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OUR NEW LEADERS SPENDING SOME RELAXING TIME TOGETHER FOLLOWING THEIR INSTALLATION



From L to R - Grand Patriarch Sellers, Grand Master Bailey & President Landes.

GRAND MASTER BAILEY'S PIN



These are my three tenants for the year,
progress (axe), rebirth (match) and pride
(gavel).

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SESSION



GL Representatives ready to conduct business.

Places to Go...

People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board
+ denotes details to follow

2013

SEPTEMBER

28 / PRA Wert Testimonial, Harrisburg, PA *+

OCTOBER

5/6 P. Thomas Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA +

2014

APRIL

4-6 / 57th Ann'l Mid-Atlantic Conclave, Lancaster, PA +

JUNE

23-25 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA +

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To all my Brothers/Sisters, Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, President of Rebekah Assembly Judith Wert and Grand Master Justin Bailey:

Words cannot express the love that is in my heart for all of you. Your thoughtfulness and caring was very kind and so appreciated, I just can't tell you how grateful I feel. We weren't born into the same family, but we really are Sisters and Brothers of the heart. It makes our friendship that much more precious, that nature didn't put us together we chose to be part of each other's lives. Just as a quilt comes together by many loving hands, there are times when we are held together by many loving hearts. Holding you all close at heart. I found a poem which spells out Ken's life and I hope we all can live up to the dash?

HOW DO YOU LIVE YOUR DASH?

I read of a man who stood to speak at a funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on his tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came his date of birth and spoke the following dates with tears, but he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For that dash represents all the time that he spent alive on earth. And now only those who loved him know what that little line is worth. For it matters not, how much we own; the cars...,the house...,the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about this long and hard, are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left, that can still be rearranged. If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand, the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more. And love the people in our lives, like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile. Remembering that this special dash, might only last a little while. So when you eulogy's being read, with your life's actions to rehash. Would you be proud of the things they say, about how you spent your dash?

Your Sister in F L & T

Donna Faub, Past Grand Marshal, Sister of the Late Kenneth James Faub, PGM

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Greetings! I will take my "From the Desk of the Grand Master" for this month to explain my pin. Then when you see a member wearing one, you know the significance. I must start out by thanking PGM Thomas J. McHugh for designing my pin; I gave him a sketch of what I wanted it to look like, but with my artistic skills, it looked like my 4 year old son drew it... with his feet. It consists of the three links with the all seeing eye of God. It is common to us Odd Fellows what these symbols teach. Crossing behind these are the axe, the match and the gavel. These are my three tenants for the year, progress (axe), rebirth (match) and pride (gavel). The axe reminds us that we must always progress in our Lodges. I always smirk to myself in the Past Grand's charge of the initiatory degree when they state "Odd Fellowship is progressive." Are we really? How can we be? That doesn't just include bringing members in and getting out into our community. It means welcoming our Brothers and Sisters, reminding them about meetings, cleaning our halls, getting back to more of the fraternal part of our Order and then follow our civic duties. Function as a Lodge first before you embrace your community. Give them something to join! The next emblem is my emblem for the year, the match, along with my motto, "It takes only one spark to ignite a passion." Where does this come from? Think back to the birth of American Odd Fellowship; it did not start with many, but just one person, Thomas Wildey, who put an ad in the local newspaper to start Odd Fellowship. Look what it eventually grew into! With only one person... The third emblem is the gavel, a symbol of respect, of pride, of authority. Be proud to be Odd Fellows, honor the teachings, honor your Officers, International, State & Local. Understand what being an Odd Fellow truly is. I made this pin with no Jurisdictional emblem or year on it so that you can wear this pin ten years from now in California and it still will not show its age.

