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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF THE ODD FELLOWS:

Help is needed! We need to find someone who is proficient in the DEGREE OF SIAM!!

There are several members throughout the Jurisdiction who would like this degree and here at the Grand Lodge, no one knows anything about it.

If you can help at all, please call Justin Bailey at the Grand Lodge.

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GRAND MASTER ON THE ROAD

This month's visitation to the Lodges in the Pennsylvania area was very productive. My wife & I were invited to Unified #2 Christmas Party in Pittsburgh. We enjoyed meeting all the members and their guests that attended the party. We had a very good meal, door prizes and awards for years as members of the Odd Fellows. All had a good time.

The next day my wife and I went to Cranberry for the two Home Boards from Grove City Christmas Party. We had a visit from Santa who handed out gifts to the board members and their guests. As usual, had a good meal and a great visit.

Also, we visited Dallas's Christmas Party. My wife and I enjoyed visiting these parties' and meeting all the wonderful bothers and sisters.

I visited several other Lodge Christmas Party's. I am afraid I will have to go on a diet; too much good food!

Hoping everyone had a good Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I hope to see you and your Lodge's in my travels.

In FLT
Grand Master
Arthur R. Moyer

NOTABLE DAYS

February 1	Natl. Freedom Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 5	Superbowl Sunday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 20	Presidents Day
February 21	Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras
February 22	Ash Wednesday
February 29	Leap Day

ALMA LODGE #523

We at Alma Lodge #523, in Johnstown, take our commitment "to work with others to build a better world" very seriously. In recent months, we have been reaching into our community with financial contributions to many organizations. Among them were six local food banks, the Johnstown Christian School, the Hollidaysburg Veteran Home, the Women's Help Center and the Johnstown Police Department's K-9 Corps.

Shown here are our members making some of their presentations.

Don Margroum, Conductor and Bill Young, N.G., present a check to Bruno Felus, representative of the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. This donation will be used for the residents' activities fund.

Linda Hockenberry, Chaplain, and Al Hockenberry, Treasurer & DDGM, present a check to Cathy Ritter of the Women's Help Center of Johnstown.

David Betting, Secretary, representing Alma Lodge #523, and John Pearce, Scribe, representing the Wm. F. Packer Encampment, present a check to Michael Kanuch of the Johnstown Police K-9 Corps, while Carl Thomas, Jr., PGW, on right, looks on.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Dear Readers:

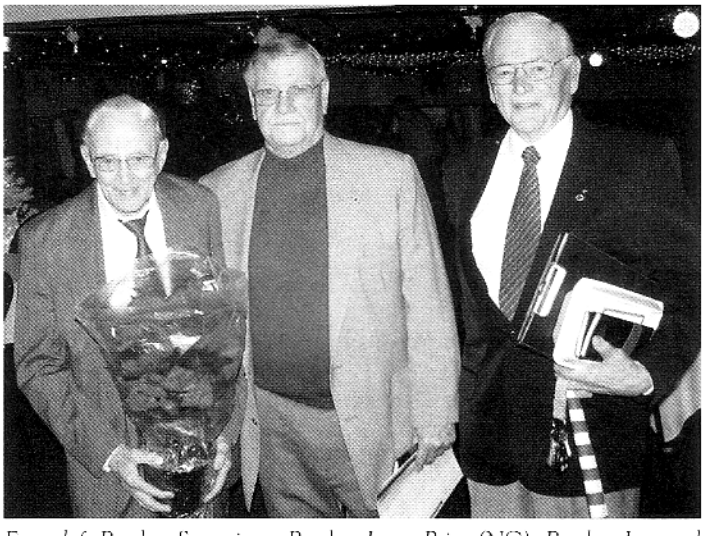
I would like to suggest each Odd Fellow Lodge has a rededication Ceremony where all their members pledge to do the various things they have pledged to do when they took the various Degrees and were installed as officers of the Lodge. Starting with the one they pledged to when they took when they got the Initiatory Degree, found on page 55 of the Ritual (Obligation). If we all would do that there would be a complete change of the way things are done. The last sentence states "to the faithful performance of all which, I pledge my sacred honor".

Think how much better your Lodge would be, if all your members lived up to the pledge they made when they joined.

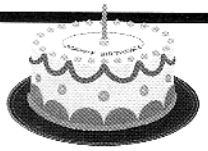
William L. Locke, Grand Secretary

80 YEAR MEMBER OF I.O.O.F

Charleroi Lodge # 1030 recognized Brother John R. Swearigen for his soon-to-be 80 years of I.O.O.F. membership at their annual Christmas Party in December. Brother Swearigen became a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows on Feb. 1, 1932 and is still going strong at 98 years of age. It was an honor for all those in attendance to be able to be in the company of such a distinguished gentleman.



From left: Brother Swearigen, Brother Lynn Price (NG), Brother Leonard Santini (Secty)

FEBRUARY  WISHES

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Joseph Suter - # 523
David M. Kertis - # 510
Brian Turner - # 86
J. William Brooks - # 471
Richard A. Slaugenhaupt - # 278
James M. Howells - # 1030
Pamela Kelchner – R # 222
Leroy E. Moss - # 2

2 - Arthur B. Robinson - # 2
Leon S. Stamm, PDC - # 1175
Shane Miles - # 969
Alfred Cordisco - # 87
Erwin Herman - # 371
Russell C. Vest - # 361
Carl E. Thomas Jr., PGW - # 523
John A. Vella - # 87
Christopher Cimakoski - # 899

3 - Everett Leard - # 379
Gerald L. Lake - # 710
David S. Etter - # 1050
Robert Anthony - # 457
Lori McDonough - # 386
Daniel W. Kindig - # 488
Gerald C. Berger - # 192

4 - Bertha A. Rreitz, PPRA - R# 146
Joy Ann Orth – R # 116
Robert J. Rhodes - # 348
Robert E. Bowersox - # 97
Stephen Bradley - # 57
Calvin K. Quier - # 57
John C. Karnack - # 1030
Barnard Kennedy - # 1030

5 - Darvin Schreffler - # 551
David Mulligan - # 371
Telford L. Manners - # 523
Richard A. Barrett - # 339
Victor H. Fluke - # 802
Charlotte Dickie – R # 82
Don M. Lapinson - # 37

6 - Janet Betzer – R # 58
Robert G. Watson - # 2
Jean Heintzelman – R # 222
William Dawe - # 712
Patricia I. Newman - PP RA R # 102
Robert W. Tilley - # 523

7 - Catherine A. McMenamin – R # 173
Betty Christie – R # 198
Edward J. O'Hanlon, Jr. - # 306
Michael R. Delfosse - # 55
George A. Stuhl - # 1175
Forrest C. Goodenough - # 88
Anthoney W. Fetterhoff - # 710
Mellis Zellner - # 488

8 - Martin A. Quinn - # 457
Glenda T Cramer – R # 303
Margaret Tack – R # 19
Emma Neiley – R # 443
Russell Ames - # 434
John E. Fetterolf - # 510

9 - Stephen R. Neiley 111 - # 1152
Michael Stoyko - # 254
Marty Meddock - # 339
David J. Pringle - # 153
Mark Allen Eaton - #1125
Wilma Ferguson – R # 198
William A. Pfister - # 2

10 - Ruth Betz – R # 29
Shirley G. Gernsback - # 2
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James K. Heeter - # 97
Joyce Kerrick – R # 443
Richard Evans Jr. - # 57
David C. Weimer - # 438
Gail Lynn Gulsha - # 211
Steve Mesko - # 1032
Rodney Lee Ramsey Jr. - # 736

11 - Wilbur E. Leidig - # 773
Jamie L. Hall - # 736
Robert S. Brant - # 438

12 - Alfred B. Cooper - # 74
Henry L. Lesher - # 285
William L. Locke, GS - # 573
Kerry Eyster - # 551
Robert L. Willison - # 1004
Antionette Nyberg – R # 497
John Shorten - # 306

13 - Eugene R. Bennett - # 153
David Harte - # 306
Melvin Swendsen - # 88
Joseph A. Simonovich - # 899
Frank H. McClenathan - # 1030
Judith Leech – R # 146
James Sagl - # 192
Weskey F. Mikes Sr. - # 150

14 - Edward K. Brogan - # 899
Charles W. Rohrer - # 1030
Valjean Veschio - # 1030
Michael Kinzinger - #88
Eugene Sechler - # 1010
Coray Allen Harvey - # 116

15 - Fred F. Neff - # 379
Martha Wareham – R # 328
Shirley Hedrich – R # 452
Paul Corbin - # 957
Judy Balmer - # 306
Susan R. Minick – R # 303

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29 - Robert E. Bachman - # 361

OBITUARIES

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

RICHARD W. CLARK
Cussewago Lodge No. 108
October 31, 2011

Brother Richard W. Clark, 83, of Meadville, PA, was initiated into Cussewago Lodge #108, Meadville, on February 6, 1967 where he became a Past Grand. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's current Treasurer.

He was of the protestant faith.

Surviving is his wife, the former Barbara J. Redmond, a son, a daughter, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

JUNIOR H. HIMES
Warren Lodge No. 339
November 2, 2011

Brother Junior H. Himes, 84, of Warren, PA, was initiated into Warren Lodge #339 on March 2, 1971.

He was a WWII Army Air Corps Veteran and a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church of Warren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Lois E. Traub. Surviving is one daughter, three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Oakland Cemetery.

JESSE A. FITHIAN
Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
November 5, 2011

Brother Jesse A. Fithian, 98, of Russell, PA, was initiated into Lawrenceburg Lodge #782, Parkers Landing, on September 21, 1958 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, through consolidation on September 12, 1978.

He was a Veteran of the Army Ground Forces Band during WWII and a member of the Russell and Parker United Methodist Churches.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Betty Florence Wilkes. Surviving is one son, one daughter, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Parker Presbyterian Cemetery, Parker, PA.

HOWARD T. MILLER
Aluta Lodge No. 488
November 23, 2011

Brother Howard T. Miller, 99, of Bangor, PA, was initiated into Aluta Lodge #488, Nazareth, on September 11, 1987 where he became a Past Grand on October 20, 1989.

He was a WWII U.S. Marine Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mildred M. Matlock. Surviving is one son, one daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at the convenience of the family.

DAVID H. O'LEARY SR
Paoli Lodge No. 290
December 7, 2011

Brother David H. O'Leary Sr., 82, of Coatesville, PA, was initiated into Star of Hope Lodge #199, Coatesville, on October 20, 1958. He then became a member of Paoli Lodge #290 through consolidation on November 15, 2005.

He was a member of the Coatesville Bible Fellowship Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Mae Rissel, one daughter, one son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery, Coatesville.

WILLIAM H. BAUMGARTNER
Aluta Lodge No. 488
December 10, 2011

Brother William H. Baumgartner, 84, of Jonas, PA, was initiated into Effort Lodge #1102 on March 8, 1968. He then became a member of Aluta Lodge #488, Nazareth, through consolidation on May 30, 1986.

He was appointed by President Clinton the Executive Directory of the Farm Service Agency in Harrisburg and was a member of the Effort United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Rena Kresge, one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Burial was held in Middlecreek Cemetery, Kunkletown, PA.

GEORGE E. USOFF
Triune Lodge No. 307
December 13, 2011

George E. "Red" Usoff, 94, of Middletown, PA, was initiated into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, on May 2, 1950.

