to all of us who were 12 years old they year by The Kodak Company on their fiftieth anniversary.

Once a year a doctor came to the Orphanage to examine the children and make recommendations for tonsil removal. This

happened to me when I was about seven years old. When I was twelve years old, the doctor said I had to have them out again. The doctor must have only trimmed them the first time. We were taken to the Shamokin State Hospital to have the surgery. I remember my Uncle Ralph bringing my Mom to see me in the hospital. There were probably twenty five kids in that room.

My Mom and Uncle Ralph went bed to bed looking for me. I was in the far end of the room and they didn't see me. I started to cry a little, and the Nurse asked me what my problem was.

I told her my Mom was down the aisle at another kid's bed and she wasn't coming to visit me. The nurse went and got her. She was upset at Uncle Ralph because he thought the kid where they had been was me. My Mom said, "don't you think I know my own child." We laughed about it years later.

I was moved upstairs to a dorm with older boys, I guess I was about eleven years. I had a bed partner next to me who talked in his sleep and once in a while he would walk in his sleep. In the morning he wouldn't remember anything that he did. We kids would even talk to him while he was having these episodes.

At mealtime a bell would ring, and we had to line up in the hallway and walk downstairs into the dining hall. There were eight boys at a table. We had to stand behind our chairs, while the caretaker would lead us in saying grace. The food was plain and we had plenty of it. We had milk and cocoa every morning and evening meal. We had milk at every meal. The fact that the Orphanage had its own dairy; it was no problem. We had to stay seated until all the boys at our table were finished; we then had to carry our dirty dishes to a counter where the girls' job was to wash them. After a certain age, all the boys were given special chores to do. One of the jobs for the boys was in the potato room. There was a machine that removed the skins from the spuds, our job was to

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND HOLIDAY PARTY

Members and guests from Perseverance Encampment #135 gathered on Saturday evening, December 4, 2004 to honor their deceased patriarchs and to start the holiday season with some fellowship and fun. Robert S. Gebhardt and John A. Shive were the two patriarchs from Perseverance that were remembered this year. As each name was read out, a flower was placed in their honor at the front of the room. Rev. Harry E. Chatburn, pastor of Lehigh Baptist Church, gave the memorial message. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families at this time.

Following the solemn part of the evening, all moved to the recreational room for the holiday fun time with entertainment provided by "It's Himself," Jake Haldeman. The evening ended with those present enjoying some games of bingo and delicious refreshments.

Happy Holidays to all and a Prosperous 2005



remove the eyes out of the spuds. There were three or four of us assigned to this job every morning. It took us about an hour. Then we were on our own to go do what we chose, until time for school (during school months). During the summer months, we were free to do what we wished.

The Orphanage had its own dairy with about twenty-five or more milk cows. It was one of the duties of us younger kids to take the cows to pasture every morning and bring them into the barn at noon, then out again after our lunch. There were usually two kids assigned to this every day, during the summer months. It's amazing how you could control the cows to lead them to pasture. We had a stick which we would guide one cow then the others would follow. We had to keep them in a certain area, and it was a constant job, otherwise they would wonder into areas where the farmer didn't want them.

REBEKAH

By Vere V. Hunt

She stood by the well in the hush of the evening, as the daylight was kissing the soft lips of the night.

And the stately old palm trees ne'er gazed on a fairer, or lovelier, holier, more sanctified sight,

As she rested one ivory arm on the pitcher, and gazed with dark orbs down that deep ancient well;

Then she rose up erect, for the voice of a stranger broke the silence that settled o'er plain and o'er dell.

He was old, was the stranger, and long, snowy locks hung in graceful neglect down his sun-burned neck,

But his garments proclaimed him no vagabond traveler, nor the jewels his hands did so gayly bedeck.

Neath the shade of the trees stood his sand-covered camels, tired out from a long, weary march o'er the sand,

With a load of strange trappings and paraphernalia, that seldom were seen in her own quiet land.

Said the stranger, "Fair maiden, may I from that pitcher quench the thirst that now parches my dust-begrimed lips?"

"Drink, my lord," said the maiden, and smiled with enjoyment as eager the cool, crystal water he sips.

"I will draw for thy camels the beverage also," and she does, and invites the tired traveler home.

Where her father receives him with true eastern welcome, and begs he will not be in haste thence to roam.

In the morn the traveler tells the fair maiden the mission that brought him, and asks her to go

To the land of a stranger, to the arms of a husband she never has seen and she never did know.