I hope you follow these tenants, especially the third tenant -- pride. When you wear this pin, you will be helping to make wishes come true for Pennsylvania children with life-threatening medical conditions. The \$3 cost of the pin will benefit Make-A-Wish® Greater Pennsylvania and Susquehanna Valley chapters. For those of you who were at the banquet during the Unified Session, Regional Manager Ann Waltman

came to discuss Make-A-Wish. I hope to grant three or four children's wishes.

I am dedicating this in memory of my cousin, John L. Bailey, who passed away at the age of 15 from Ewing's sarcoma. Johnny came home after treatments at Sloan-Kettering Memorial Medical Cancer Center in New York in hopes to fight off the disease, but it had progressed too far. Make-A-Wish intervened in hopes of bringing Johnny some happiness in his final months. Knowing that Johnny loved college football, the organization arranged for his favorite Pennsylvania college football team coach to give him a call. Touched by Johnny's story, the coach called him on several occasions and had the team sign a yearbook, after explaining to them Johnny's condition. Make-A-Wish never gave up on Johnny. Visiting the sick and relieving the distressed... sounds mighty familiar. He passed on to a greater place in April 1995, leaving behind many broken hearts, but many good memories as well.

I want you to wear this pin in his memory -- of a young child who left this world too soon -- and for your family members who may have faced a battle with cancer as well. Wear it for them, wear it for the Odd Fellowship. Show your pride in who we are and what we're doing to help children in similar situations.

I, along with my officers, will be selling these during my visitations. Several District Deputies also have them. If you cannot make meetings and would like a pin, or would like to donate to this cause. Please email or call me (my information's inside the front cover), and I will be more than glad to work with you. Thank you for your time and I look forward to seeing you all on my travels! Remember, it takes just one spark to ignite a passion!

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Justin C. Bailey, your Grand Master*

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

McKEAN COUNTY INTERESTING FACTS:

How many Odd Fellow Lodges were in YOUR County?? Did you ever wonder if your town had an Odd Fellow Lodge? Do you know where it was or do you even remember some of these Lodges? If you can take a picture of the Lodge Hall that was once in your town and mail it in, we'd be glad to have it for our archives and it could perhaps end up in the magazine!

McKEAN COUNTY:

Bradford – Tuna Lodge #411 – consolidated 1992
 Cerus – Oswayo Lodge #389 – defunct 1858
 Clermont Lodge #949 – defunct 1939
 Derrick City Lodge #1101
 Duke Centre Lodge #970 – consolidated 1924
 Eldred Lodge #164 – consolidated 1992
 Hazelhurst Lodge #22 - consolidated 1929

Kane Lodge #412 – defunct 1971
 Ludlow Lodge #1046 – defunct 1962
 McVeytown – Bright Star Lodge #705 – consolidated 1978
 Mount Alton – Kinzua Lodge #442
 Mount Jewett Lodge #881 – consolidated 1992
 Port Allegheny Lodge #259 - consolidated 1987
Rew – Foster Lodge #333 – recently celebrated over 160 years

Smethport Lodge #389 – recently celebrating 130 years
 Smithport Lodge #411 – defunct 1858

= 16 total Lodges with 2 still active

Next Month – Mercer County – Get your pictures and articles in now!

BIG CONGRATS !!!!!

Congratulations to Nathaniel Leibensperger, son of PG Robert of Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua on receiving the SGL Ingstrom Award of \$3,000.00. You see Brothers & Sisters, much help is available on all levels but it is up to you to seek it out.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

The Board of Grand Lodge Officers congratulate the following on achieving milestone years in Odd Fellowship this month.