He was a WWII U.S. Army Air Corps Veteran and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church of Middletown.

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Surviving is his wife, the former Beryl R. Hicks, two daughters and a granddaughter.

Burial held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Hanover Township, PA.

GEORGE R. SMITH
State College Lodge No. 1032
December 15, 2011

Brother G. Robert Smith, 93, of Elizabethtown, PA, was initiated into State College Lodge #1032 on April 16, 1953.

He was a WWII Veteran and a member of the United Church of Christ in State College.

He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Madge Pearce in 1947 and Judy Klepek in 1999. Surviving are three sons, eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

CLIFFORD C. SNYDER
P.D.D.G.M.
Jordan Lodge No. 192
December 24, 2011

Brother Clifford C. Snyder, 89, of Schnecksville, PA, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, on February 15, 1944 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on December 9, 1949. He served as D.D.G.M. from 1995-1998. He was initiated into Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, on November 17, 1976 where he also served as Noble Grand from 2003-2004. He held other memberships as a Past Chief Patriarch and current High Priest of Pleasant Corner Encampment #54 of Schnecksville, having joined on September 6, 1988. He was awarded the Meritorious Service jewel and the Degree of Chivalry.

He was a member of the Union United Church of Christ in Neffs.

He was preceded in death by a son, Craig. Surviving is his wife the former Marion L. Hausman also of Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, two children, also members of the Odd Fellows and six grandchildren.

Services were performed by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Union Church Cemetery.

H. ANDREW JOHNSON III
Vienna Lodge No. 847
December 29, 2011

Brother H. Andrew Johnson III, 56, of Orefield, PA, was initiated into Vienna Lodge #847, Allentown, on March 17, 2011 in which he became an active member.

He was a member of the Jordan Lutheran Evangelical Church, Orefield.

Surviving is his wife, the former Irene C. Martinjack, his mother Misa Johnson, a son, daughter, two step-sons, one step-daughter and two grandsons.

GRACE O. WELDON
Mahoney Rebekah Lodge No. 428
January 6, 2012

Sister Grace O. Weldon, 91, of Shermans Dale, PA, was initiated into Mahoney Rebekah Lodge No. 428, New Bloomfield, on September 20, 1947 where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1957.

She was a member of the Dellville United Methodist Church.

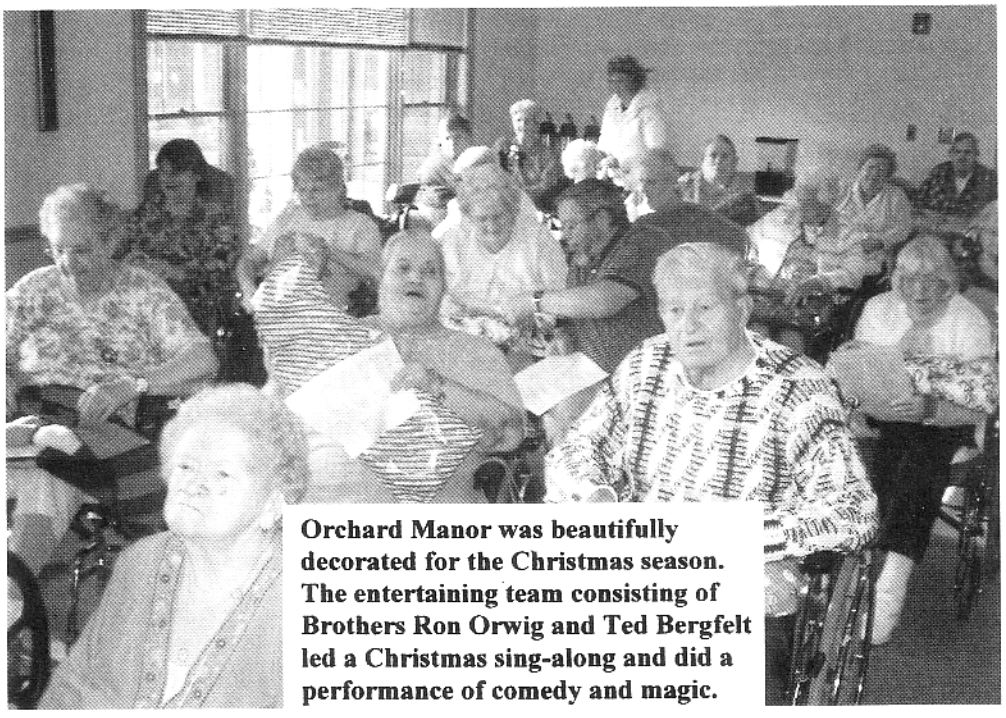
Surviving is her husband and member of Mackinaw Lodge #380, Gordon Weldon, three daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Dellville United Methodist Cemetery.

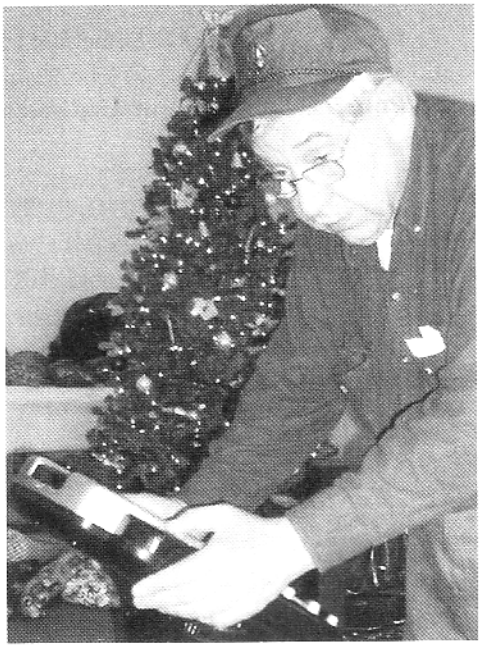
THE ORIGIN OF PRESIDENT'S DAY

The origin of Presidents' Day lies in the 1880s, when the birthday of George Washington—commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution and the first president of the United States—was first celebrated as a federal holiday. In 1968 Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill, which moved a number of federal holidays to Mondays. The change was designed to schedule certain holidays so that workers had a number of long weekends throughout the year, but it has been opposed by those who believe that those holidays should be celebrated on the dates they actually commemorate. During debate on the bill, it was proposed that Washington's Birthday be renamed Presidents' Day to honor the birthdays of both Washington (February 22) and Abraham Lincoln (February12); although Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in many states, it was never an official federal holiday. Following much discussion, Congress rejected the name change. After the bill went into effect in 1971, however, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name, due in part to retailers' use of that name to promote sales and the holiday's proximity to Lincoln's birthday. Presidents' Day is usually marked by public ceremonies in Washington, D.C., and throughout the country.

MEMBERS OF UNIFIED LODGE IN PITTSBURGH HELP MAKE SEASON CHRISTMAS

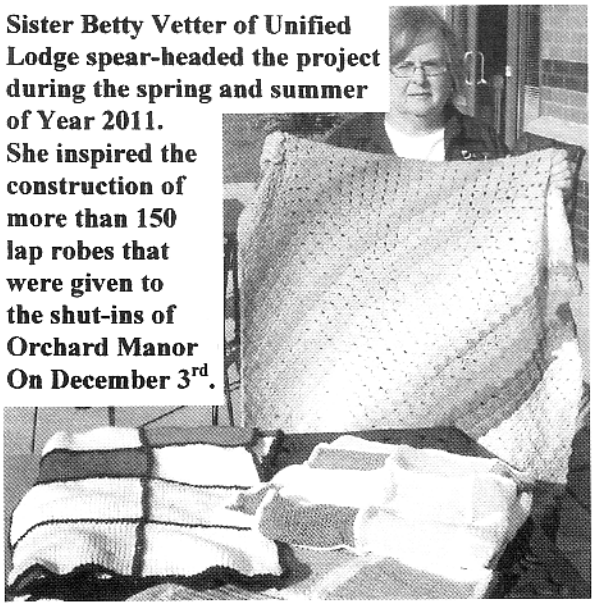


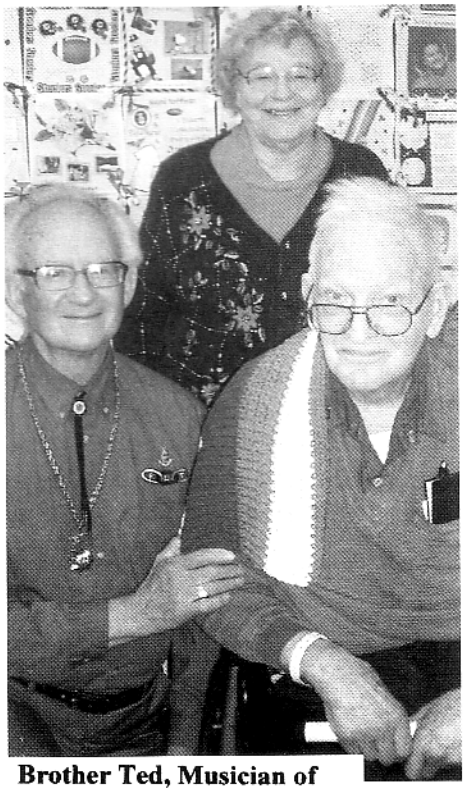
Orchard Manor was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season. The entertaining team consisting of Brothers Ron Orwig and Ted Bergfelt led a Christmas sing-along and did a performance of comedy and magic.



Brother Ron Orwig of Unified Lodge took his P.A. system to Orchard Manor to deliver the necessary musical vibrations.

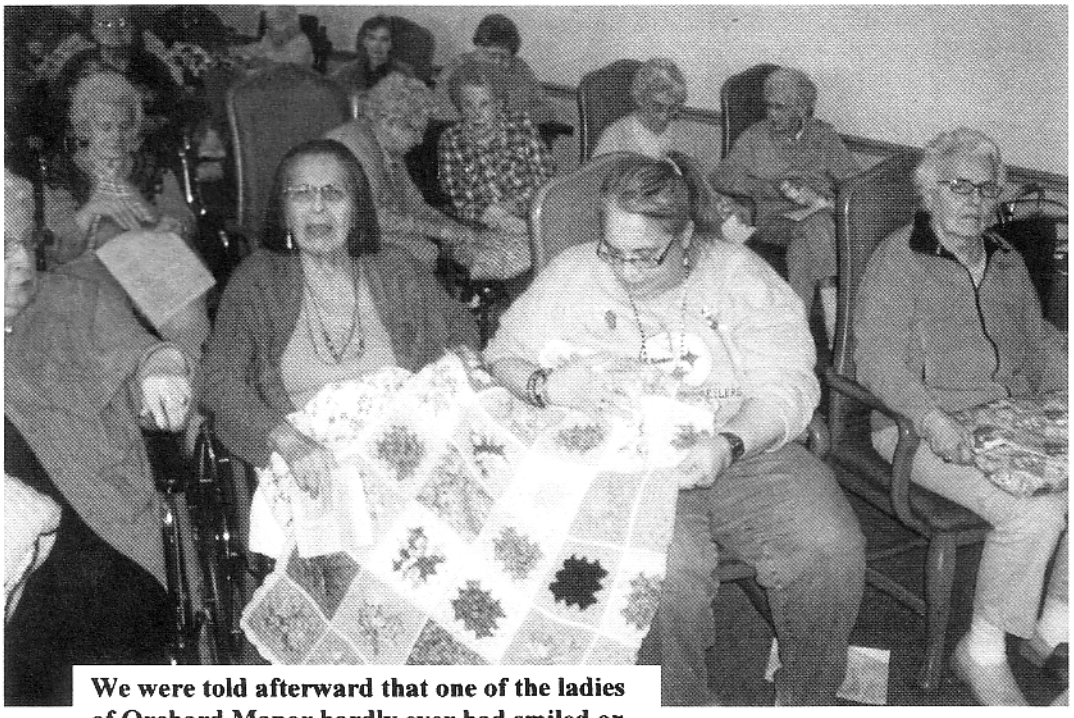
Sister Betty Vetter of Unified Lodge spear-headed the project during the spring and summer of Year 2011. She inspired the construction of more than 150 lap robes that were given to the shut-ins of Orchard Manor On December 3rd.





