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REBEKAH'S WELL OVERFLOWS IN TAMAQUA

It was truly a great night of Rebekah Odd Fellowship on August 29th as roughly thirty Brothers and Sisters came from neighboring Lodges as Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 of Tamaqua initiated six candidates. Under staff of Degreemaster Justin C. Bailey, this was the first time Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 performed the Rebekah Degree with an audience. Roughly ten Sisters came from Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth as well as members of Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown, Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville and Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15 of Mifflinburg.

However, this was the third time this year that this Degree team conferred the Rebekah Degree. After seeing the increase in active membership, the Lodge decided to take it upon themselves to start learning the Rebekah Degree, and have been doing a marvelous job ever since. Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 was instituted June 12, 2010 in Tamaqua, and as of tonight, their present membership is 25. The



3 generations - Sister Patty Faustner with daughter & granddaughter, the newest members of Lady Hall 202.

Lodge as a whole has been working diligently to promote the Order and raise funds so they are able to work within the neighborhood.

Please welcome to the Rebekahs: Tammy Edmonds, Annette Postie and Mary Van Blargan, all of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86, Gary Hallock of Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15 and Kelsey and Shannon Schults of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202. Special thanks also goes out to Sister Kathleen Ernst for her fantastic work on playing the keyboard.

It was not only a special night for just these Lodges, but a very special night for Patricia Faustner. Birthday wishes went out to her as her birthday was the next day, but an extra birthday gift from her family as she was able to see her daughter and granddaughter become Rebekahs. This is what makes this Order great. When you bring the "family" into "family fraternity." It was also a bittersweet night as our "step-sister" Linda Dickson said she was moving to live back out west. She became very active within our Lodge and we

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Places to Go...People to See

2012

OCTOBER

- 6 / Walker Ldg. 306 UN Recognition Night, 5 PM *
- 7 / Unified Session Mtg., Grand Lodge Boardroom
- 13 / Grand Encampment Rally, Walker Hall, Phila., PA *
- 20 / GP Miller Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA **
- 21 / Arthritis Comm. Mtg., Leesport Ldg. Hall, 3PM *

NOVEMBER

- 3 / PM & LAPM Rally, York, PA **
- 10 / GM Arthur Moyer Testimonial, State College, PA **
- 17 / Orchard Manor Board Meeting

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JUNE

- 24-27 / 42nd Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA

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EDUCATION AWARDS THANK YOUS

I am honored to be one of the recipients of the Odd Fellow scholarship. I appreciate your willingness to contribute to my education. I am familiar with the Odd Fellowship character of lending a helping hand to the community, for which I am grateful and proud to say I am the granddaughter of an Odd Fellow

I am about to start my freshman year at the University of Dayton with a dual major of Spanish and International Business. The University of Dayton is home to one of the top business schools in the country and I am privileged to attend there.

I recently attended a three-day leadership conference at the University and it has given me a glimpse of the possibilities I can pursue!

Thank you again for investing in my future! I truly appreciate your help.

Sincerely, Alyssa Manzione

Thank you for the grant money that you so kindly allocated for me to put towards my college costs this year at Messiah College. I am very excited (and nervous!) to begin this next phase of my life, and this grant will be very helpful in making sure that I have the funds to attend Messiah. With both my sister and I attending college, the financial side of things would have been difficult without help like yours. I am currently going to school with my major as undeclared. I will be taking a couple classes this year to try and see what I am interested in, and I hope to be able to determine from there what I want to do. Thank you again for your generosity!

Sincerely, Rachel Carson

THANK YOU for the generous scholarship award! Know that this money is an investment in my continued education at Temple University where I am finishing my Bachelor of Music degree in Trumpet Performance. As a musician and college student, any and all aid is helpful in acquiring experiences that further my development. I was fortunate to spend my summer performing in a student orchestra at a music festival in Canada. After this senior year of study at Temple University, I plan to continue my studies at graduate school. I will be sharing my musical gifts by performing as well as teaching things I have done these past few years and things I plan to continue, thanks to generous scholarships like this from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. It is wonderful that this organization has awarded scholarships to over 300 students in the past 12 years. This is truly a gift to countless students, making a difference in their educational opportunities. Thank you for this gift, for providing this gift to countless others, and for the best wishes you have imparted on my continued success.

Thank you, Aaron Matthias-Long

FROM THE DESK
OF THE GRAND
SECRETARY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Well here we are in what I like to think should be our most exciting month of the year, October. The time for change, new ideas and a re-birth of your Lodge, INSTALLATION.

To our Noble Grand's - Don't be afraid to try something new & different. Also why not ask of your members who haven't been to Lodge regularly to be one of your officers. You would be surprised how many are looking for a reason to come back to Lodge. I had many members tell me they used to be active, then had other commitments, but now have time again, but are ashamed to come back because they have been away so long. Second, appointment committees, you can't have activity unless you have people working on an agenda.