But she pauses not, falters not; on o'er the desert she speeds with the stranger, till far, far away

She discerns a figure; she climbs from her camel and down at the lord's feet in beauty she lay.

And she made him a wife-none was wiser and better; from their loins sprang God's people, his own chosen race.

In her daughters, for ages, have stood forth those features that marked her as queen both of beauty and grace.

So too you, dear sisters, when asked for to join us, knew naught of these secrets our silence well hid,

But you came trusting, hoping that Love, truth and Friendship to a woman's kind heart would a true welcome bid.

And I doubt not you found it, and know that in ages to come, when we long have slow crumbled to dust,

That the daughters Rebekah has left them behind her, in Odd Fellow's teachings most loyally trust.



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December 7, 2004

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Dear Mr. Locke:

This will acknowledge, with thanks, the \$100.00 contribution from the I.O.O.F. and Rebekah Lodges of Pennsylvania. This contribution will go to the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter.

The generous and continued support provided by the good and generous people in your organization is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Catherine F. Penrod

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Our mission is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis and related diseases.

P.O.F. DAYS GONE BY

75 YEARS AGO

(January 1930)

EBENSBURG

Over 300 Odd Fellows, representing 21 Lodges in Cambria and adjoining counties, attended the special sessions (limited) of the Grand Lodge held Wednesday, January 22nd, in the headquarters of Highland Lodge No. 428.

Grand Secretary Usher A. Hall, Grand Guardian Harvey C. Riley and Norval Dougherty, both of Pittsburgh, were among the visiting guests, Grand Master George B. McDowell was unable to be present on account of illness. The special guest of honor was Richard Thomas, of Ebensburg, who has been a member of Highland Lodge for over 59 years.

In the absence of Noble Grand J.N. Fields, Vice Grand Frank Jervis, Jr., presided. District Deputy William Nemmo, of Nanty-Glo, introduced the Grand Officers, who conducted a school of instruction for Third Degree members, and at the close of the meeting conferred the Past Grand and Grand Lodge Degrees on fifty Past Grands of the various Lodges represented.

Dr. M.S. Bentz County Superintendent of Schools spoke at length of the life of Thomas Wildey, founder of the Three-Link Order in the United States, the occasion being the 147th anniversary of Wildey's birth.

Judge Ivan J. McKenrick made an address on "Odd Fellowship" and Harve Tibbott sang several solos. Lunch and a social hour followed the meeting. Deck Lane and Bryon W. Davis were the

IN MEMORIAM

PAULA A. LENTZ Alma Lodge #523 November 2, 2004

Brother Paul A. Lentz, 85, Geistown, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown on October 19, 1946. He became a Past Grand of that Lodge and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 21, 1961. He was also a member of William F. Packer Encampment #127. He served the Lodge and Encampment as Secretary for more than 20 years.

He was an Army Veteran of WWII and a member of the Roxbury Church of the Brethren.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, the former R. Marie Suhaycek, two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren, and one brother.

Burial was in the Grandview Cemetery.

DONALD W. MINTO Connoquenessing Lodge #278 December 1, 2004

Brother Donald W. Minto, 51, of Lyndora was initiated into Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler on November 6, 1993.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years, the former Rebecca Myers, his mother Sylvia, three daughters, three granddaughters and two brothers.

Burial was in the Rose Hill Cemetery.



Committee on arrangements for the affair, and the Lunch Committee consisted of Z.L. Brothers, H.S. James, Marshall Rowland, and R.C. Gittings.

ERIE

Saturday evening, January 4, the degree staff of Lake Shore Lodge No. 718, initiated a class at the local Odd Fellows Temple.

Wednesday evening, January 15, at 8:30 o'clock, members of the Lake Shore Lodge and Heneosis Encampment, with their wives and friends, observed the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Wildey, the founder of the Order on the North American continent. A short but interesting and entertaining program was arranged, after which a social hour was enjoyed. Dancing, light refreshments, and favors were given. Music was furnished by Doc Green's Quaker State orchestra.

HARRISBURG

Anniversary parties are being held by Susannah Rebekah Lodge with great success, the attendance on social nights having risen to well over 100. Everybody that has a birthday or wedding or other worthy anniversary during the month gets together and puts on the program, each individual being responsible for one definite item it's lots of fun.

