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TAMAQUA HERITAGE DAY



Jr. PG Brian Turner of #86 & PNG Laura Bailey of R#86 dressed in period attire handing out literature on Odd Fellowship.

Laura Bailey, Tamaqua, past noble grand of Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge 86, Tamaqua, encourages people at the 29th annual Heritage Festival on Sunday to try something new, "an old-fashioned cake walk." Edward McCreedy and Colleen Altemose, left, Pottsville, buy tickets for the cake walk from Bailey.

Places to Go . . . People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board / + denotes details to follow

2014
APRIL

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

JUNE

23-25 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA +

SEPTEMBER

27 / Mary Landes Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA +

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DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Charlie Bailey - #86
Bill Boyle - #802

65 YEARS

John Hescoc - #55

70 YEARS

George Molden - #87

60 YEARS

William Young - #278

GRAND ENCAMPMENT HAS BIG NIGHT IN TAMAQUA



Grand Patriarch Jim Sellers and his staff made his official visit to Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua recently. While visiting, DDGP Jim Blatt and his staff installed the officers of that Encampment. Pictured with the big group is their two newest members, Sherman Wooden who was just initiated at the Grand Enc. Rally & PG Marsh. GE, Charlie Bailey who reinstated that evening. Scott is also home to our Grand Master and the Assoc. Enc. of the GP. /J Sellers, GP/ submitted by J Sellers, GP

UNIFIED LODGE #2, PITTSBURGH, INSTALLS A COMPLETE CORPS OF OFFICERS FOR I.O.O.F. YEAR 2014



During the Lodge's Stated Meeting of Thursday, October 10th, the presiding DDGM of District #21, Sister Donna Faub, PNG, along with her installation staff, consisting of Sr. Linda Belford, PNG, Bro. Ted Bergfelt, PNG, Bro. Bill Hubbs, PNG, and Bro. Bob Watson, PNG, conducted the installation of Unified Lodge's Elected and Appointed Officers for upcoming I.O.O.F. year.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT RALLY A SUCCESS



Pictured is your current Grand Encampment Officers with new member Sherman Wooden (Scott Enc. #132, Tamaqua) which was held recently at Walker Hall, Philadelphia, home of Perseverance Encampment #135.

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

Leesport Lodge #141

Darin P. Troutman, Sr – int. October 29th



HALLOWEEN FUN AT "THE MIDDLETOWN HOME"



MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Harold A. "Harry" Boden III, Grand Herald of the Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F., was initiated into the Order at Metropolitan Lodge #150, Philadelphia on October 25, 1976. He excelled the chairs where he attained the rank of Past Grand and has been serving as the Secretary for many years. He received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 24, 2013. This June he was also commissioned as District Deputy Grand Master of District #5. He is also a Trustee for 30 years in the Odd Fellows Cemetery Co. of Phila. and a member of Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, York.

Brother Harry by profession is in Gear Engineering and a Field Railroad Inspector. Brother Harry is married to his wife Ruth for 35 years and they have three daughters and four granddaughters.

He is a member of the Lancaster Cty. Bible Church, Ephrata where he resides and his hobbies include Civil War (Gettysburg), Lancaster Cty. History, cooking, reading the Bible and Christian books, family & sports.

Brother Boden is a hardworking and dedicated Odd Fellow. WELCOME ABOARD BROTHER HARRY !



TAMAQUA TAKES TO THE STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARADE



In celebration of 170 years of Tamaqua Odd Fellowship, members of Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah #86 and Scott Encampment #132 donned old regalia, sashes and collars to walk or ride in the parade. Roughly 20 members and family were in attendance and it was a great way to show the community after all these years we are still going strong.



Kenny Bailey prepares the candy to throw to the children. Special thanks to our outgoing NG Brian Turner for providing the pumpkins and flowers to decorate our float.

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Bailey has scheduled the following visits for December. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there. His schedule is lite as there are many Christmas Party's plus he plans to spend some time with his family. He extends to all a Happy Holiday, wherever your faith leads you!

9 – Shenandoah #591 – 7PM
16 – Bowmansdale #1179 – 7:30 PM

YORK 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!