To our Members-Get behind your elected officers, support them. If they have a new idea, instead of the "it will never work" attitude, work with them and show them it can.

To our Secretary's - Keep your members abreast of their dues status. We lose too many Members because they get way behind in their dues and can't catch up.

District Deputies - Do all you can to make the officers proud to be installed into their important office. Keep an eye on the Lodge(s) in your District, if help is needed and you can't seem to offer what they need, contact the Grand Lodge office. There are many Grand Lodge Officers willing to do all in their power to help the Lodge grow.

In closing, to all our Odd Fellow Lodges running an Odd Fellow Cemetery, HAPPY HAUNTING, especially my Brother Spike.

*Fraternally,
Charlie*

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REBEKAH'S WELL OVERFLOWS IN TAMAQUA



Bible - PDDP Laura Bailey, Chaplain, holding Bible for new members obligations.



Some of the members and candidates in attendance.

always enjoyed her company. However, she did vow to drive back and forth from her home to our Lodge to still attend every one of our meetings (or as how I remember the conversation).

A delicious spread was made by the members of Lady Harmony as the social hall was so packed, we could not fit everybody in! There were not only new faces, but those of members who have started to become active in the Rebekahs again. Travelling amongst neighboring Lodges is one of the perks of being in this Organization and too few people take advantage of it. Schedule a group visit to another Lodge to extend the hand of fraternity; it breaks away from the monotony of meetings and encourages your other members to see that there is more to Odd Fellowship than the same four walls.

On a more personal note, my heartfelt thanks to all who showed up and proved that Rebekah Odd Fellowship is far from a thing of the past. And my deep and sincere gratitude to my Brothers and Sisters of the Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 Degree Team. I know a lot of members put time into learning their parts and it did show. My Rebekah Lodge has shown more motivation and encouragement than I can ever ask for. To Laura Bailey "Mom" who is able to not only have the Chaplain's charge memorized, but put feeling and emotion into it so it captivates the candidates, you have set the standard on being a great Rebekah. I never really wanted to go through the chairs of a Rebekah Lodge, but I'm glad I did, and I am so happy I was able to end my year as Noble Grand on such a high note. I am proud to be a Rebekah!

Fraternally,

Justin C Bailey Noble Grand,

Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86

GP THOMAS VISITS SCOTT ENCAMPMENT #132, TAMAQUA

July 5th held a great night of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship in Tamaqua as the Grand Encampment paid a visitation to Scott Encampment #132 as newly elected Grand Patriarch Thomas' first official visitation. This Encampment recently turned 150 years and includes Brothers of Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua; East Brunswick Lodge #802, New Ringgold and Mineral Lodge #285, St. Clair, all in Schuylkill County.

Pictured from Left to right, front row: GHP Paul Miller & GM William Mooney. 2nd row: Thomas Johnson, Ray Boulanger, David Sellers (E#106), David Gallahar, GP Neil Thomas, CP Tyler Arnold, GSW James Sellers & GJW Roger Calhoon.