45 YEARS

James Fetter - #116

50 YEARS

James Gold - #380

55 YEARS

Thomas Hunter - #541

60 YEARS

William Klugh - #278

70 YEARS

Leon Daily - #307

SINCERE APOLOGIES

John Oertel - #306
 40 years in June

MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Tyler M. Arnold, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F., was initiated into Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua on October 18, 2008 where he became active from the start. He excelled through the chairs and became a Past Grand of the Lodge. Aside from his present position as Left Supporter to the Noble Grand, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Odd Fellows Cemetery. He was a charter member of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and has been serving in various chairs since. He is a member and Past Chief Patriarch of Scott Encampment #132 and currently was mustered into Philadelphia Canton #1. He holds Associate membership in Shenandoah Lodge #591. Tyler, age 25, works as a cook at Applebees' in Hazleton, PA. The Grand Master and Tyler go back a long time, Tyler served as Justin's Best Man and I know the enthusiasm the two have for this order will have a great time traveling this jurisdiction the coming year spreading Odd Fellowship. And yes Ladies, Tyler is single so watch out !!!





Faith Love and Truth

SANDY LAKE LODGE #573 I. O. O. F
Celebrating 150 years!

July 2, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

The Sandy Lake Lodge #573 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows is celebrating our 150th year. We were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on November 17, 1863 and currently located at 5242 Lake Street, Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania. Our lodge would like to commemorate our 150 years by publishing a booklet with our history. We would like to include your advertisement, and booster names of our fellow lodges and businesses. The following are the page layouts we will be using for our booklet layout.

Full page (8" x 5")	\$75.00
1/2 page (4" x 5")	\$35.00
1/4 page (2" x 2.5")	\$25.00
Listing (in memory of, in honor of, etc)	\$10.00

Deadline for layout to be received is August 15, 2013.

Please make checks payable to: Sandy Lake Lodge #573 I. O. O. F

Mail to: PO BOX 642, Sandy Lake, PA 16145

For more information please contact brother Raymond Rodgers at (724)877-5010

Thank you very much for your support!

JUDITH A. WERT, Jr. PPRA TESTIMONIAL

Brothers and Sisters, the time has arrived to honor our Jr. Past President of the Rebekah Assembly for her achievements this past year. Therefore you are invited to join in the festivities on Saturday, September 28th at the Holiday Inn – East, 4751 Lindle Rd., Harrisburg (same location as our June Session).

Room rates are \$85.00 per nite, plus taxes. Please call 888-465-4329 and be sure to mention the Judy Wert – Rebekah Assembly Testimonial to obtain the special rate.

The Banquet will be served at 6:30 PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. RSVP with remittance by 9/13 to Dotty Derr, 101 E. Lincoln Ave., Lititz, PA 17543.

There will be a program booklet, however detail are not available at this time. Please watch your Lodge communications for further details.

Any questions you may contact, Past Marshal Mary Delong @ 610-562-8390.

All checks are payable to: Judith Wert Testimonial

We look forward to you in joining us as we honor Sister Wert.

The Terstimonial Committee

THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy on the recent passing of my mother. They were greatly appreciated in our time of loss.

Yours in F.L.&T., Joe Giebel & Family

Gentlemen of the Order of Odd Fellows,

Thank you so much for your generosity in awarding me a scholarship. I am very appreciative of this honor.

Sincerely, Colin Dunn

Gentlemen,

As a recipient of your scholarship, I sincerely thank you for your generosity. I am honored to receive this prestigious award. Your program has helped me advance in my educational goals and has inspired me to help others through service in the community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Casey Dallas Dunn

Pennsylvania Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Thank you all so much for selecting me for a 2013 IOOF Scholarship! I really appreciate the scholarship, as it takes away some need for me to worry about finances and will let me focus more on my studies.

Thank you! Matthew Barnish

Dear Scholarship Committee,

Thank you very much for awarding me the 2013 IOOF scholarship. I am very happy to receive the award from the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges of Pennsylvania. I plan to put the money to good use in funding my education in the doctoral program in clinical psychology at Widener University. My education will be lengthy as well as costly and I appreciate any support that I can receive.

Thank you again! Alison Masey

OBITUARIES

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

HILDA E. STEIGERWALT

Past District Deputy President
Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge No. 222
April 30, 2013

Sister Hilda E. (Heilman) Steigerwalt, 88, of Slatington, PA, was initiated into Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, on May 16, 1981 where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 15, 1986 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She then held the office of District Deputy President from 19981-999.