Brother Ted, Musician of Unified, and Joan Bergfelt, Chaplain of the Lodge, were pleased to visit with and do honor to Brother Ellwood McCorkle, a long-timer of their Lodge in Pittsburgh.

BRIGHT AT ORCHARD MANOR



We were told afterward that one of the ladies of Orchard Manor hardly ever had smiled or spoken much previous to Unified's visit and performance by Ron Orwig and Ted Bergfelt, but when we left, she still was in a jovial mood.

The looks of the faces of the residents told a story of happiness and joy as each received a colorful remembrance of Unified Lodge's visitation to the Orchard Manor home.

The Orchard Manor staff provided a nice selection of Christmas cookies and beverages for the occasion to make it very special.

This picture shows Brother Harry Klose with Brother Bill Pfister, both members of the Unified Lodge #2 visiting team.

While we were there, District Deputy Harry Klose presented a 50-year Odd Fellows Service Award Pin to resident Ellwood McCorkle, former Grand Master of the Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania, and a member of Unified Lodge.

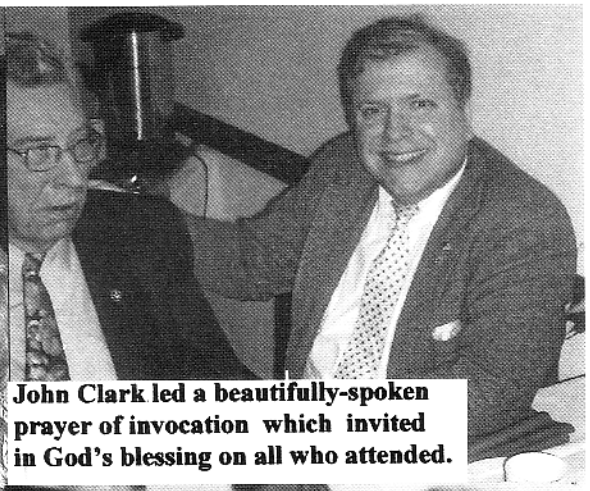
Here you see Sister Marlyn Pfister, the Vice Grand of #2 Unified Lodge, who was very happy to assist as lap robes were distributed.

F. L. T. WERE CLEARLY EVIDENT AT THE

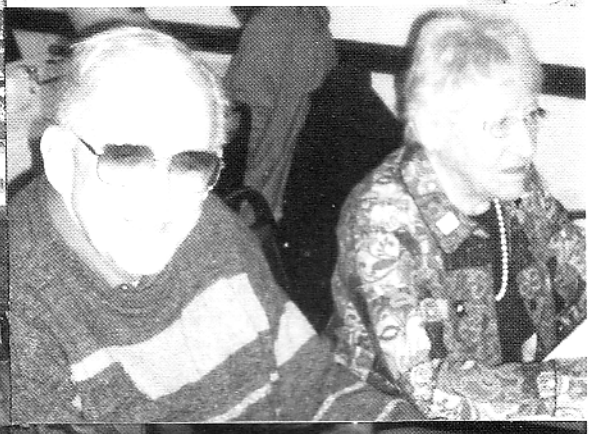
INDEED, A VERY SPECIAL EVENT!

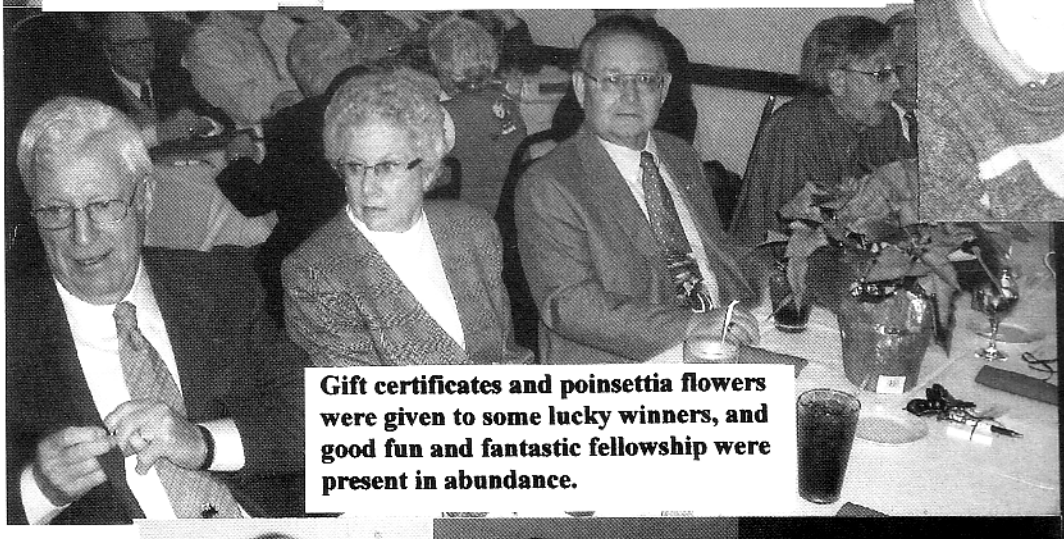
Vice Grand Carl Marshallwitz was in charge because of the absence of Hampton's Noble Grand.

Famous Grotto clown Bob Ruff congratulated the very recently wedded Mr. and Mrs. John Corey, while Mrs. Corey displayed pictures.

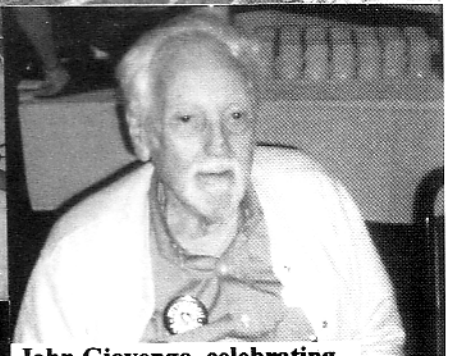


John Clark led a beautifully-spoken prayer of invocation which invited in God's blessing on all who attended.

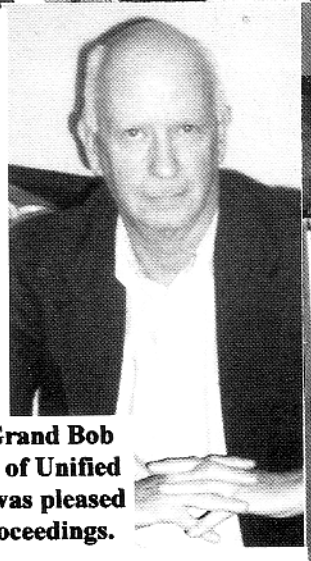




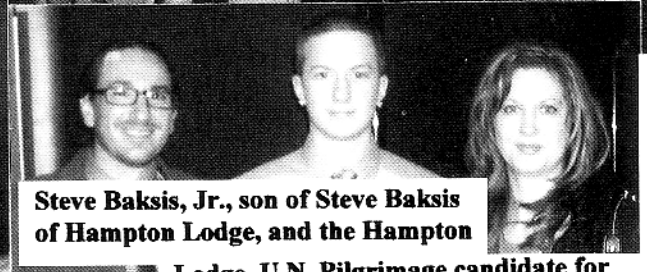
Gift certificates and poinsettia flowers were given to some lucky winners, and good fun and fantastic fellowship were present in abundance.



John Giovengo, celebrating his 90th birthday that very day, was given a candle-lit piece of cake while everyone sang "Happy Birthday."



Noble Grand Bob Watson of Unified Lodge was pleased with proceedings.

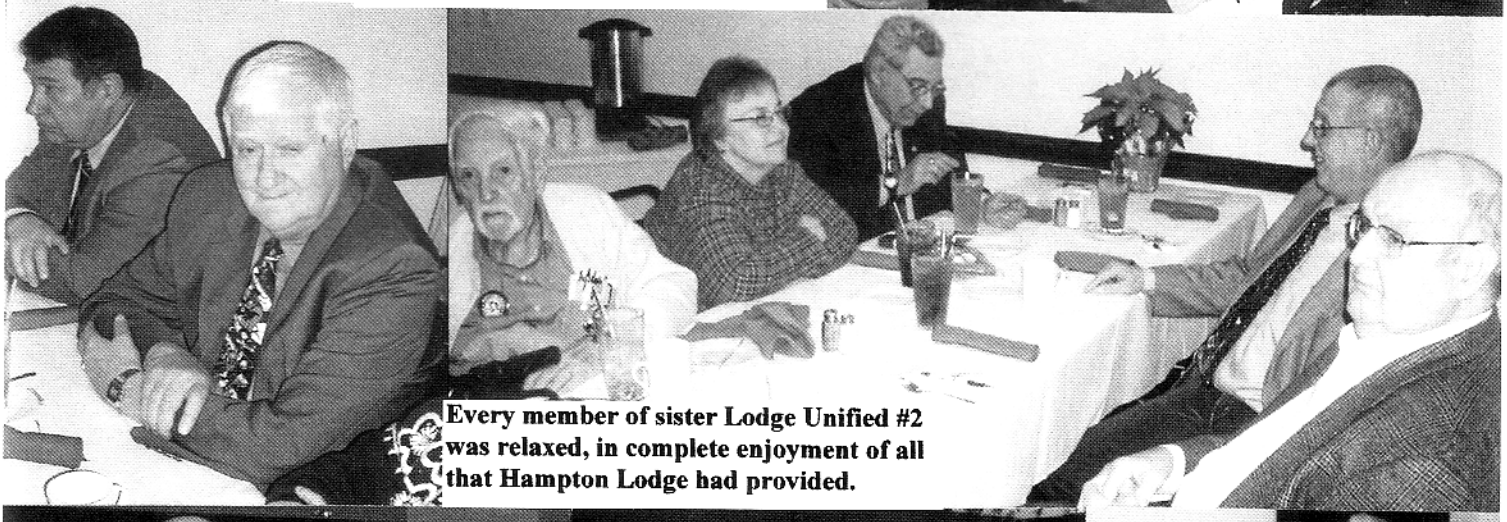


Steve Baksis, Jr., son of Steve Baksis of Hampton Lodge, and the Hampton Lodge U.N. Pilgrimage candidate for Year 2011, gave a fine power point slide presentation about his two-week trip.