OCTOBER WISHES



- | | | | |
|--|--|---|---|
| 1 - Bob Vaughn, PGM - #201
Edward Peterson - #339
Bertram Pryce - #899
Gene Faust #125
Ken Kulp - #1032
Paul Tollini - #447 | James Pierson - #290
Samuel Scott - #573
Carl Metzgar - #1010
Joseph Daily - #307
Chris Beltrami - #86
Grace Burkett - GJRL
Marion Snyder - #R222
Robert Mariacher - #278
Richard Luna - #306 | Carolyn Schleicher - #R222
19 - Cheryl Johnson - #R558
Ralph Geltz - #1175
Elliot Tenenbaum - #270
20 - Dallas Lykens - #733
Lawrence Williamson - #573
Joshua Toll - #270
Randall Luther - #339
Larry Peterman - #116
Paul Sebastian - #551
Gloria Klingenberg - #R497
Kelli Rejniak - #1004
Norman Simpson - #2
Walter Lute - #541
Phil Muscarnero - #306 | Guy Schreffler - #551
Stephen Shick - #957
Henrietta Junk - #R233
Theodore Tomlinson - #1152
Hugh Carey - #1030
Helen Schreffler - #R58
Irene Siglin - #R497 |
| 2 - Florence Bolze - #R303
Roy Spidle - #773
David Kerchner - #847
Helen Cole - #R175
Frank Rippy - #969
George Molden - #87 | 11 - Anna Zerbe - #R58
Khlar Price - #1030
Alton Arnold, PGM - #471
Kenneth Daugherty - #377 | 21 - Budd Clark, Sr. - #1152
Frank Fenstermaker - #116
Stuart Reinert - #708
Harry Glaeser - #150
22 - George Hogan - #1030
Vito Urso - #2
Bob Gruber, Sr. - #306
Gene Rapone - #306 | 26 - Walter McClelland Sr. - #523
Joyce Oaks - #523
Donald Pleso - #573
Howard Shafer - #371
George Kupec - #278
Debra Goodwin - #510 |
| 3 - Delroy Latsha - #551
Dwight Huster - #523
Charles E. Kelly - #254
William Gaiser - #379
Larry L. Carnahan - #601
Ralph Rodriguez - #86
Louise Foust - #R182
Norma Fields - #R173
Kim Walters - #R558
Russell Ott - #306 | 12 - John Shue - #74
Richard Welder - #708
Jack Laing - #55
Andrew Curtis - #57
Arnold Garis #339
Beatrice Saxion - #R452
Edith Stine - #R452
Nicole "Coe" Inama - #R86 | 23 - William Wright - #1004
Esther Lehman - #R58
Rodney Ramsey Sr. - #736
Sherri Eble - #R116
Stanley Wieand - #192
Gary Foose - #380
Donald Sechler - #438
Ella Durham - #R428
Harry Howell - #712
Jerry Guscott Jr. - #86
Marc McClelland - #523
Richard Robertson - #523
Lauren Smedley - #306
Dotty Oertel - #306
Louis Vitola - #306 | 27 - Bob Pyle - #290
Clarence Dampman - #201
Ernest Stern - #438
Alfred Krout - #658
Ronald Lattanzio - #1175
Jerry Summers - #153
Jan Boggess - #57
Richard Froebe - #377 |
| 4 - Jacqueline Smedley - R#306
Al Kull - #148 | 13 - Michael Glenn - #573
Justine Zimmerman - #339 | 24 - John Jacyszyn - #306
Viola Klinger - #R58
John Akers - #457
Nelson Brown - #736
William Young - #523
Rupert Carey - #207
William Pflugh - #278
Donald Mitchell - #380
Phyllis Byerly - #R58 | 28 - Ed Folk - #802
Joseph Chapman - #379
David Helms - #386
Adda Fleegeer - GJRL
Elsie Strada - #R497
Barbara Leah - #R58
Alfreda Reed - #R58
Sandra Bohner - #R58 |
| 5 - Dante Costonzo - #37
Robert Schumacher - #471
Gerald Wilson - #1010
Tracy Everett - #R123 | 14 - Percy Troutman - #551
Larry Ulrich - #192
James Johnson - #361
George Glaeser - #150
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Regina Good - #R123
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Doris Nourse - #R175
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Nicholas Frigo - #306
Penny Lundgren - #R175
Anthony Visco III - #306
Robert Irvine - #1152
Jeff Lloyd - #573
Dick Brossman - #802 | 29 - Norman Darrow - #207
Jim Sellers - #1175
Alice Taylor - R#86
Lois Cramer - #R452
Raylene Osborne - GJRL
Genevieve Price - #R102
Gladys Straw - #R452 |
| 6 - Bonnie Barron - #R575
Edward Hickey - #87
Ruth Smeltz - #R58
Vicki Snyder - #R222 | 15 - William Clark - #278
Clinton Judy - #1032
Robert Tanner - #389
Ray Sheets - #523 | 30 - Donald Mangus - #523
Mary Weldon - #R428
Eva Group - #R303
Judy Daly - #R548
James Sundry - #307
Donald Gardner - #562
Steven Ealy - #74
Gary Yerger - #762
Edward O'Hanlon - #306
Bob Tucker - #306 | 31 - David Geist - #523
Rick Dotter - #192
Betty Conner - #R443
James Donley - #306
Keith Slocum - #1152 |
| 7 - Robert Grant - #1030
John Rebar - #1030
Joshua Anderson - #736
Michele KereLuk - #R222
Donald Mainhart - #379
Charles Stern - #413
David Jones - #371
John Post - #207 | 16 - Helen Johnson - #R202
Paul Hildebrand - #74
Brian Sweitzer - #736
Alan Fried - #37
Tana Landes - #R558
Irene Rebuck - #R58
Lillie Mae Panichelli - #R173
Margaret Wilkinson - #R58
Bill Boyle - #802 | | |
| 8 - Michael Gilbert - #708
Patricia Mulhollem - #R452
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Rory King - #847
William Knight - #1010
Dale Rimmer - #447
Glenn Turner - #523
Sandra Ellis - #R82
Gene Breiner - #802 | 18 - Grayden Barber - #96
Terry Burkholder #413
Ronald Tanner - #389
Mae Summers - #R452 | | |
| 10 - Donald Malley - #1107 | | | |

OBITUARIES

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

T. RAY DOTY

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
June 25, 2012

Brother T. Ray Doty, 90, of Amity, PA, was initiated into Beallsville Lodge #832 on April 12, 1951 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Triad Lodge #1064, Clarksville through consolidation on August 31, 1987 and then Brownsville Lodge #51 through consolidation on April 2, 1992 where he served as Noble Grand in 1994. He finally became a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 through consolidation on April 6, 2004.