She was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Slatington.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon and two daughters. Surviving are two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial was held in the parish cemetery.

PATRICIA PALO

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
June 8, 2013

Sister Patricia (Flanagan) "Patty" Palo, 58, of West Springfield, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510, on August 25, 2011.

Surviving is her husband, Denis, also of Edinboro Lodge #510 and two sons.

Burial was held in East Conneaut Cemetery.



CLARENCE W. MOYER

Leesport Lodge No. 141
June 13, 2013

Brother Clarence W. Moyer, 84, of Laureldale, PA, was reinstated into Leesport Lodge No. 141 on September 9, 1980.

He was a U.S. Korean War Veteran and a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Leesport.

He was preceded in death by his wift, the former Betty L. Hepner. Surviving is one daughter and two grandsons.

Burial was held in Leesport Cemetery.

RALPH K. RUMSEY

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74
June 15, 2013



Brother Ralph K. Rumsey, 89, of Dillsburg, PA, was initiated into South Mountain Lodge #1200, Dillsburg, on February 26, 1949 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, through consolidation on December 5, 1994.

He was a member of Red Mount United Methodist Church, East Berlin.

Surviving is his wife, the former Delta R. Lory, one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Dillsburg Cemetery.

MARILYNN JANE BIEBER

Past District Deputy President
Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge No. 328
June 20, 2013

Sister Marilynn Jane (Miller) Bieber, 79, of Butler, PA, was initiated into Queen Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge #463, Butler, on April 21, 1966 where she became a Past Noble Grand. She then became a member of West Sunbury Rebekah Lodge #19, Butler, through consolidation on July 23, 1998 and finally a member of Lady Worth Rebekah Lodge #328, Sandy Lake, through transfer on October 20, 2012, when West Sunbury Rebekah Lodge went defunct. She served years ago on the board of Directors at Orchard Manor and Fellowship Manor and was a Past District Deputy President

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald. Surviving are two sons, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Burial was held in Butler County Memorial Park.



AGNES M. COX
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
June 26, 2013

Sister Agnes M. (Long) Cox, 75, of Dornsife, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on May 25, 2005.

She was a member of the Trevorton Emmanuel Evangelical Church.

She was preceded in death by her first two husbands, Lamar Mullen and Isaac Ramer. Surviving is her third husband, Gerald Cox, two daughters, two sons, 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial was held in Northumberland Memorial Park, Stonington, PA.



GEORGE M. STORMFELS
Clover Lodge No. 348
Ambridge Encampment No. 259
June 28, 2013

Brother George M. "Stormy" Stormfels, 82, of Monaca, PA, was initiated into Robertson Lodge #450, New Brighton, on October 2, 1967 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 7, 1970. He then became a member of Edith Lodge #812, Freedom, and finally a member of Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, through consolidation on October 1, 2008. He was also a Patriarch of Ambridge Encampment #259, having joined Harrison Graham Encampment #116, Freedom on March 26, 1971 and then consolidating on June 7, 2003.

He was a Korean War Veteran and a member of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Rochester, PA.

Surviving is his wife, the former Darlene Peterson, two daughters, one son, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Entombment was held in Beaver Mausoleum.

2013 – 2014 "BREAK THE GRAND LODGE" MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

In order to increase membership and reward members for bringing in candidates, I am conducting a drive in order for members to get back something for helping secure the future of their Lodge. For my term, starting June 26th 2013 and ending June 20th 2014, \$5.00 will be rewarded to every sponsor and \$10.00 to every initiate to be paid directly from my personal account to the Lodge Secretary. Also, members who achieve the third degree will receive a membership certificate.