YORK COUNTY:

Airville – Lower Chanceford Lodge #774 – defunct 1940
Dallastown – Dallas Lodge #1017 – consolidated 1973
Delta – Mount Hebron Lodge #516 – consolidated 1980
Dillsburg – South Mountain Lodge #1200 – consolidated 1994
East Prospect – Winona Lodge #944 – consolidated 1950
Goldsboro Lodge #791 – consolidated 1973
Hanover Lodge #327 – defunct 1947
Jefferson Boro (Codorus) – Mount Sinai Lodge #908 – consolidated 1966
Mount Wolf Lodge #1196 – defunct 1947
Red Lion – Katahdin Lodge #560 – consolidated 1973
Rinely – Mount Pleasant Lodge #1174 – defunct 1953
Shrewsbury – Mount Vernon Lodge #143 – defunct
Spring Grove – Mount Olivet Lodge #997 – consolidated 1925

Stewartstown – Pen Mar Lodge #1079 – defunct 1940
Windsor Lodge #443 – consolidated 1949
Wrightsville – Chihuahua Lodge #317 – defunct 1963
York – Dallas Katahdin Lodge #1201 – consolidated 1984
Harmonia Lodge #853 – consolidated 1975
Humane Lodge #342 – consolidated 1966
Mt. Zion Lodge #74 – over 170 years old!
York Lodge #47 - consolidated 1953
Yorktown Lodge #841 – defunct 1961

= 22 total Lodges with 1 still active

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

OBITUARIES

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

LIVIO J. RUGGIERI
Hopkins Lodge No. 87
July 22, 2013

Brother Livio J. "Lee" Ruggieri, 87, of Fairless Hills, PA, was initiated into Hopkins Lodge #87, Bristol, on October 23, 2000. He also served as Secretary.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jennie Sinibaldi. Burial was private.

GLENN L. TURNER
Second oldest tenured Member of Pennsylvania
Alma Lodge No. 523
August 25, 2013



Brother Glenn L. Turner, 102, formerly of St. Petersburg, FL, was initiated into Cresson Lodge #724 on April 14, 1930 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Highland Lodge #428, Ebensburg, through consolidation on November 10, 1971 and finally Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, through consolidation on May 12, 2006. At the time of his death, he was Alma Lodge's oldest tenured member and the second oldest tenured member belonging to Pennsylvania.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Pottstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mary Napier and a grandson. Surviving are two daughters, four grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Burial was private.

RONALD A. OROS
PGM / PGT Ohio

Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity Lodge No. 254, Assoc
August 30, 2013

Brother Ronald A. Oros, 79, of Uniontown, PA, was initiated into Prokop Velky Lodge #709, Glenwillow, OH, on November 9, 1973. He joined Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, as an Associate on July 15, 1985. He was the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1986 – 1987 and held the position of Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio from 1996 – 2007.

He was a member of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Doris A. Lowe.

Services were conducted by the members of his Home and Associate Lodge and burial was held in LaFayette Memorial Park, Brier Hill, PA.

LLOYD T. HALLMAN
Vincent Lodge No. 762
September 26, 2013



Brother Lloyd T. Hallman, 95, of Frederick, PA, was initiated into Economy Lodge #397, Collegeville, PA on May 9, 1939, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on April 11, 1951. He served as secretary of his Lodge for many years, until their consolidation with Vincent Lodge #762, Spring City, on February 26, 2004. At the time of his death, he was Vincent Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dorothy Borneman. Surviving are one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in the church cemetery.

ETHEL N. HEWITT
Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge No. 452
September 30, 2013



Sister Ethel N. Hewitt, 100, of Curwensville, PA, was initiated into Rhoda Rebekah Lodge #347, Curwensville, on February 2, 1951, where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on April 16, 1956. She then became a member of Aster Rebekah Lodge #177, Allport, through consolidation on November 13, 2000, and finally Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on December 12, 2011.

She was a member of the Curwensville United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon, and one son. Surviving is a son, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at the Curwensville United Methodist Church.

DONALD G. BUCHANAN
Past GL Appointed Officer/ PDDGM
Brushton-Swissvale Lodge No. 1107
October 18, 2013

Brother Donald G. Buchanan, 88, of Penn Hills, PA, was initiated into Brushton Lodge #1107, Pittsburgh, on June 27, 1963. He later left the Order and reinstated into Brushton-Swissvale Lodge #1107, Pittsburgh, on December 3, 1970 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 28, 1963. In the past, he was a regular attendee of the Unified Sessions and excelled through the ranks to serve as DDGM from 1978-1982 and 1990-2000. He served under several Past Grand Masters as Grand Herald (79-80 for PGM McClelland and 1986-1987 for PGM Conklin) and Grand Guardian (PGM See 1981-1982). He served many years as Secretary to #1107, a position he held until the time of his death. He was recently a recipient of the Meritorious Service Jewel.