He was a member of the North Ten Mile Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Leona Montgomery. Surviving are two daughters, five grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in North Ten Mile Cemetery, Amwell Township, PA.

KENNETH E. SCHILLK

Brushton-Swissvale Lodge No. 1107
July 23, 2012

Brother Kenneth E. Schillk, 92, of Swissvale, PA, was initiated into Swissvale Lodge #227 on November 2, 1948. He then became a member of Brushton-Swissvale Lodge #1107 through consolidation on August 17, 1968. He was the last surviving member of Swissvale Lodge #227 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Shanksville and a U.S. WWII Army Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son. Surviving is his wife, the former Dorothy Brant.

GERALD L. LAKE

Harrisonville Lodge No. 710
July 14, 2012



Brother Gerald L. Lake, 85, of McConnellsburg, PA, was reinstated into Harrisonville Lodge #710 in October 1966 where he became a Past Grand.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Edith Smith. Surviving is his daughter, six grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Union Cemetery.

HELEN C. SCHREFFLER

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
July 25, 2012

Sister Helen C. Schreffler, 75, of Rebuck, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on June 12, 1996.

She was a member of the Christ Evangelical Reformed Church.

Surviving is her husband, Guy E. Schreffler, of Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, two children, two stepchildren, four grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and three step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by several siblings, one of whom is Eleanor Rebuck of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58.

Services were performed by her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Leck Kill, PA.

HAROLD C. GRIFFIN

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
August 2, 2012



Brother Harold C. Griffin, 85, of Valencia, PA, was initiated into Rustic Lodge #882, Prospect, where he became a Past Grand on April 13, 1950. He later reinstated to become a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, on May 22, 1984. He was Rustic Lodge #882's last member still affiliated with the Order.

He was a WWII U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Saxonburg Memorial Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Roma Vincent. Surviving are two daughters and four granddaughters.

Burial was held in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Butler, PA.

HILDA I. MCLENEGAN

Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
August 2, 2012



Sister Hilda I. McLenegan, 98, of Middletown, PA, was initiated into Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown, on April 18, 1985.

She was a member of the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Royalton. She was also employed as a Nurse by the

Middletown Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry J. Sr. Surviving are two sons, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Hillsdale Cemetery, Middletown, PA.

WILLIAM F. BENDER

Bowmansdale Lodge No. 1179
Mt. Vernon Encampment No. 14
August 3, 2012

Brother William F. Bender, 84, of Naples, FL, was initiated into Mechanicsburg Lodge #215 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 24, 1991. He then became a member of Bowmansdale Lodge #1179 through consolidation on November 20, 2000. He was a Patriarch of Wildey Encampment #29, Bowmansdale in 1986, and later Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 through consolidation on December 22, 2008. After retiring to Naples, FL, he became active in their Odd Fellowship, being very instrumental in instituting and becoming an associate member of Mayakka River Lodge #2000, Punta Gorda and instituting Armondo Perez-Blanco Encampment #2004, also of Punta Gorda, where he was an associate. He was also a Chevalier of Canton Peace River #2004, Florida.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the East Naples United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Harriet, one daughter, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

MARGARET H. NORTHRUP

Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
August 3, 2012

Sister Margaret H. "Peg" Northrup, 89, of French Asylum, PA, was initiated into Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 on March 7, 1983 where she became a Past Noble Grand.

She was a member of the French Asylum United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh. Surviving is one daughter, one son, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as several foster children.

Burial was held in Bradford County Memorial Park, Luthers Mills, PA.

ROBERT L. HOMAN

State College Lodge No. 1032
Bellefonte Encampment No. 72
Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge No. 452
August 16, 2012



Brother Robert L. Homan, 74, of Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, was initiated into State College Lodge No. 1032 on January 19, 1998, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 10, 2002. At the time of his death, he was State College Lodge's current Secretary and manager of Windmere Hall. He also was the Representative to Grand Lodge for several years. He had other affiliations in Bellefonte Encampment #72, State College, having joined March 14, 2009, where he held the position of Senior Warden at the time of his death, and was a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, having joined April 23, 2007. He was also very active in Pennsylvania's UN Pilgrimage

Committee where he worked alongside his wife, Laura and his sister-in-law, Mae Judy.

He was a member of the St. John's United Church of Christ in Boalsburg and a U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by a son, Garen. Surviving is his wife, the former Laura Dreibelbis of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, three children and five grandchildren.

Services were performed by the members of his Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges and burial was held in Pine Hall Cemetery, State College, PA.