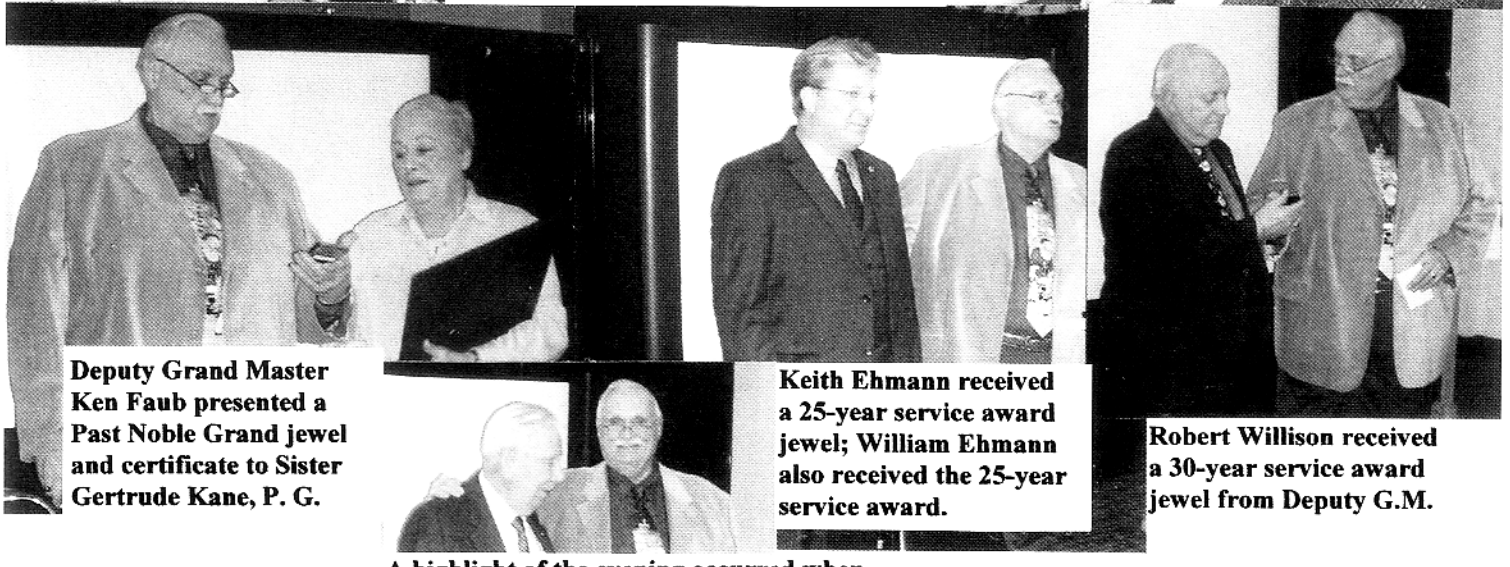
On December 5th, Hampton Lodge held its annual holiday dinner and awards ceremony at the Monte Cello's Restaurant in Allison Park. A total of 53 Brothers and Sisters were present and dined well.

HAMPTON LODGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Deputy Grand Master Kenneth Faub and his party were delighted with the festivities of the Hampton celebration.



Every member of sister Lodge Unified #2 was relaxed, in complete enjoyment of all that Hampton Lodge had provided.



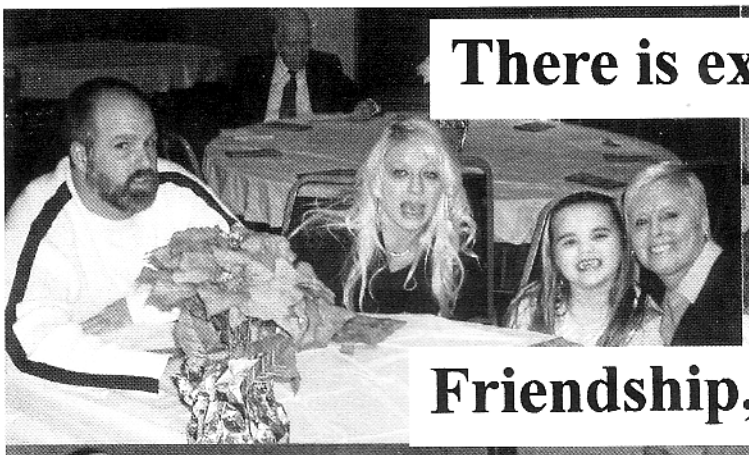
Deputy Grand Master Ken Faub presented a Past Noble Grand jewel and certificate to Sister Gertrude Kane, P. G.

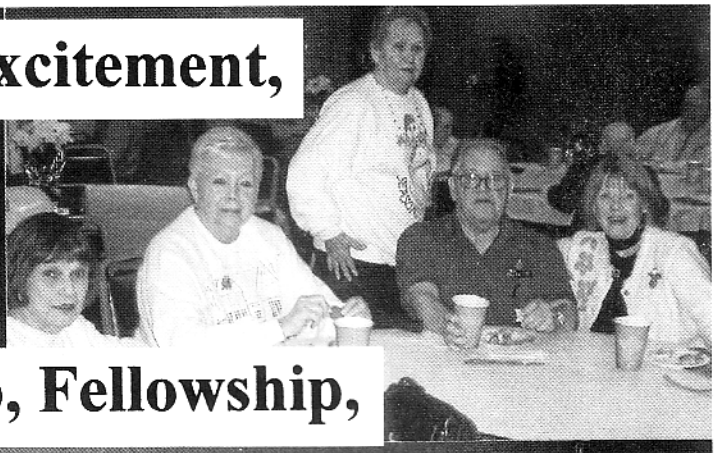
Keith Ehmann received a 25-year service award jewel; William Ehmann also received the 25-year service award.

Robert Willison received a 30-year service award jewel from Deputy G.M.

A highlight of the evening occurred when Deputy G.M. Ken Faub presented a 60-year membership award jewel to Vernon Miller.

There is excitement,





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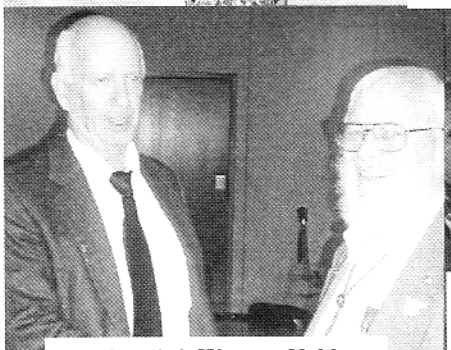
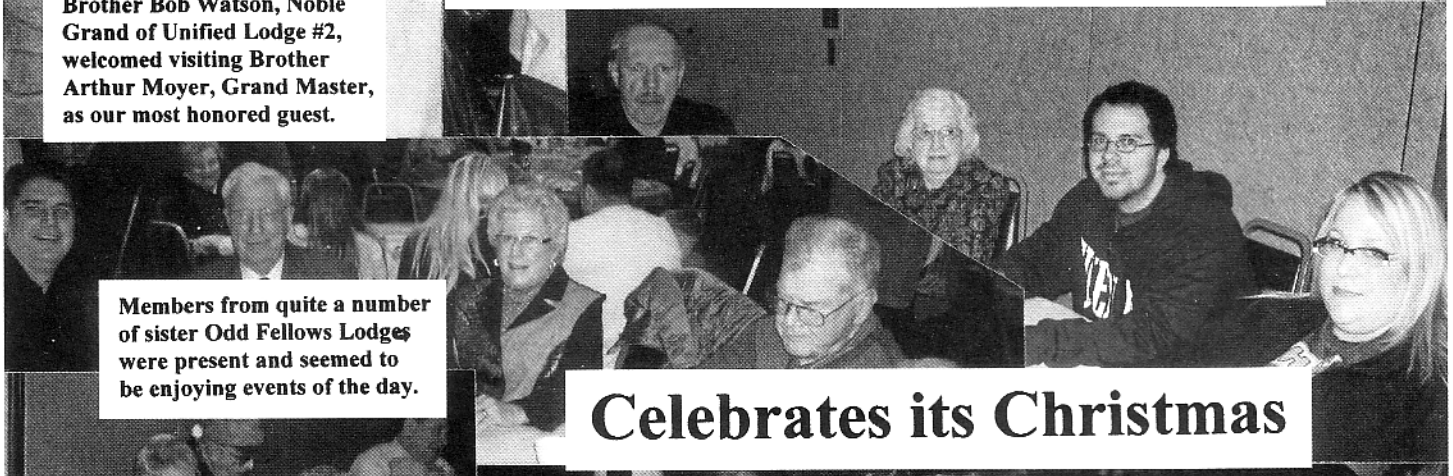


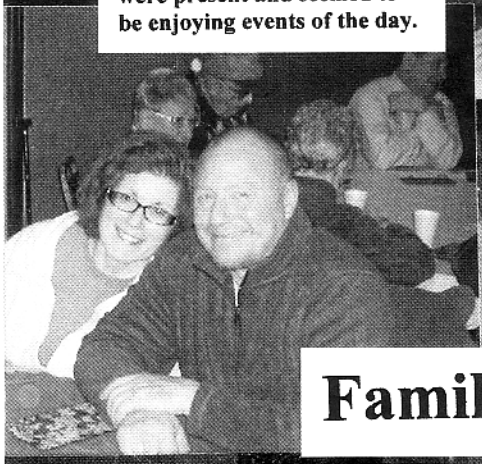
And Fun when Unified Lodge

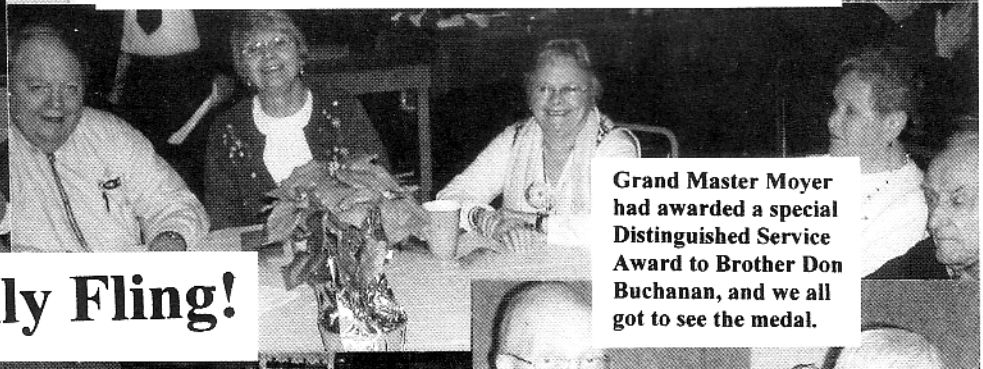
Brother Bob Watson, Noble Grand of Unified Lodge #2, welcomed visiting Brother Arthur Moyer, Grand Master, as our most honored guest.



Members from quite a number of sister Odd Fellows Lodges were present and seemed to be enjoying events of the day.