He was a member of the Beulah Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris. Surviving is a son and two grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Brothers of his Lodge

OBITUARIES

THOMAS O. HORNSTEIN

Clover Lodge No. 348

October 18, 2013



Brother Thomas O. Hornstein, 85, of Coraopolis, PA, was initiated into Russell Lodge #1065, Woodlawn, on September 10, 1951. He then became a member of Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, through consolidation on August 26, 1977.

He was a U.S. Marine WWII Veteran and a member of the Sharon Community Presbyterian Church.

Surviving is his wife, Catherine, three sons, one daughter, one stepdaughter and seven grandchildren.

Entombment was held in Allegheny Cemetery, Pittsburgh, PA.

ELSIE K. STRADA

Past RA Outside Guardian/ PDDP

Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497

October 28, 2013



Sister Elsie K. Strada, 95, of Moscow, PA, was initiated into Ladies of Paupack Rebekah Lodge #559, Newfoundland, on February 5, 1948 where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree April 26, 1958. She served several terms as District Deputy President and held many offices in her Lodge. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry and went on to serve under her sister,

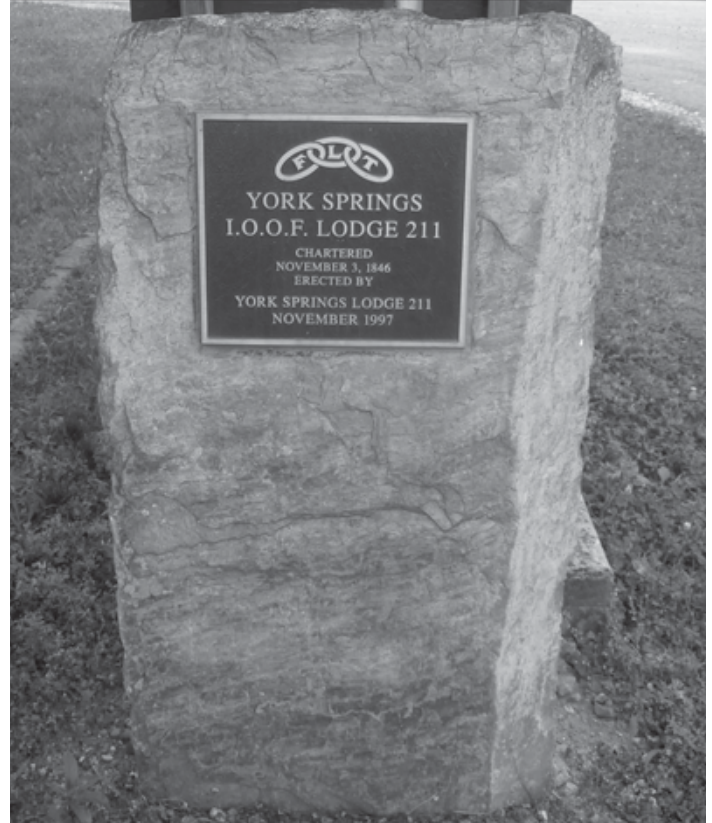
Doris Goerlitz, as the Outside Guardian of the Rebekah Assembly from 2005-2006. She then became a member of Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, through consolidation on August 6, 2008. At the time of her death, she was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the Newfoundland Moravian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul. Surviving are two sons, five grandchildren and her sister, PPRA Doris Goerlitz.

Services were conducted by the Members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst.

YORK SPRINGS ODD FELLOW LODGE #211 HISTORY



Odd Fellow Marker at Griest Park

The Lodge donated \$500 to the Bermudian Springs Jaycees for Griest Park in 1997. In return the Odd Fellows were allowed to place a Lodge #211 I.O.O.F. marker and flagpole at the entrance to the park.

John Lerew donated the stone for the marker. The stone was cut from a larger bolder in the woods of his Latimore Township farm. The farm was one of the areas the Confederate Army camped on, as they moved through York Springs (then called Petersburg) on their way to Gettysburg to do battle during the Civil War in 1863. The stone was taken to Coduri Memorials in Gettysburg to be engraved and then it was emplaced at the park. A conduit was laid to allow a future electrical line and a flagpole was set. A truckload of concrete was used so the above could not be easily moved.

It is noted that the flagpole currently has no topper or pulleys and it is the type which could be pivoted at the base to lower the pole parallel to the ground to allow work, then could be lifted and locked back into place.