JOHN W. GROSS

Walker Lodge No. 306
Perseverance Encampment No. 135
Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge No. 173
August 16, 2012

Brother John W. "Jack" Gross, 84, of Philadelphia, PA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, on February 6, 1967. He was active on the Walker Lodge Installation Staff and Degree Team. He was also a Patriarch of Perseverance Encampment #135, Philadelphia, and a former member of Canton Philadelphia #1. He was initiated into Lady Mystic Rebekah Lodge #141 on March 1, 1968 and then transferred membership in 1973 to Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173, both of Philadelphia.

He was preceded in death by his wife, PPLAPM Katherine Gross. Surviving is his stepdaughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were performed by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Sunset Memorial Park, Feasterville, PA.

E. MARIE ALLIS

Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
August 18, 2012

Sister E. Marie Wurtenburg Allis, 97, of Rome, PA, was initiated into Towanda Rebekah Lodge #352 in 1954 where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 22, 1970. She then became a Member of Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 through consolidation on November 20, 1989.

She was a member of the Rome United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodney. Surviving are seven children, 13 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services were performed by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in the Rome Cemetery.

ROBERT W. KESSLER

Earl Lodge No. 413
August 21, 2012



Brother Robert W. Kessler, 89, of Bowmansville, PA, was initiated into Earl Lodge #413, New Holland, on April 28, 1950. Though he never went through the chairs, he was very involved with the work of the Lodge.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Burial was held in Bowmansville Union Cemetery.

MIDDLETOWN HOME



The Middletown Home had a Funnel Cake sale on August 16, 2012 to raise money for the Middletown Interfaith Food Pantry. The event was a success raising \$350.50! The check was presented by our Resident Council President, Mary Adcock, and our Vice President, Pat Gutshall, to a representative of the Middletown Interfaith Food Pantry (see picture to the left).



LODGE #254

Robert S. Rhodes of Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, receives his 60 year jewel from Vice Grand Steve Slavic. Bob was initiated on March 12, 1952 into Ft. Necessity Lodge #254 of Uniontown and then became a member of Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity #254, when the two Lodges consolidated in 1976.



ORCHARD MANOR

MUSIC, MAGIC, AND A FUN AFTERNOON AT THE ORCHARD MANOR GREAT ROOM



On Friday afternoon, August 24, Grand Chaplain Ted Bergfelt, his wife Joan, appointed Chaplain of Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, assisted by two of their grandkids, Faith and Landon Roedler, presented a combination program consisting of music, magic, comedy, and a sing-along, for about 50 residents of Orchard Manor in the Great Room of the personal care facility of the residence. This was the first time that Faith and Landon had done such a program along with their grand parents at Orchard Manor, and those residents who attended were so impressed that they asked the kids for their autographs as they were leaving. If all goes as planned, the entertainers will return in the Fall.

DGM BAILEY AUGUST VISITS



On Tuesday, August 7th, DGM Justin C. Bailey paid a visit to Wysox Lodge #1152 to present DDGM Theodore E. Hinckley (center) with his Commission as DDGM for District #10. On August 21st, DGM Bailey attended a meeting of Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, and thanked PDDGM Stanley M. Wieand (top right) for over ten years as District Deputy. Job well done Stanley! Both meetings were well attended and it was nice to see both Lodges so active within their communities. As always, membership was a topic of conversation and different ideas and strategies were presented in hopes to bring in a few new members. It is always a pleasure getting to visit these great Lodges. Thank you to both for the support and courtesies that were shown to me and I hope to visit you both again soon!

*In F.L.&T.,
Justin C Bailey, DGM*



GRAND ENCAMPMENT RALLY

The Grand Encampment will hold the fall Degree Rally on Saturday, October 13, 2012, at Walker Hall, the home of Perseverance Encampment #135, at 1290 Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA.

There will be a Grand Encampment Board meeting at 9:00 AM immediately prior to the Degree Rally, and the Patriarchal Degree will be scheduled to begin at 10:30 AM. After a break for lunch, the Golden Rule (1:30 PM) and Royal Purple (approximately 2:30 PM) Degrees respectively will follow in the afternoon.

Encampments who will be bringing candidates to receive the Degrees should contact me by returning the forms included in the mailings that were sent to all of the Encampments on August 11, 2012. Deadline for returning the forms is October 6, 2012. I can also be contacted by email at creinhart@comcast.net or my home phone at 610-374-9005 for further details or questions.

BRING THOSE CANDIDATES!

*Yours In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Craig R. Reinhart, Grand Scribe*

PAOLI LODGE #290



PAOLI LODGE #290 anxiously awaits presentation from their 2 UN Candidates - Raymond Colon & Lisa Dina.