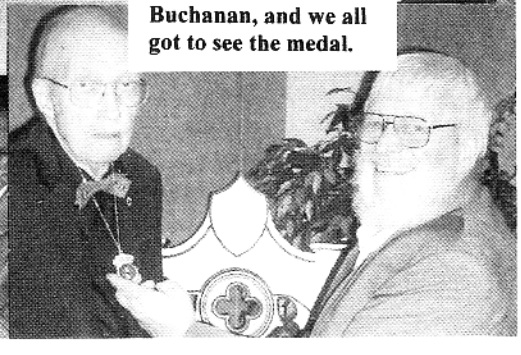
Celebrates its Christmas



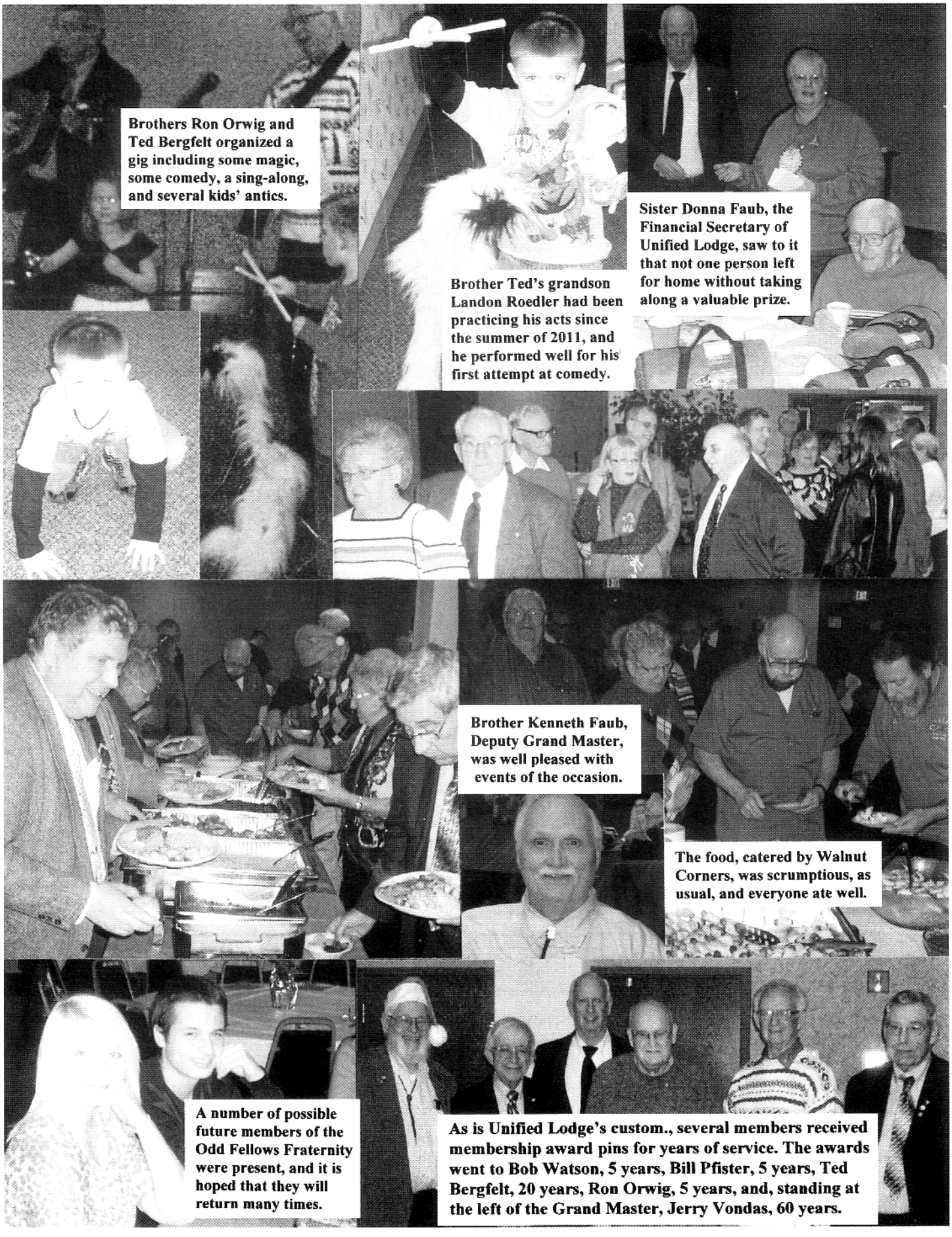


Family Fling!

Grand Master Moyer had awarded a special Distinguished Service Award to Brother Don Buchanan, and we all got to see the medal.



On Friday, December 16, at the Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, starting at 6:00 P.M., more than 100 people, of ages ranging from 5 years old to the nonagenarian status, celebrated Unified Lodge's annual party.



Brothers Ron Orwig and Ted Bergfelt organized a gig including some magic, some comedy, a sing-along, and several kids' antics.

Brother Ted's grandson Landon Roedler had been practicing his acts since the summer of 2011, and he performed well for his first attempt at comedy.

Sister Donna Faub, the Financial Secretary of Unified Lodge, saw to it that not one person left for home without taking along a valuable prize.

Brother Kenneth Faub, Deputy Grand Master, was well pleased with events of the occasion.

The food, catered by Walnut Corners, was scrumptious, as usual, and everyone ate well.

A number of possible future members of the Odd Fellows Fraternity were present, and it is hoped that they will return many times.

As is Unified Lodge's custom., several members received membership award pins for years of service. The awards went to Bob Watson, 5 years, Bill Pfister, 5 years, Ted Bergfelt, 20 years, Ron Orwig, 5 years, and, standing at the left of the Grand Master, Jerry Vondas, 60 years.

LADY HALL REBEKAH LODGE # 202 CHRISTMAS FUN

YORK SPRINGS LODGE # 211

Holiday News from Lodge 211 York Springs, York Springs. Lodge 211 celebrated its 1st Holiday Dinner in many years on December 15 at the lodge located in beautiful downtown York Springs. The event was well attended. Prior to the start of the meal the members observed a moment to reflect on those less fortunate and to renew their commitment to assist helping those in need. The traditional favorites were made available by the lodge members who attended the menu included, Turkey, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed salad, Macaroni and Cheese, Dried Fruit platter, Cookies, Pie and special Holiday Bread and spread. Many a member could be heard commenting on the delicious tasting food provided.

Our regularly scheduled meeting was held to transact business and complete our official duties as IOOF members. At the conclusion of our meeting the members signed holiday cards that will be sent to those members who were unable to attend the meetings and special events. Your Springs Lodge 211 wishes all a safe and happy Holiday season.

Witten by member Sam Giardullo

CHRISTMAS

The week after the children returned to school after the Christmas recess. My oldest son came home from school and said that the kids in school told him that Santa Clause was your father. Well now, my wife and I had decided early on that we would not buy toy guns for our children. My son was ten years old, so that for nine Christmases he didn't get a toy gun to play with. But that year my mother-in-law yelled at me that if I don't buy them toy guns they will want real ones, too soon. So I broke down and bought toy guns that year. So when my oldest son spoke up and said Santa was your father, I looked at him and with all the sincerity I could muster said, "I went out and bought you a gun." "Well," he said, "Maybe they were mistaken."

Well now, I look around and watch people rush around shopping for things to give on Christmas. But today, it appears to me that, Christmas is one day. We tell people that we love them only one day a year by buying expensive things that we really can't afford. When I was a kid, the late 1930's and early 1940's, Christmas was a season. It went from from Thanksgiving to Christmas Day. We, my family, were very lucky. We had a floor model radio. The music at Christmas time of year was just beautiful. We all sang along with it. Four Jews sitting around the radio singing "Come All Ye Faithful". Well, it was a little confusing to say the least.

I remember hearing Mr. Donahue, our next door neighbor, complain to my father that the Christmas tree cost the Donahue family three dollars this year. "It is just outrageous!" I learned all the Christmas Carols in school. We all had little song books provided by the John Hancock Insurance Company. No one sang "I had a little dradle" For the past several years I've heard people say, "Put Christ back in Christmas!" Well, who took him out in the first place?

Actually, Christmas is a season. It goes from Christmas day to January fifth. It was a time when families are supposed to gather to celebrate themselves. It was a time to say, "I'm sorry for saying or doing hurtful things to you. Please forgive me!" That is where the promise of Peace on earth and Good Will to Men comes from. It seems to me that people are too busy cursing the darkness then to take the time to light a candle.

In those days if you got a present for Christmas, it was probably a pair of mittens that your grandmother knit for you. Your presents, were the hugs that you got from unbelieving aunts. They couldn't believe that, that dolt of a father of yours could not produce such gorgeous children. If you lived up north, the sled that you used was a hand-me-down from someone who had out grown it and you had to share it. There was no money for frivolity The OPA dictated how much one could earn and how much your employer could pay. The OPA dictated what you could buy and how much you had to pay if you could find it. The war was on and we all had relatives in the service.

I was in the second or third grade when Christmas came. In my class we all drew names and we were expected to buy a present for the person who's name we drew. That present was not to exceed a cost of fifty cents. Please understand that East Manchester, NH, where I lived was like a closed society. Everyone, adults, knew, went to school with, or worked in the mills with everyone else in that little community.

My mother took one look at the name of the girl who's name I drew and purchased a game that cost about Two dollars and fifty cents.

Mom knew the family. She also knew that this girl had five siblings in many of the grades in school with her as well as two more still at home too young to go to school. There would be no toys. It would be wonderful for that family to have meat enough for everyone in the family for Christmas dinner. I can't tell you how many children left school to get a job in the mills because there wasn't enough of anything. Children were still allowed to work in the mills at that time.

Yet Christmas came and we all got to see the decorations that people with money displayed in and around their houses. Chanukah came and I just loved the potato pancakes that were part of that celebration.

As many as my mother could make, there was never enough of those tasty delights.

When I grew up and married, We had four children. I was working for SENAK co. The company sold house hold things, a dollar down and a dollar a week until it was paid. My youngest was just learning to walk. It was the 24th of December and I was home early as no one had money to pay me on the day before Christmas. My wife gave me the last ten dollars she had in her purse and said, "Go to Milagins Hardware Store and see what you can do for our kids." Milagins was one of those places; if you can't find it any where else, you can find it at Milagins. The full name of the store was Milagin and Currier. Milagin died years ago and by the time I got to the store that afternoon, only Mr. Currier was on duty having sent his employees home early. He watched me as I looked over the left over toys and calculated what I could afford. The first thing that struck me was a small stuffed doll. It stood maybe five or six inches tall.

Finally, Mr Currier came over to me and asked what I was looking for. I explained my situation and he selected three more toys that probably added up to about twelve dollars. I was no stranger to this man. I had been in his store through all of my growing years and even after I got married. He took my ten bucks wrapped the four things and wished me a Merry Christmas.

I don't remember the other three toys, but the little doll I gave to our youngest. She kept it for years, and she rescued it from the trash on many occasion asking, "fix it please." The seams had to be stitched several times and cotton batting stuffed in to replace what had been lost. A pair of pants had to be made for it as the seams and fabric didn't hold any more.

We didn't celebrate Christmas, but how could I tell my children that there is no Santa Clause when he is pictured every where and seen in most stores and even some restaurants. That was the toughest holiday my wife and I ever had. But that doll remains in my memory as a symbol of love, caring and an indomitable spirit.