25 YEARS AGO

(January 1980)

IOOF HONORS PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

About 60 persons attended a dinner to honor past district deputy grand masters Wednesday evening at the Odd Fellows Home in Meadville.

Edward E. Luckock, Noble Grand of the Conneaut Lake Odd Fellow Lodge, is incoming district deputy grand master, replacing Lloyd Gillette of Linesville, outgoing district deputy grand master.

The five Odd Fellow Lodges in the district were well represented. Past district deputies who attended included Wayne D. Klingensmith and Donald A. Stallard of Conneaut Lake; Victor Hart and M.O. Billingsley of Cochranton; Lawrence Bovard and Hugh Shields of Atlantic; Maurice Stanford of Linesville; Wallace Hunt of Meadville.

Meadville Odd Fellows Home managers Mr. and Mrs. Roland Chambers also attended.

Programs outlined for the coming year include raising funds to fix the pool table at Orchard, Odd Fellows and Rebekah Home for the Aged at Grove City.

The committee which served the dinner was composed of Rosco Todd, Klingensmith, Charles Leighty, and Raymond Luckock.

Initiatory degree will be conferred upon new members Monday at 8 P.M. at Cussewago Lodge #108, Meadville.

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Vol. 80 ROSTER

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

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, 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 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 Rannsey, 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.

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, 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—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., 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 Hallow 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, See'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 Umjbel, 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, See'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., Musury, 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, 111 Jefferson St., Apt. 101, Latrobe, PA 15650, fredseeatlave@wehtv.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. LETBY 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

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.

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., 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.

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. See'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, See'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, See'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 19543.

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., Duboisetown, 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., Elliotsburg, 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 Southhampton 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@nsn.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 Dr., 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, Dtallone2@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

PITTSTON—THALIA REBEKAH LODGE, #116, meets 1st and 3rd Wedneday 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 Riber St., Cochranton, 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 LODGF, #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, See'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, AP 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, Sec'y, R.D. I, 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 Tucsday 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 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 Seehler, 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, Phoenix ville, PA 19460.

STATE COLLEGE—LADY EMILY REBEKAH LODGE #452, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. in Windemere 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 18752

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, See'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, See'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, See'y, 1066 Hooker Rd., Karns 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., See'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.

DISTRICT 9 & 10 UN PILGRIMAGE DINNER



L-R: Courtney Franklin, UN Pop; Tom McHugh, GM; E. Keith Harvey, G. Chaplain; Skip Dotter, Grand Marshall, UN Candidate, Gabrielle Richterman, Dallas, PA.

FROM GRANDMA'S KITCHEN

Hot Ham Salad

3 cups cubed fully cooked ham

1/4 cup chopped green pepper

1 cup mayonnaise

1 can (8 oz.) pineapple tidbits, drained

1/4 cup chopped sweet red pepper

1/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

1 can (11 oz.) Mandarin oranges, drained

1/2 cup slivered almonds

In a bowl, combine the first 6 ingredients. Gently fold in the oranges. Transfer to a greased 1-1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with almonds. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until heated through. Yield: 4 servings.

Ruby Red Raspberry Salad

1 package (3 oz.) raspberry gelatin

1 package (10 oz.) sweetened frozen raspberries

1 package (3 oz.) cherry gelatin

1 can (16 oz.) whole-berry cranberry sauce

Mayonnaise, or salad dressing, optional

2 cups boiling water, divided

1-1/2 cups sour cream

1 can (20 oz.) crushed pineapple, drained

Lettuce leaves

Mint leaves, optional

Dissolve raspberry gelatin in 1 cup boiling water. Add raspberries and stir until berries are thawed and separated. Pour into a 13 in. x 9 in. pan; chill until set. Carefully spread with sour cream; chill. Dissolve cherry gelatin in remaining boiling water. Add pineapple and cranberry sauce; mix well. Allow to thicken slightly. Carefully spoon over sour cream mixture; chill. Cut into squares and serve on lettuce leaves. If desired, top each with a dollop of mayonnaise and garnish with a mint leaf. Yield: 12-16 servings.

Creamy Potato Casserole

1 package (30 oz.) frozen shredded hash brown potatoes, thawed

2 cups (16 oz.) sour cream

2 cups (8 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted

1/2 cup chopped onion

1/4 cup butter, melted

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1/2 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon salt

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Transfer to ungreased 2 quart baking dish. Bake uncovered at 350 for 1 hour or until heated through. Yield: 8-10 servings.

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