LEESPORT ACTIVITIES



Grand Patriarch Neil B Thomas made his official visit to his home Encampment, Earl R. Leiby #106, Leesport. Members of his staff attending were seated l to r - GSW James Sellers; GP Thomas; GJW Roger Calhoun & GOS Jane Danihel. Back row l to r - GS Craig Reinhart; GHP Paul Miller; GM William Mooney & GIS Charles Danihel.



Members of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, were guests of Paul & Beverly Miller at an outdoor dinner at their residence. DDP Beverly is shown serving a steak to RA President Judith Wert, member of R#182. Brother Paul is GL Musician Emeritus and a Past Musician of the SGL.

NEWS RELEASE

The Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania Board of Directors is partnering with vocational/Career and Technology Centers serving thirteen Northwest Pennsylvania counties by offering two cash awards to each center of \$500 each. One award is for a student pursuing further education and one award is for a student entering the work force. Students are chosen for the award by a committee at each Center. The graduates of 2012 were awarded a total of \$9,250.



Larry Baughman, [left] Venango Technology Center student services coordinator, presented the awards on behalf of the Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania. Winnie Botelho from West forest High School earned the Continuing Education Award and Nathan Miller [third from right] of East forest High School earned the School to Work award. Photo by: Jerry Sowden, The Derrick Newspaper.

PM AND LAPM RALLY NOVEMBER 3, 2012

The PM and LAPM Rally will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2012 in the York IOOF Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. All Ladies and Chevaliers are cordially invited to attend. The Rally will begin at 1:00 P.M. with a joint Memorial Service. Please note the change from the second Saturday to the first Saturday of November due to the Testimonial Dinner for Junior PGM, Art Moyer, on the 10th. Directions to the Hall are available - call Lady Beverly.

Bring your candidates! Our President, Lady Reba Kuhn, and Department Commander, Col. James Keller, will be pleased to muster new members.

A Luncheon of soup, sandwich, and dessert will be served from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. at the Lodge Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is being asked.

The Dinner will be held at 4:30 P.M. in the Lodge Hall. The menu has not yet been decided; but it will be something good. Reservations, with payment, are to be sent to Lady Beverly Bowers, 1228 Edison Street, York, PA 17403 no later than October 25th (or call: 717 843-2104). There will be a charge of \$12.00 for the dinner.

The Rally Committee Business Meeting will be held following the Rally and before the Dinner. That way those who are not staying for the dinner can participate in the meeting. This has worked well in the past. We need to have as much input as possible. It is YOUR Rally. We would, of course, like you to stay for the dinner and enjoy an evening of Odd Fellowship. The food is always good and so is the fellowship.

Numerous hotels are available along Route 30:

Holiday Inn	2000 Loucks Road	846-9500
Super 8	40 Arsenal Road	852-8686
Best Western	1415 Kenneth Road	767-6931
Motel 6	323 Arsenal Road	846-6260

Raffle tickets will be available at the Rally. Bring along a gift/prize in a brown bag for the raffle - the more you bring, the more you could win!

We look forward to seeing YOU in York on November 3rd and having Sisters and Brothers become Ladies and Chevaliers.

Chivalrously,
THE RALLY COMMITTEE

GRAND MASTER FAUB'S OFFICIAL VISITS

GREEN GABELS PARK JULY 22ND
PICNIC WAS ENJOYED BY ALL!



SOMERSET LODGE NO. 438

JULY 23RD

GRAND MASTER WITH APPOINTED
GRAND OFFICERS AND OFFICERS
AND MEMBERS OF SOMERSET
LODGE NO. 438 AND KINGWOOD
LODGE NO. 1010



CONSOLIDATION OF NICKEL PLATE NO. 1125 WITH EDINBORO LODGE NO. 510

The Grand Master Ken Faub and his appointed Grand Officers, Donna Faub Grand Marshall, Linda Belford Grand Conductor, Ted Bergfelt Grand Chaplain and Ray Rodgers Grand Herald perform the Consolidation ceremonies on July 26, 2012, with fraternal love shown it should guarantee Odd Fellowship for a long time to come in this area.





REBEKAH LODGE #428 VISITS SISTER

On July 31, 2012, Mahoney Rebekah Lodge # 428, New Bloomfield, PA visited sister Sara Jones to celebrate her 92nd birthday.

Eight sisters and a friend traveled to Sara's home in Shippensburg. Each sister contributed food items for the celebration. Two cakes were served and a picnic style lunch was served on a beautiful day. The good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Sara has been very active in her local lodge as well as the Rebekah Assembly for many, many years.

She and her sisters are looking forward to celebrating her 93rd birthday next year!