By: Mackie Levine, State College Lodge 1032

THALIA REBEKAH LODGE # 116

The lodges of District 8 recently joined together to honor their representaive to the Annual United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. The event was held at the Castle Inn Restaurant in Dallas, PA and featured a family style dinner. The guest speaker for the evening was Grand Warden Justin C. Bailey. *Shown in the photo are: DDGM - District 8, Tom McHugh, PGM; Jr. PGM E. Keith Harvey, Jr; UN Pilgrimage Delegate Tiffanie Lynn Miller and GW Justin C. Bailey.*

Members of Thalia Rebekah Lodge #116, Pittston recently gathered for their annual Holiday get together. The event was held at the home of PGM Tom McHugh and Susan McMullen in Mountain Top and featured great food, several raindeer games and the annual playing of "Dirty Bingo." A good time was had by all. *Pictured (seated) Michelle Miller, Deanna Coleman with Daughter Gianna Capone and Sue Trudnak. (Standing)Bernie Trudnak, PGM Tom McHugh, Rose Theiman, Sherri Eble and Lenny Theiman.*

As a holiday community project, Thalia Rebekah Lodge #116, Pittston, provided "Blizzard Bags" to the recipients of Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston. These bags, filled with various food items will be helpful when the snow flies and Meals on Wheels is unable to deliver a meal that day. The food included MREs (Meals Ready to Eat), Soup, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Fruit Snacks and other goodies. The recipients were very thankful for this very useful gift. The money to purchase the food for the "Blizzard Bags" was rasied by Thalia during the summer when they did a basket raffle fundraiser during the Annual Pittston Tomato Festival. *Shown packing the bags are (L-R)Michelle Miller, Deanna Coleman, Sue Trudnak, Lisa Mikus and Sherri Eble. Behind the lens of the camera was PGM Tom McHugh.*

ORCHARD MANOR RESIDENTS THANK YOU

To the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

On behalf of the Residents of Orchard Manor, I would like to thank you all for a wonderful Christmas treat! We enjoyed the program and the afghans are just beautiful and is a gift that each of us can use and enjoy.

Thought the upside down Odd Fellows Christmas tree was a real hoot, made me smile the rest of the day!

Again, thank you for caring about us and helping to give us a great Christmas.

Dorothy Mazza, President Orchard Manor, Resident Council

PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT #135 MEMORIAL SERVICE AND HOLIDAY DINNER

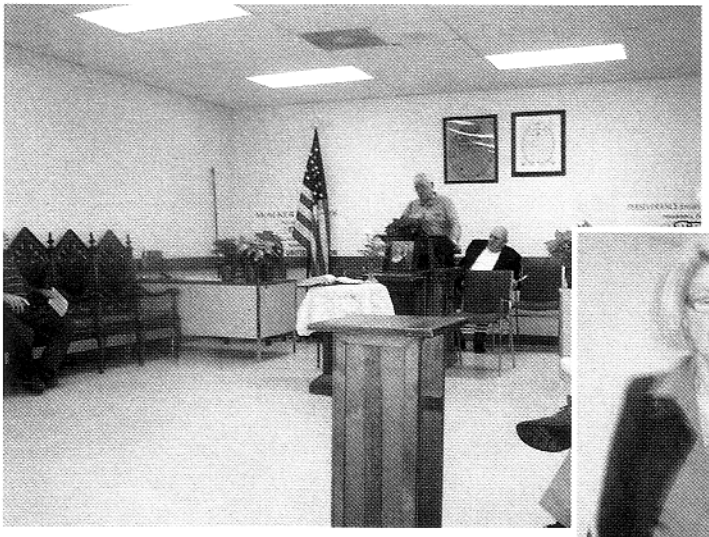
Perseverance Encampment #135 celebrated their Memorial Service and Holiday Dinner on Thursday December 15, 2011. The service was for Grand Patriarch Edward Beach, who served 1986-87. Patriarch Beach joined Walker #306 on 9/ 8/ 1947 and Perseverance Encampment on 10/2/1947. He was also a member of Philadelphia Canton #1, which he served in many offices, including clerk. Robert Smedley PCP read the tribute that he had read at the funeral service in July. Ed was very active in Odd Fellowship. H.John Oertel PCP placed the carnation in the vase at the memorial service. Clarie Beach, Carol Ann Baldwin, and Edward Beach Jr. were present at the service and dinner.

Ed was survived by his wife, Claire , 2 daughters, and 1 son, including 8 grandchildren and 4 great -grandchildren. The last great-grandchild was born in October 2011.

After the memorial service, a delicious dinner was enjoyed by all. The dinner was prepared by the loving hands of Dolores Shorten and, of course Charlie Shorten. He helped!! The menu included: salad with choice of dressing, rolls, butter, an entree of sliced roast beef with gravy, "huge" baked potatoes with sour cream, broccoli, and a choice of dessert, either apple or pumpkin pie, coffee , tea, or soda. Everyone received a box of candy and each family was presented with a Poinsettia plant. All enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

Bring the family! We hope to see everyone again next year!

Submitted by
Dorothea Oertel PCP #135

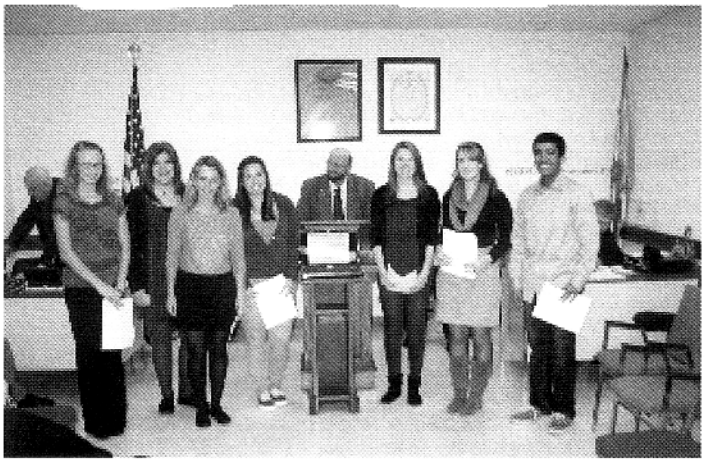


CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 2011 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Charleroi I.O.O.F. Lodge #1030 kicked off the 2011 Christmas Season by holding its annual Christmas party at Hugo's Restaurant, located along the National Pike (Rte. 40) in Centerville, Pa.Approximately 54 members and guest enjoyed a very memorable evening.Those in attendance satisfied their appetites with their choice of stuffed flounder, stuffed pork chops, or stuffed chicken, along with all the other "goodies." Dessert a featured delicious half chocolate/half vanilla sheet cake made especially for the occasion. Entertainment for the evening was provided by "Music Memories" by Bob, who played and sang various Christmas songs that were enjoyed by all.Ticket drawings were held for members and guest to win various prizes consisting of poinsettias, gift cards, candy jar, and all-the-take.Paparazzi, Brother Edward Metz, provided the following snap shots of the party:

PHILADELPHIA HOME FOR ORPHANS

On Saturday December 10, 2011, the representatives and directors of the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows & Rebekah's met at Walker Lodge Hall in Philadelphia, along with the UN Students that they sponsored and their families. First of all we started off with a wonderful lunch prepared by Mrs. Charles Shorten. The food was excellent as usual (it must have been very good). This is the first time ever that everything was eaten, no left overs. This was a first, in prior years the students all ate like birds. It was great to see this group eat the way they did. After lunch was over we all gathered in the Rebekah Lodge Room and the students gave us their report on this 2011 UN Tour. I think each year their reports are better & better, this year they also included a Power Point presentation in their report, After the students report was over we had a question & answer session. Some very good questions were asked and in my opinion the students answered all questions to the fullest possible answers that could be given. Each year the students are getting better & better. As you look at these pictures (Thanks Bob for the photos) you can see that we were well represented.



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ALLENTOWN—VIENNA LODGE, #847, meets 1st Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. and 3rd Saturday 10:00 A.M., IOOF Temple, 118 N. 9th St. Keith Snyder, Sec'y, 939 Barnside Rd., Allentown, PA 18103.

ALLISON PARK—HAMPTON LODGE, #1004, meets 2nd and last Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at 4743 S. Pioneer Rd., William Ehman, Sec'y, PO Box 320, Gibsonia, PA 15044.

AMBRIDGE—CLOVER LODGE, #348,meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. at 625 Merchant St., Ambridge, PA 15033. Thomas R. Strachura, Sec'y, 585 2nd Ave., Freedom, PA 15042 - (724) 971-4989 - trs46@comcast.net.

AMBRIDGE ENCAMPMENT, #259, meets 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., 625 Merchant St. Robert Fenimore, Scribe, 109 Boggs Ave., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

ATLANTIC—GOLDEN RULE REBEKAH LODGE, #198, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:00 P.M., Main St. Wilma Ferguson, Sec'y, 8742 Adamsville Rd., Hartstown, PA 16130.

FALLOWFIELD LODGE #1128, meets 2 & 4 Mon, 7:00 PM, Main St. Thomas Shearer, Secy., 6180 Atlantic Lake Rd., Hartstown, PA 16131-1504.

BELLEFONTE—CENTRE LODGE, #153, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 P.M., 756 Axeman Rd. David J. Pringle, Sec'y, 394 S. Main St., Pleasant Gap, PA 16823.

BOWMANSDALE—BOWMANSDALE LODGE, #1179, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 P.M. at the IOOF Hall, 37 Lisburn Road. Richard J. Eberly, Sec'y, 229 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

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. Michael Gilbert, Sec'y, 140 Village Drive, Boyertown, PA 19512, 610-367-2457.

BRISTOL—HOPKINS LODGE, #87, meets 2nd & 4th Thurs. at 7:00 P.M. in the Elks Lodge on Wood St. in Bristol, George Shackett, Sec'y, 19 Dawn Road, Levittown, PA 19056.

BROWNFIELD—GLADYS REBEKAH LODGE #103, meets 2nd & 4th Friday, 2:00 P.M., 220 1st St. Lee Etta Mansberry Sec'y, PO Box 79, Brownfield, PA 15416.

BUTLER—CONNOQUENESSING LODGE, #278, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 2:30 P.M. at Tanglewood Senior Center, 10 Austin Avenue, Lyndora, PA. William R. Clark, Sec'y, 113 Rural Drive, Butler, PA.

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. Gloria Gillespie, Sec'y, 335 Old Brick Rd., Hilliards, PA 16040.

CASSVILLE—LADY EVELYN REBEKAH LODGE, #22, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 44 Walnut Street, Cassville. Nicole Erwin, Sec'y, 16295 Beavertown Rd., Calvin, PA 16622.

GENESIS ENCAMPMENT, #15, meets 3rd Friday at 7:30 P.M., IOOF Hall, 44 Walnut St. William L. Ramsey Jr., Scribe, 16620 Trough Creek Valley Pike, Apt. 1, Calvin, PA 16622.

MT. HOR LODGE, #736 meets 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7:30 P.M., 44 Walnut St., Cassville. William L. Ramsey Jr., Sec'y, 16620 Trough Creek Valley Pike, Apt. 1, Calvin, PA 16622. 814-599-0617.

CHARLEROI—CHARLEROI LODGE, #1030, meets 1st Thursday, 1:30 P.M./3rd Thursday, 7:00 P.M., 7th St. & Fallowfield Ave. Leonard Santini, Sec'y, 7 Cullen Dr., Charleroi, PA 15022, 724-483-3166, Len.sal7@aol.com.