This will help those members who have a hard time paying dues and will hopefully stimulate some Lodges. This will also count for reinstatements. Associate membership and transfers do not count. I will be issuing three grand prizes for bringing in the most initiates/reinstatements to present at the 2014 Session. 1st prize - \$200, 2nd prize - \$150 and 3rd prize - \$100. This will go towards the Lodge's treasuries. This will be done through your secretaries in the upcoming mailings, so make sure you stay on them about sending

these in! Many people have accused the Grand Lodge of taking subordinate Lodge's money. Now is the chance to take the Grand Lodge's!

I will also be giving \$100 to the top District Deputy, whom I will pick at 2014 Session. \$100 to any DDGM in which a Lodge institutes or reinstitutes in their District, along with \$100 going to the instituting Lodge.

I will end by stressing that "obligating" a candidate into Odd Fellowship is illegal in every aspect. If you cannot do the initiatory degree yourself, or cannot get to where one is, use the DVD. If your Lodge cannot get the DVD, contact me and I will get them initiated. It only takes a few to put on the degree correctly. Use this as a way to get your treasuries back in order and have fun with it!



Fraternally,
Justin C Bailey, Grand Master

THE MIDDLETOWN HOME'S 8TH ANNUAL ANTIQUE CAR SHOW



YORK SPRINGS LODGE #211 HONOR ITS VETERANS



NG Brian Ecker who placed the wreath.

York Springs Lodge #211 honored the veteran members of their Lodge by laying a wreath at the Memorial Day Services held at Sunnyside Cemetery near the village of York Springs on the 27th of May, 2013. Placing the wreath was Noble Grand, Brian Ecker as the crowd of nearly 300 were told of the first wreath placed by the York Springs Lodge in the year 1866. The Service observed the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg in the year 1863 and spoke of the happenings that took place 150 years ago as the Southern Troops marched through York Springs on their way to do battle in Gettysburg, 12 miles south of York Springs. The #211 Lodge had 29 members who fought in the Civil War of 1861-1865 of which 4 belonged to Company K, Pa's First Reserves, and fought at Gettysburg.

A National Cemetery was placed in Gettysburg in November 19, 1863 a few months after the battle at Gettysburg. A grand procession took place prior to the dedication of that cemetery. It was led by President Abraham Lincoln and included 70 members of York Springs Lodge #211. It was at this dedication that the President delivered the famous Gettysburg Address. To honor that day members of the York Mt Zion Lodge #74 and Bowmansdale Lodge # 1179, joined the York Springs Lodge in this years processional held prior to the Memorial Day Program. — by PG Yolanda Howe

ARTHRITIS RAFFLE 2012-2013 WINNERS

Thanks Brothers, Sisters, and Friends for supporting this project. The Children from Camp JRA thank everyone for taking chances on this raffle. If you were not a winner, you are a winner in the hearts of these children.

Total amount raised for this project: \$4200.00

Prize: Winner:

- 1) \$100 Cash
- 2) \$50 Cash
- 3) \$50 Applebee's Gift card
- 4) \$50 Sunoco Gift card
- 5) Gift Box of (4) Hersey's Trucks
- 6) 1 – Winross Truck
- 7) 1 – Winross Truck
- 8) 1 – Hershey's paperweight
- 9) 1 – Hershey's paperweight
- 10) 1 – 20 pc Beverage set – crystal
- 11) \$25 Cracker Barrel Gift card
- 12) \$25 Subway Gift card
- 13) \$25 Home Depot Gift card
- 14) \$25 Lowes Gift card
- 15) 1 – Winross Hershey's Tanker
- 16) 1 – Winross Hersey's 5th Ave Truck
- 17) 1 – American Flag 3'X 5'
- 18) 1 – American Flag 3' X 5'
- 19) Set of 12 US yard flags
- 20) Set of 12 US yard flags

City:

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|-----------------|----------------------|
| Roy King | Emmaus, PA |
| Jim Pfadt | Edinboro, PA |
| Lititz Lodge | Lititz, PA |
| Rachel Kirkman | Granville Summit, PA |
| Bill Hilt | Philadelphia, PA |
| Clark Bossler | Leesport, PA |
| Clair Hawkins | Harrisonville, PA |
| Nat BeAir | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Askam Lodge | Wilkes Barre, PA |
| Bob Morrell | Boyertown, PA |
| Unified Lodge | Pittsburgh, PA |
| Jamison Lodge | Jamison, PA |
| Mae Judy | Bellefonte, PA |
| Ruth K. Good | East Earl, PA |
| Carolyn Barger | Monongahela, PA |
| Mike McAllister | Hagerstown, MD |
| Ruth Cliggett | Philadelphia, PA |
| Bill Hartman | West Chester, PA |
| Keith Harvey | Dallas, PA |
| Centre Lodge | Bellefonte, PA |

Note: Hershey items were for the 100th Anniversary of Hershey.

PRESIDENT JUDITH A. WERT AND STAFF OFFICIAL VISITS

PRESIDENT, JUDITH A. WERT AND STAFF OFFICIAL VISIT TO LADY COLFAX REBEKAH LODGE #182 HOME LODGE OF THE PRESIDENT AND MANY OF HER STAFF

My home Lodge - I am so proud of my Lodge and all the Sister and Brother that attend our meetings. They have been very supporting this year and I am grateful for all their help. They prepared lots of goodies that we have before meeting. They had a very nice Official Visit for me and I want to Thank them from the bottom of my Heart!!!!

Pictured L-R. Front Row: Mary D. DeLong, Marshal; Myra Adams, Re. to Middletown Home; Avalion Bossler, Chaplain; Susie Allmendinger; Arlene Miller; Charlene E. Grieb, Conductor; Beverly Miller, Inside Guardian; John Kunkleman; Paul Miller, Musician; Back Row: My Brother John F. Leshar, PG Marshal; Judith A. Wert, President; Cindy Shollenberger; Sarah M. Baer, Sec. Pro Temp; William Mooney.



PRESIDENT, JUDITH A. WERT AND STAFF OFFICIAL VISIT TO NAKOMIS REBEKAH LODGE #497 WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2013

We had a beautiful day to travel to Nakomis and we were greeted by many smiling and friendly Sisters and Brothers. A wonderful meal was had before meeting with all Sisters preparing some goodies. We had a good meeting and an informative one.

Sisters from Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497. Seated L-R: Nadine Hagger, DDP; Mary D. DeLong, Marshall; Sarah M. Baer, Sec. Pro Temp; Judith A. Wert, President; Charlene E. Grieb, Conductor; Avalion Bossler, Chaplain.



PRESIDENT, JUDITH A. WERT AND MEMBERS OF LADY COLFAX REBEKAH LODGE #182 MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE MONDAY, MAY 27, 2013

Members of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 participated in a Memorial Day Service at the Monument at our Leesport Post Office under the direction of Beverly Miller. We had a very nice program and many participating in laying of wreaths. All branches of the order were present. There were also a lot of spectators this year. Our hats go off to Beverly for setting up a very nice program with good speakers and it was well organized. Thank you Beverly!!!!

Pictured L-R: Paul Miller; John F. Leshar; Mary D. DeLong; Neil B. Thomas; Sarah M. Baer; James Blatt; Judith A. Wert; Lisandra (Judy's Granddaughter) Avalion Bossler; Arlene Miller; Navin Adams; Myra Adams; and Beverly Miller. Missing from the picture John Kunkleman.



**TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER
WASHINGTON, D.C.
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013**



What a beautiful day we had to travel to Washington, D.C. It was a Great Honor for me to take part in the presenting of the Pennsylvania Wreath - for those of you who have had the privilege you know it is a wonderful feeling and one you cannot explain to take part.