Marilyn C. Foose, Secretary, # 428

THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Triune Lodge No. 307, Middletown

Robert Graham – Initiated September 4th

Vienna Lodge No. 847, Allentown

John Pfeiffer Jr. – Initiated September 4th

Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 15, Mifflinburg

Gary Hallock – Initiated August 29th

Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge No. 86, Tamaqua

Tammy Edmonds – Initiated August 29th

Annette Postie – Initiated August 29th

Mary Van Blargan – Initiated August 29th

Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202, Nazareth

Shannon Schultz – Initiated August 29th

Kelsey Schultz – Initiated August 29th

VISUAL RESEARCH

Dear Members of the Grand Lodge:

On behalf of the clients, Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services (BVRS) would like to thank you for your generous contribution of \$704.50 on 7/30/2012. We truly appreciate your continued support our clients.

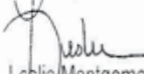
As you know, BVRS is the only non-profit organization in the Pittsburgh area that provides rehabilitative services for individuals who are blind or visually impaired. Your support allows us to continue to our vital mission of changing lives of persons with vision loss and other disabilities by fostering independence and individual choice.

In the past year, many exciting changes have taken place at our agency. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Director of Development and Public Relations. I look forward to meeting and working with you.

If you would like to visit the agency or have a member of the BVRS' staff come to a meeting, please feel free to call at 412.368.4400 ext 2253 or email lmontgomery@pghvis.org. We would be happy to welcome you and let you experience firsthand how your contribution helps our clients.

Thank you again for your financial support. Your help gives people with vision loss the opportunity to build confidence and independence.

Sincerely,



Leslie Montgomery-Reidenbaugh
Director of Development and Public Relations

*Thank you for your
generous support.*

MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Donna L. Faub, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in PA, is the sister of the Grand Master Kenneth J. Faub and the daughter of the late Kenneth and Emma Faub who were over 60 years in Odd Fellowship before they both past on.

She is a Past Officer of Unified Lodge #2 which she has been a member of for 7 years and presently holding the office of Financial Secretary, a member of Mon Valley Rebekah Lodge #82, Past Grand American Flag Bearer of the Rebekah Assembly and Past District Deputy, Donna has been a Rebekah for 47 years, she is also a Past Officer in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Social Order of the Beauceant, a member of the Daughters of the Nile and the Order of the Amaranth.

Donna retired over two years ago after being employed by the Community College of Allegheny County in Pittsburgh with 43 years of faithful service as a Senior Buyer in the Purchasing Department. She is single and enjoys traveling, outlet shopping, bowling, reading books and being around her fraternal sisters and brothers; she volunteers at the Masonic Village at Sewickley, PA in the Gift Shoppe and is President of the Volunteer Advisory Board there.

She sees in the future of ODD Fellowship a pickup in membership if we are ready to make small changes in our attitudes and realize we must make changes to let the younger members ideas into our Lodges, but not against our Constitution, remember to **"Dare to be different."** She has been enjoying her travels around Penna with her brother and meeting a lot of good and friendly members that are trying hard to keep their Lodges growing and our fraternity stronger.



OPEN LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE CRB1 FUND – CURING RETINAL BLINDNESS

Message from Kristin & Mike Smedley – member of Walker Lodge No. 306:

Never in a million years did we think we'd ever be parents of a blind child. Never in two million years did we think we'd be parents of two blind children! Life with two blind kids is definitely a different journey than the one we thought we'd be on. But sometimes different journeys bring people into our lives that we never would have encountered otherwise. Our journey with blindness is, by the grace of God, taking a new turn, a turn out of darkness: a path to sight. We are incredibly blessed to have the support of this magnificent organization to be with us on this new path toward sighted lives for Michael and Mitchell. We could not make this progress without all of the contributions from all of these Odd Fellow & Rebekah branches and members.

Just over a year ago, no one was focusing on our boys' gene that is causing their blindness. We started asking questions, we begged research organizations to focus on our gene. What we found was we needed a voice, a big voice to direct that research, and that voice, that direction, is driven by funding. Fast forward to one year later, we have raised enough money to have a voice and begin the path to the cure! We are poised now to gather lead researchers and practitioners to form our Medical Advisory Board

to seek and review research that will move our gene to treatments! In the meantime, our list of participating families is growing, our outreach spreading, and our miracle is gaining momentum!

The miraculous generosity of the Odd Fellows is moving our family's dream of sight for Michael and Mitchell from hope to reality. We could not have come this far without you, and we pray you'll continue this generosity as now, more than ever, we need the funding. We are hoping to fund multiple research projects that will address several different treatments for our diverse group of blind children in our CRB1 Fund. The more projects we can fund immediately and simultaneously, the faster more kids get to a cure. Time is of the essence for Michael and Mitchell as well as all of the kids in the CRB1 group. They lose precious vision cells every day. But together we can halt that loss and turn it around!

This opportunity to fund a cure for our boys is incredible, and we are blessed to have the Odd Fellowship on our miracle mission with us. We continue to keep you all in our prayers of gratitude.