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, Sec'y, 2 W Main St. Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401. 724-438-9001

PITTSBURGH CANTON #5, meets 1st Mon, 8:00 PM, Odd Fellows Hall, S. Pittsburgh St. Emilie J. Cupp, 40 Rear Oakland Ave., Mt. Uniontown, PA 15401.

GENERAL WORTH ENCAMPMENT, #188, meets 3rd Friday, 7:30 P.M., IOOF Hall, 107 S. Pittsburgh St. John S. Cupp, Scribe, 2 W. Main St., Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401. jcupp@verizon.net

DALLAS—ONEIDA LODGE, #371, meets every Thursday at 8:00 P.M. over Fino's Drug Store. Visitors welcome. Thomas F. Oliver, Sec'y, 138 Woodbine Road, Shavertown, PA 18708.

DORNSIFE—MAHANOY LODGE, #551, meets every Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Route 225. Todd A. Bordner, Sec'y, 176 Jackson Twp. Road, Herndon, PA 17830.

IDELLA REBEKAH LODGE, #58, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall, Route 225. Dawn Snyder, Sec'y, 4531 SR 225, Dornsife, PA 17823.

DOWNINGTOWN—PAOLI, #290, meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at 103 W. lancaster Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335. Lori St. George, Sec'y, PO Box 543, Uwchland, PA 19480.

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, 814-734-3095.

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.

FREEPORT—FREEPORT LODGE, #379, meets on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7:30 P.M. in the Odd Fellows Hall on Ford City Road. Earl Scheerbaum, Sec'y, 766 Howes Run Rd., Sarver, PA 16055-9666.

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, 3684 Finleyville-Elrama Rd., Finleyville, PA 15332.

MONONGAHELA DEGREE LODGE, #88, meets the 4th Thursday of every month at the Nucleus Lodge Hall at 7:30 P.M. Eugene Sabatula, Sec'y,596 Bitner Rd., Dunbar, PA 15431.

GLASGOW—FRED R. KORMAN LODGE, #55, meets 2nd & 4th Monday, 7:30 P.M., Skyline Dr., Glasgow, William H. Oshall, Sec'y, 1051 Dakota Ridge Rd., Fallen Timber, PA 16639.

HARRISONVILLE—HARRISONVILLE LODGE, #710, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 P.M., Lincoln Hwy. Robert C. Snyder II, PO Box 717, McConnellsburg, PA 17233, (H) 717-485-4769 (W) 717-485-4220.

HONESDALE—FREEDOM LODGE, #88, meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 7:00 PM, Masonic Hall, 9th St. Scott Kinzinger, Sec'y, 121 Sunrise Avenue, Honesdale, PA 18431.

HUGHESVILLE—BRADY LODGE #116, meets 1 & 3 Wed., 7:30 PM, 745 Rt. 405 Hwy, Suite 1. William E. Smedley, Secy, PO Box 379, Picture Rocks, PA 17762, 570-584-0155.

JAMISON—JAMISON LODGE, #447, meets 1st & 3rd Monday, 8:00 P.M., Old York Rd. George F. Cooper, Sec'y, PO Box 524, Rushland, PA 18956.

JOHNSTOWN—ALMA LODGE, #523, meets every Friday evening (except July and August meetings held 1st and 3rd Fridays only) at 440-442 Main St. David S. Berring, Sec'y, 440 Main St., 2nd Fl., Johnstown, PA 15904.

WILLIAM F. PACKER ENCAMPMENT, #127, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., Alma Hall, 442 Main St., 2nd Flr. John Pearce, Scribe, 6 Wesrley Dr., Johnstown, PA 15901.

LAKE CITY—NICKEL PLATE LODGE, #1125, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. from Apr-Oct and 1:30 P.M. from Nov-Mar, at the Lodge Hall, 2180 Rice Ave. Paul W. Crosby, Secretary, 8130 Keefer Road, Girard, PA 16417, 814-474-2493.

HENEOSIS-ADELPHON ENCAMPMENT, #42, meets 4th Monday, 7:30 P.M., 2180 Rice Ave. Lawrence Pieper, Scribe, 7216 Crane Road, Edinboro, PA 16412.

LAKE COMO—NAKOMIS REBEKAH LODGE, #497, meets 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall, 3170 Creamron Drive (Rt. 247).Betty Boller, Sec'y, 57 Nomad Dr., Poyntelle, PA.

LANDISBURG—LADY LANDIS REBEKAH LODGE, #303, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., Page Hill Rd., Spring Twp. Bldg. Juniata Parson, Sec'y, Perlo Ct., Apt 438, Loysville, PA 17047.

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, PO Box 226, Latrobe, PA 15650, fredseeatlave@webtv.net.

LATROBE LODGE #541 meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at 630 (R) Depot Sr., Bradley D. Shirey, Sec'y, PO Box 226, Latrobe, PA 15650.

LEESPORT—LEESPORT LODGE, #141, meets every Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Nov-Apr. 7:30 PM, at Lodge Hall, 27 Railroad Avenue. Nevin W. Adams, Sec'y, 951 Shoemakersville Rd., Shoemakersville, PA 19555, 610-926-4463.

EARL R. LEIBY ENCAMPMENT, #106, meets 2nd Thursday at 7:30 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall. Craig R. Reinhart, Scribe, 1615 Locust Street, Reading, PA 19604-1716, 610-777-5990, creinhart@comcast.net.

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, 610-777-5990. lstamm1@comcast.net.

CANTON LEESPORT, #2, meets 4th Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in I.O.O.F. Hall. 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 7:00 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, Mill and Market Streets. Allen Fox, Sec'y, 460 Jackson Road, 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. Steve Solomon, Sec'y, 629 Creek Rd., Mifflinburg, PA 17844.

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, 719 Church Road, Mifflinburg, PA 17844, MacInMburg@aim.com

LEWISTOWN—LEWISTOWN LODGE, #97, meets 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 P.M., 17 S. Wayne St. Lee M. Mackneer, Sec'y, 24 Edgewood Place, Lewistown, PA 17044.

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, James L. Rittle, Sec'y, P.O. Box 267, Lititz, PA 17543.

UNCAS ENCAMPMENT, #144, meets 2nd Monday, 8:30 P.M., 111-113 N. Broad St. James L. Rittle, Scribe, 210 S. Railroad St., Myerstown, PA 17067.

MALVERN—MALVERN POCAHONTAS LODGE, #201, meets every Monday at 8:00 P.M. at Malvern Lodge Hall, 111 Church Street, Malvern, PA 19355, Keith Hartman, Sec'y, 610-647-9142.

CHOSEN FRIENDS ENCAMPMENT, #88, meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 P.M., 111 Church St. Keith Hartman, Scribe, 53 Village Way, Malvern, PA 19355.

MARKLETON—QUEEN VICTORIA REBEKAH LODGE, #575, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 P.M. Wilma Ream, Sec'y. 145 Duppstadt Rd., Markleton, PA 15551.

KINGWOOD LODGE, #1010, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:00 P.M., 5994 Kingwood Rd. Josh Sechler, Sec'y, 313 Broadway St., Meyersdale, PA 15552.

MEADVILLE—CUSSEWAGO LODGE, #108, meets every Monday at 400 N. Main St., Meadville.

ODD FELLOWS HOME OF WESTERN PA, The Pioneer Home, Board of Directors and Trustees, meets every 2nd Friday at 400 N. Main St., Harry Stroll, 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. Yvonne Calhoon, Sec'y, 105 Old Farm Road, Hummelstown, PA 17036, 717-319-3155.

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. Jeffrey Calhoon, Sec'y, 55 Emaus St., Middletown, PA 17057.

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, Kathleen Ernst, Sec'y, PO Box 105 Tatamy, PA 18085.

BUSHKILL ENCAMPMENT, #55, meets the 4th Thursday, 7:30 P.M. at 1068 Bushkill Ctr. Rd., Bushkill Twp. Robert Raffensberger, Scribe, 316 S Main St. Sellersville, PA 18960.

NELSON—NELSON LODGE, #434, meets every Friday, 8:00 P.M., Nelson Fire Hall, Karl H. Werner, Sec'y, 3698 Cummings Creek Rd., Lawrenceville, PA 16929.

NEW BLOOMFIELD—MACKINAW LODGE, #380, meets every 2nd and 4th Monday, 7:30 PM, Oct – Apr; 8:00 PM May – Sep. 25 E. McClure St. Brooks Reeder, Secy, PO Box 312, New Bloomfield, PA 17068, 717-834-4979.

MAHONEY REBEKAH LODGE, #428, meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. in Odd Fellows Hall, 25 E. McClure Street. Marilyn Foose, Sec'y, 168 Windy Hill Road, Duncannon, PA.

NEW GRENADA—WATERFALL LODGE, #773, meets 2nd & 4th Saturday, 7:30 P.M. Neil Rotz, Sec'y, 4314 Wells Valley Rd., Waterfall, PA 16689, 814-685-3780.

NEW HOLLAND—EARL LODGE, #413, meets 2nd and 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M. at V.F.W., 755 Ranck's Church Rd. Warren L. Peachey, Sec'y, 165 Greentree Dr., New Holland, PA 17557.

NEW MILFORD—CANAWACTA LODGE, #207, meets 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M., 315 Main St. Robert B. Colwell, Sec'y, 240 4th St., Hallstead, PA 18822.

NEW RINGGOLD—EAST BRUNSWICK LODGE, #802, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM at 155 Wetherill St., V. Wade Fluke, Sec'y, 9194 Kings Hwy., Kempton, PA 19529.

NEWBURG—NEWBURG LODGE, #562, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., 4 W. Main St. Donald Gardner, Sec'y, 26 Hassinger Rd., Newburg, PA 17240, 717-423-6395.

VALLEY ENCAMPMENT, #34, meets 4th Thursday, 7:30 P.M., IOOF Hall. Curr Cramer, Scribe, 243 Chestnut Dr., Shippensburg, PA 17257.

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. William Wurtz, Sec'y, 16 Pawlings Circle, Phoenixville, PA 19460.

NORRISTOWN ENCAMPMENT , #37, meets 4th Wed., 7:30 PM at IOOF Hall, Astor St. George C. Quier, Scribe, 2620 DeKalb Pike, Apt. 314, Norristown, PA 19401

PHILADELPHIA—CANTON PHILADELPHIA, #1, meets 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. at Walker Hall, 1290 Sourhampton 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 III, Sec'y, 800 Pleasant St., Apt. 903, New Bedford, MA 02740.

MYSTIC LODGE, #270, meets every 2nd & 4th Monday, 8:00 P.M., except Sep-Oct, 3rd and 4th, 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. Joseph M. Strausser, Sec'y, 121 N. Cornwall Ave., Vetnor, NJ 08406, 609-822-9242.

PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT, #135, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in Walker Hall, 1290 Southampton Rd. Elliot L. Tenenbaum, Scribe, 83 Hunt Dr., Horsham, PA 19044-1134, elliot386@msn.com

PHILADELPHIA AUXILIARY, #1, meets 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. Sept.-June at Walker Hall, Philadelphia. Nancy Gallo-Strausser, Sec'y, 121 N. Cornwall Ave., Ventnor, NJ 08406.

HENRY DISSTON LODGE, #8, meets 1st & 3rd Monday at 8:00 PM at Disston Presbyrerian Church, Tyson and Glenloch Sts. Paul Crossley, Sec'y, 27 Saddle Dr., Mount Laurel, NJ 08054.