Also on the trip: L-R: Sarah M. Baer, Sec. Pro Temp; John F. Leshner, PG Marshal and brother of the President; Judith A. Wert, President; Charlene E. Grieb, Conductor.

EARL R. LEIBY ENJOYS NITE AT THE READING PHILLIES

Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106 attended The Reading Fightin Phils baseball game on July 11. They had an all you can eat buffet in the 3 base picnic area. The Encampment Chief Patriarch David Sellers threw out the first pitch representing the Encampment. David is also presently the Grand Outside Sentinel of the Grand Encampment of Pa. We had ten members present and a good time was had by all. Fire works display was also after the game. Picture shows members present.

In F.H. & C.,
James Sellers, GP



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

Askam Lodge #899, Wilkes-Barre
Serfano Raggi – initiated June 24th

Dear Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Fund,

Thank you so much for your generous scholarship towards my sophomore year at Messiah College! It will be a great help toward my tuition and textbooks for the year. I declared my major this past spring as Business Administration, and I'm considering a concentration in Entrepreneurship. I have always loved the idea of owning a bookstore/café, but we will see where I go! I have also applied to study abroad in Spring 2014 in Belize. I have yet to hear back from the program, but I am very excited about this opportunity. My freshman year confirmed that I absolutely made the right decision in choosing Messiah, and I look forward to spending my next three years there.

Thank you again! Rachel Carson

PAST GRAND PATRIARCH NEIL B. THOMAS TESTIMONIAL

To all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons, and Auxiliaries:

Greetings:

You are invited to attend a Testimonial dinner to honor Past Grand Patriarch Neil B. Thomas on Saturday, October 5th., 2013, at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Exit 23 off I-78 at Shartlesville, PA. Telephone 610-488-0353.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person. The dinner will be family style, with entrees of Roast Beef and Fried Haddock. Reservations with remittance are to be sent by September 21, 2013, and checks made payable to:

Craig R. Reinhart, 1615 Locust Street, Reading, PA 19604.

There will be a souvenir program booklet for you to show your support with ads and booster names, priced as follows:

Full Page - \$30.00, Half Page - \$20.00, Quarter Page - \$10.00, Booster Names - \$1.00 each.

Deadline for ads is September 21, 2013, and sent to Leon S. Stamm, 315 Governor Drive, Reading, PA 19607. All ads must be typed or neatly hand printed, and checks made payable to Leon S. Stamm.

Motels in the area: Microtel Inns & Suites (800) 771-7171, The Dutch Motel (610) 488-1479, and Comfort Inn (717) 933-8888.

We look forward to having you join us to honor PGP Neil B. Thomas.

Yours in F.H. & C.,

The Testimonial Committee

PGP William S. Mooney, Chairman

Periodical Mail

May Donations

PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

E135	Perseverance Encampment	500.00
936	Alert	100.00
348	Clover	50.00
R182	Lady Colfax Rebekah	25.00
R198	Golden Rule Rebekah	25.00
R443	Wysox Rebekah	25.00
		<u>725.00</u>

CRB – 1 FUND

116	Brady	3,000.00
E135	Perseverance	3,000.00
Unified	Session Memorial Service	32.00
R15	Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah	25.00
R452	Lady Emily Rebekah	25.00
		<u>6,082.00</u>

VISUAL RESEARCH

E135	Perseverance Encampment	500.00
	Grand Lodge Session Drawing	123.00
	Rebekah Assembly Session Drawing	116.00
R58	Idella Rebekah	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
762	Vincent	50.00
Unified	Session memorial Service	32.00
R74	Lady Esther Rebekah	25.00
		<u>996.00</u>

PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW AND REBEKAH MAGAZINE

	Odd Fellow & Rebekah Association of WPA	2,000.00
348	Clover	185.00
		<u>2,185.00</u>

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

OF Home of WPA (Meadville)	500.00
2 Unified	50.00
1004 Hampton	50.00
	<u>600.00</u>

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

2	Unified	50.00
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