Mike and Kristin Smedley

<http://www.crb1.org/>

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Message from Bob Smedley DDGM District No. 3 & Walker Lodge No. 306:

Words cannot express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for receipt of the generous donations from the various I.O.O.F. organizations in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Please be aware that Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania is one of our major contributors and we thank those contributing organizations for their support and pledged contributions until a cure is found. To date your various organizations and members have donated over \$39,170 with \$8,215 of that amount coming from Past Grand Master Moyer's special project for May's Visual Research Month and a continued special thanks to GM Faub for choosing The CRB1 Fund for Curing Retinal Blindness for his main project throughout his term in office.

Recognition and grateful thanks to the following I.O.O.F. organizations for their gifts of Love

Donations received in 2011 and 2012 (\$30,955 collected):

Brady Lodge No. 116
Mystic Lodge No. 270
Hopkins Lodge No. 87
Metropolitan Lodge No. 159
Mary I. Clay Fund of Walker Lodge No. 306
Rick Meagher - Walker Lodge No. 306
William E. Smedley - Brady Lodge No. 116

Henry Disston Lodge No. 8
Perseverance Encampment No. 135
Variety Lodge No. 37
Philadelphia Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows of PA
Charles Balmer - Walker Lodge No. 306
Bob Brennan - Walker Lodge No. 306
Bob & Pat Smedley - Walker Lodge No. 306

Grand Lodge of PA Independent Order Odd Fellows.

PGM Moyers special project for May 2012 Visual Research month (\$8,215 collected):

Brady Lodge #116, Hughesville
Gladys Rebekah #103, Brownsville
Askam Lodge #899, Wilkes-Barre
Sandy Lake Lodge #573
Lady Hall Reb. #202, Nazareth
Mystic Lodge #270, Philadelphia
Faith Hope & Charity Reb., Mifflinburg
Salome Rebekah #30, York
Wysox Lodge #1152

Perseverance Enc.#135, Phila
Earl Lodge #413, New Holland
Triune Lodge #307, Middletown
Osage Lodge #712, Lehman
Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia
Idella Rebekah #58, Dornsife
Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville
Boyertown Lodge #708
Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity#254, Waltersburg

Finally, the "Top Gun" award goes to Brady Lodge No. 116 for having made multiple donations totaling \$16,000. The Brady Lodge donations combined with the other donations from the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania will go a long way toward achieving the goal of over three million dollars to cover the three major components of gene replacement therapy, i.e., (1) research, (2) FDA approval, and (3) clinical trials.

*Yours in Friendship, Love & Truth,
Bob Smedley (Grandfather of Michael and Mitchell)*

YOUR SUPPORT HAS HELPED

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs has supported of Camp JRA since it opened and we have watched it grow. This year saw the largest number of campers and support staff.

Several of us from the IOOF Arthritis Committee had the opportunity to go up to Camp JRA (Juveniles Reaching Achievement) for Opening Day Sunday, July 15th) of the 2012 Camp Session. As we have mentioned in past years, it is heartwarming to see the youngsters in the camp setting and seeing how they progress from year to year. Camp Victory was opened more than 20 years ago by a couple who had a special needs child and they wanted him to feel just like the other kids who went to camp in summer so their idea was born and the campsite is now host to many camps for children with disabilities. As you saw in last month's magazine, the very loyal members of Thalia Rebekah Lodge # 116 were there with their Sundaes on Sunday creations that have become a legend with the campers. The sundaes were delicious and had most toppings imaginable available, including a couple of new treats this year. We heard lots of mmmmm's as they sat and ate their goodies.

Our thanks to each and every one of you for your support of our activities. Your contributions of time and money help us help all those with arthritis, young and old. The PA Chapters also send their thanks.

We need to continue our efforts to help those affected by arthritis with our time and financial support. Join a team for one of the arthritis walks in your area, volunteer to help with registrations at an event. Use your talents in some way to help.

VOLUNTEER!

The addresses and phone numbers of the three PA Chapters are below. Call and make a commitment to help.

Eastern PA Chapter • Arthritis Foundation
The Bourse Bldg Ste 500, 111 S. Independence Mall East
Phila. PA 19106
215-574-3060

Central PA Chapter • Arthritis Foundation
3544 N. Progress Ave., Suite 201
Harrisburg, PA 17110
717-763-0900

Western PA Chapter • Arthritis Foundation
Foster Plaza # 11, 790 Holiday Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15220
412-566-1645

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

Periodical Mail

August Donations

IOOF VISUAL RESEARCH FUND

2	Unified	50.00
108	Cussewago	39.96
		89.96

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

108	Cussewago	99.92
2	Unified	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
		199.92

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
108	Cussewago	39.96
		89.96