VARIETY LODGE, #37, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:30 PM at 1290 Sourhampton Rd., Philadelphia. Jack Shmuckler, Sec'y, P.O. Box 52421, Philadelphia, PA 19115.

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 1st and 3rd Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the American Legion Hall, Post #351, Verona Road. Donald G. Buchanan, Sec'y, 621 Veronica Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

UNIFIED LODGE, #2, meets every 2nd & last Thursday at7:30 P.M. at Masonic Hall, 3579 Masonic Way. Linda N. Belford, Sec'y, 72 S. Fremont Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

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; Deanna Coleman, Sec'y, 810 Main St., Sugar Notch, PA 18706.

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 Trulick, Sec'y, 161 Stover Rd., Bellefonte, PA 16823.

REW—FOSTER LODGE, #333, meets every 1st and 3rdTuesday, 7:30 P.M., Fire Hall, Main St. George R. Tufts, Sec'y, 620 West Main Street, Smethport, PA 16749.

MAUD REBEKAH LODGE, #175, meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 2:00 P.M., Rt. 646. Dolores Lafferty, Sec'y, 39 Tram Hollow Rd., Duke Center, PA 16729-0146.

RIDGWAY—RIDGWAY LODGE, #969, meets 1st & 3rd Friday, 8:00 P.M., 241 Main St. Craig Tutton, Sec'y, 504 Montmorenci Ave., Ridgway, PA 15853.

ROCHESTER MILLS—ALERT LODGE, #936, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 8:00 P.M. in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Main Street. John Moyer, Sec'y, PO Box 26, Rochester Mills, PA 15771.

RUSH—RUSH LODGE #471, meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:00 P.M. at IOOF Hall. Sherman Wooden, Sec'y., 1194 Wooden Road, Montrose, PA 18801.

ERNESTINE REBEKAH LODGE, #548, meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 7:30 P.M. in the Rush Odd Fellows Hall, Rush, PA. Thomas E. Wooden, Sec'y, 1285 Blaisure Rd., Montrose, PA 18801.

SANDY LAKE— MEADVILLE AUXILIARY, #47, meets the 1st Friday each monrh at 5:30 PM at IOOF Hall, 5242 Lake St., Sandy Lake. Lady Marcia LaVan, Sec'y, 2515 Scrubgrass Rd., Jackson Center, PA 16133.

SANDY LAKE LODGE, #573, meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM in the Odd Fellows Lodge, 5242 Lake Street, Sandy Lake, PA 16145. Raymond Rodgers, Sec'y., 258 Stock Farm Rd., Jackson Center, PA 16133, 724-376-2562.

LADY WORTH REBEKAH LODGE, #328, meets 2nd & 4th Thursday, 7:30 P.M. meets in IOOF Hall, 5242 Lake St. Doris Carey, Sec'y, 1772 Sandy Lake-Grove City Road, Jackson Center, PA 16133.

SCHNECKSVILLE—JORDAN LODGE, #192, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. , 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, 7:30 P.M. , Schnecksville Fire Hall, Main Street. Jill Schlosser, Sec'y, 4927 Spruce St., Schnecksville, PA 18078.

PLEASANT CORNER ENCAMPMENT, #54, meets 2nd Monday, 7:30 P.M., Main St. Stanley Wieand, Scribe, 3795 Maple St., Allentown, PA 18104.

SELLERSVILLE—VICTORY LODGE, #658, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 PM at Main and Temple Sts., Kenneth G. Knapp, Sec'y, 3897 County Line Rd., Quakertown, PA 18951.

LADY SELLERS REBEKAH LODGE, #558, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:30 PM, 203 N. Main & Temple. Beverly M. Miller, Sec'y, PO Box 233, Holicong, PA 18928.

ALLENTOWN AUXILIARY, #39, meets 3rd Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Odd Fellows Hall, 203 N. Main St., Sellersville, PA 18960. Mary Landes, Sec'y, 316 S. Main St., Sellersville, PA 18960.

SHAMOKIN—REGINA REBEKAH LODGE #230, meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 2:00 P.M. in the Mt. Tabor #125 Lodge Hall, Treverton Rd., Sarah Ritchie, Sec'y, 292 State Road, Dornsife, PA 17823.

MT. TABOR LODGE, #125, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:30 P.M., 1 mile north of Shamokin on Rt. 225. Rod Faust, Sec'y, PO Box 417, Shamokin, PA 17872.

WILKES-BARRE AUXILIARY, #31, meets 3rd Friday at 2:00 P.M. in the Mt., Tabor Lodge Hall. Lena I. Shade, Sec'y, 2627 St. Rt. 225, Herndon, PA 17830.

SHENANDOAH—SHENANDOAH LODGE, #591, meets 2nd & 4th Monday at 7:00 P.M., 31 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 7:00 P.M. at 116-118 W. Lancaster Ave. Leon S. Stamm, Sec'y, 315 Governor Dr., Reading, PA 19607-2815, 610-777-5990, lsramm1@comcast.net

SLIGO—PHOEBE REBEKAH LODGE, #123, meets 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:30 P.M., Sally I. Walter, Sec'y, PO Box 142, Clarion, PA 16214.

SMETHPORT—SMETHPORT LODGE, #389, meets 2nd & 4th Monday, 8:00 P.M., 600 W. Main St., Cecil V. Gallup, Sec'y, PO Box 767, Smethport, PA 16749.

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, 610-933-4333.

ST. CLAIR—MINERAL LODGE, #285, meets 1st & 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M., 45 S. Front St. George Wolfe, Sec'y, 9 S. Front St., St. Clair, PA 17970.

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. Mae Judy, Sec'y, 123 Westside Dr., Bellefonte, PA 16823

BELLEFONTE ENCAMPMENT #72, meets 2nd, Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Widmere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr.; David Pringle, Scribe, 394 S Main St, Pleasant Gap, 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. Robert L. Homan, Sec'y, 454 Rolling Ridge Drive, State College, PA 16801, (Ldg) 814-237-1575 (H) 814-238-3537 – rlh@psu.edu

CANTON RIDGLEY #8, meets 2nd Wed., 8:00 PM at Windmere Hall, 454 Rolling Ridge Dr. Arthur R. Moyer, Clerk, 120 Grandview Rd., State College, PA 16801 814-571-7398

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, Irma Heath, Sec'y, 1735 Balsom Rd., Wellsboro, PA 16901.

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

RIDGLEY ENCAMPMENT, #217, meets 4th Monday, 7:30 P.M. at Strasburg IOOF Hall. Douglas B. Eaby, Scribe, 659 Pumping Station Road, Kirkwood, PA 17536.

SUMMERVILLE—LADY EVANGELINE REBEKAH LODGE, #146, meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., U.M. Church, West Penn St. Bertha Reitz, Sec'y, 2006 Heathville Ohl Road. Summerville, PA 15864.

TAMAQUA—HARMONY LODGE, #86, meers the 2nd & 4th Wednesday at 7:00 P.M., Odd Fellows Hall, 503 West Broad St., Justin C. Bailey, Sec'y, 221 Hunter St., Tamaqua, PA 18252. 570-449-5617 pps562004@yahoo.com

LADY HARMONY REBEKAH LODGE, #86 meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 7:00P.M., Odd Fellows Hall, 503 West Broad St., Nicole B. Inama, Sec'y, 153 Lake Dr., Nesquehoning, PA 18240.

HESTER REBEKAH LODGE, #29, meets 2nd & 4th Tuesday, at 7:00 P.M. at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 300 W. Broad St., Sara Cunningham, Sec'y, 2132 Penn St., Tamaqua, PA 18252.

SCOTT ENCAMPMENT, #132, meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 P.M., IOOF Hall, 503 W. Broad St. Justin C. Bailey, Scribe, 221 Hunter St., Tamaqua, PA 18252. 570-449-5617 pps562004@yahoo.com

TUNKHANNOCK—TUNKHANNOCK LODGE, #699, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 8:00 P.M. at Lemon Community Hall, Route 29, Lemon, PA. Barbara Lees, Sec'y, 104 Lemon Creek Rd., Meshoppen, PA 18630.

LADY ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE, #74, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 6:30 P.M., at Lemon Community Hall, Route 29 North, Lemon, PA. Shirley Severcool, Sec'y,783 SR 29N, Tunkhannock, PA 18657.

UPPER STRASBURG—LETTERKENNY LODGE, #663, meets every Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., Upper Strasburg Rd. Robert I. Wright, Sec'y, 127 Timber Ln., Shippensburg, PA 17257, 717-477-9294.

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.

WARFORDSBURG—WARFORDSBURG LODGE, #601, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 P.M. Larry Carnahan, Sec'y, 1548 Great Cove Rd., Warfordsburg, PA 17257.

WARREN—KOSSUTH ENCAMPMENT, #98, meets 2nd and 4th Thursday at 7:30 P.M., 208-210 Hickory Street. Justine Zimmerman, Scribe, 47 Plymouth Rd., Warren, PA 16365.

WARREN LODGE, #339, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 7:30 P.M., IOOF Hall, 208-10 Hickory St. Justine Zimmerman, Sec'y, PO Box 381, Warren, PA 16365.

KOSSUTH L.E.A., #98, meets 4th Monday, 7:30 P.M., 208 Hickory St., Marcia LaVan, Scribe, 2515 Scrubgrass Rd., Jackson Center, PA

WASHINGTON—LADY HOGUE REBEKAH LODGE, #102, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 P.M., 696 Fayette St., Washington, PA. A. Elaine Weekley, Sec'y, 19 Pebble Creek Lane, Finleyville, PA 15332-3822.

WHITE HAVEN—WHITE HAVEN LODGE, #457, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 P.M., at 238 Main St. Herman E. Haas, Sec'y, 122 Sheaman Rd., White Haven, PA 18661.

WILKES-BARRE—ASKAM LODGE, #899, meets every Monday at 7:30 P.M. at 2601 S. Main Street. John W. Bath, Sec'y, 369 Chestnut St., Warrior Run, PA 18706.

WYSOX—WYSOX LODGE, #1152, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. 1 mile south of Wysox on Rt. 187. Monte L. Hughey, Sec'y, 318 State St., Towanda, PA 18848.

WYSOX REBEKAH LODGE #443, meets 1 & 3 Mon. 7:00 PM, 1 mile south of Wysox (Rt. 187). Margaret Montgomery Secy., 102 Dry Run Rd., Wysox, PA 18854.

YORK—MT. ZION LODGE, #74, meets 1st, 3rd and 5th Monday at 7:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. Wayne Fair, Sec'y, 32 N. Rockburn St., York, PA 17042-2332.

YORK CANTON, #14, meets 4th Monday as 8:00 P.M. at Odd Fellows Hall, 525 Greenwood Rd. James Keller, Clerk, 901 S. Russel St., York, PA 17402.

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.

MOUNT VERNON ENCAMPMENT, #14, meets 4th Monday, 7:00 P.M., IOOF Hall, 125 Greenwood Rd. Wayne S. Fair, Scribe, 32 N. Rock Burn St., York, PA 17402.

YORK SPRINGS—YORK SPRINGS LODGE, #211, meets 1st & 3rd Thursday, 7:30 P.M. Harrisburg St. Thomas P. Hoff, Sec'y, 824 Latimore Creek Rd., York Springs, PA 17372

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