Darrell L. Ulsh, Recording Secretary
York Springs Lodge #211

The above information was provided by Sherril Smith,
June 20, 2013





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Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation

November 3, 2013

J. Bailey - Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania

Dear Justin,

On behalf of the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation (CRBF) and the Smedley Family, thank you for the incredibly generous support received from the various organizations in Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship for our miracle mission to fund research for a cure for CRB1 retinal disease. A disease, as you are aware, that has caused our two sons, Michael 13 and Mitchel 10 to lose most of their vision. And a special thanks to the late GM Kenneth Faub for making the CRBF one of his special programs in Visual Research and you for honoring his wishes by continuing that project after his death. Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship has been supporting us since our launch in 2011, and we are honored you continue to be with us on this journey from blindness to sight.

Back in May 2011 we launched this project with much hope that we would be able to fund at least one research project that might lead to a treatment for CRB1 retinal disease. Just two and a half years later we are so proud to announce that we are funding multiple research projects with the goal of multiple potential treatments for this rare disease! Since CRB1 retinal disease is such a rare and complicated disease that ultimately causes complete blindness, it would have taken many, many years for research to focus on a cure. We started the CRBF to change that: we want to see treatments for CRB1 retinal disease in clinical trials in 5-10 years, and we are funding teams to do that.

With the magnificent financial support from Pennsylvania Odd Fellowship, in May 2013 we were able to convene the first ever CRB1 research symposium in the United States! Specialists in many aspects of retinal research that are leaders in their fields gathered at Temple University School of Medicine's Shriners Hospitals Pediatric Research Center to discuss paths to treatments and cures for CRB1.

After that incredibly productive symposium, we flew to Seattle, Washington to attend the world's largest conference for visual research hosted by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) where 12,000 of the world's leaders and future leaders in ophthalmology gathered to present and discuss the newest breakthroughs in research. We were able to network with the leaders in this field from all over the world and discuss how their teams and talents could further CRB1 research. With the success of the symposium and the networking accomplished at the ARVO meeting, we have had the incredible honor to accept grant applications from some of the world's most respected research teams. The CRBF is funding teams in Maine, Philadelphia, Germany (2), and the Netherlands, all with the goal of getting CRB1 retinal disease to treatments and cures!

It is a dream come true to have found several gifted scientists to work on a cure for our boys and all of the kids affected by CRB1 retinal disease. But the reality is that while the scientists are diligently working on a treatment that will restore vision, our kids are losing more vision every day. The ultimate dream... the cure... awaits. With your continued help, we'll achieve that ultimate dream of a cure for CRB1 retinal disease.

Finally, as follow up to a previous article published in the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine, your Visual Research Committee requested support for two CRBF events: "Bike the Basin" (held September 29th) and "The Fore Sight Classic" golf tournament (held October 8th). Both were huge successes! In addition, our "Bike the Basin" event was named Best Local Event in Philadelphia in the PHIL17 Philly Hot List competition!

With gratitude beyond words,

Kristin & Mike Smedley (Member of Walker Lodge #306)

CC: Visual Research Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pa.

Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much. (Helen Keller)

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



Tunkhannock goes to work to initiate Ryan Eggleston during GM Bailey's official visit. Large groups from Rush Lodge #471 and Oneida Lodge #371 also assisted in the Degree work. It's always a pleasure to get to "knock the spiders out of the robes" and get back to our Degrees.



Brothers of Ridgway Lodge #969, Falls Creek Lodge #957 and Warren Lodge #339 get together for a great night of Odd Fellowship. A very informative meeting was held and Ridgway Lodge is ready to get back to work in the name of Odd Fellowship.



The start of a very long October began on a high note for the joint installation of Vienna Lodge #847, Allentown, and Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville. The Grand Master's installation team, comprised mainly of members of Harmony Lodge #86 assisted in installing 15 Lodges throughout the month. Roughly 30 members were in attendance.



Lititz Lodge #1050 entertains GM Bailey and Staff as all enjoyed a great night out. New ideas to bring in members were discussed as well as Lodge protocol.



District #11 continues to flourish as each Lodge was represented for Brady Lodge's installation in Hughesville, PA, by GM Bailey and installation staff. This Lodge is a decent size, but the attendance was so high, it was hard to find a seat.... Once you can find the hall!



GM Bailey and staff install Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown. Following the installation, membership was discussed and it was nice to see so many out.

UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM OCTOBER 19, 2013

Walker Lodge # 306, Perseverance Encampment # 135, Variety Lodge # 37 and Mystic Lodge # 270 held their Delegate Recognition Night on Saturday, October 19th. The delegates and their families and Lodge members enjoyed dinner and talking with their friends. We also had a few people who came who are candidates for the 2014 trip so that they could learn more about the program. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Also present were Candy Bowser, 2013 Bus Mom and Rick Meagher, 2012 Bus Pop. Following the dinner, prepared by Dolores & Charlie Shorten, the group went into the Lodge Hall and entertained the attendees with their trip stories. The



delegates present were Leonard Ackerman, Alyson Benzenhafer, Taylor Hilt, Brittany Loftus, Marissa Mesko, Francis Morales, Robert Papotto, Anthony Shorten, Hailey Warner, Jacob Wright and Sara Zubler. Missing was Cerisa Mayo who had school activities scheduled. Also in the picture are H. John Oertel, Dorothea Oertel, Noble Grand of Walker Lodge, Candy Bowser, 2013 Bus Mom, Charles Danihel, Jane Danihel and Charles Shorten, UN Pilgrimage Committee. We enjoyed the time with them and are looking forward to 2014.

Sponsoring Lodges were presented with Certificates of Recognition from the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage.

THE DREAM TEAM

I cannot begin to thank these Members enough for the dedication and motivation they have shown me this past month. So many Lodges could not believe the drill work that these Members can do. It takes practice and pride to put something like this together and they deserve all the praise in the world for taking so much time out of their already busy schedules for the purpose of Odd Fellowship. Installations are supposed to be a motivating time as Lodges come into a new term. Especially in the Lodges where the officers do not change often, it can become just a yearly annoyance. We hope this has helped those Lodges out and that this term will be where we finally come out of the



“dark ages” and into the present and start bringing in members again. This picture was taken with the full staff at Osage Lodge #712 in Lehman. Shown sitting (l to r) is Herald Melissa Mangini of Tunkhannock Lodge #699 and Chaplain Gary Price. Standing (l to r) Treasurer Arthur Valentine, Warden Bobby Gallahar, Marshall Charles Bailey, GM Bailey, Financial Secretary Tyler Arnold, Guardian Ray Boulanger, Past Grand Robert Leibensperger and Recording Secretary Brian Turner. Thanks guys! You made a world of a difference and helped ignite that spark in Pennsylvania!

THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The Lodges and their members have been very responsive to our requests for help and support of our activities. The Committee thanks each and every one of you. Your contributions of time and money help us help all those with arthritis and as you know those numbers increase every year and age is irrelevant. Arthritis is no longer an “old person’s” disease.

The PA Chapters are still very busy and with that “busyness” comes the need for help. The three PA Arthritis Foundation Chapters are trying to reach out to IOOF Lodges to enlist your help in their activities. Speaking of activities, the Jingle Bell Runs are coming up. Would you be able to help at the Registration Table or would you form or join a team for the arthritis walk in your area? Use your talents in some way to help. Here’s the list of the runs and walks.

Jingle Bell Run/Walks: These are family-oriented and pet-friendly events that are fun, festive, and holiday-themed with holiday costume contests, dog walks and kid fun runs with Old Saint Nick leading the way!

Come help out the PA Chapters at one of these locations:

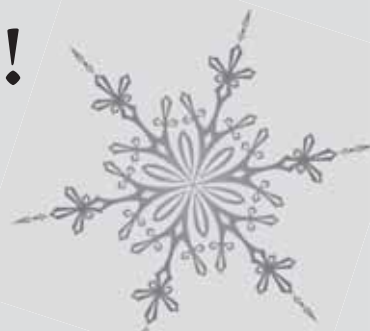
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| December 7 th | Bethlehem, PA at Northampton Community College at 7:30 AM
Information: Cindy Liberatore – cliberatore@arthritis.org |
| December 7 th | Western PA - The North Shore at 8 AM
Information: Western Chapter Office |
| December 8 th | York, PA – Begins at 8 AM
Information: Central Chapter Office |
| December 14 th | Bucks County at Council Rock High School North at 8 AM
Information: Cindy Liberatore – cliberatore@arthritis.org |
| December 14 th | Pennsauken, NJ at Boathouse - Cooper River Park at 8 AM
Information: Krissy Stanks – kstanks@arthritis.org |
| December 14 th | Harrisburg, PA – begins at 7 AM
Information: Central Chapter Office |
| December 15 th | Malvern, PA at Great Valley High School at 8 AM
Information: Stephen Blocher – sblocher@arthritis.org |
| December 15 th | Lancaster, PA – begins at 11:30 AM
Information: Central Chapter Office |

Contact the Chapter for further details and what **YOU** can do to participate.

The Central and Western Chapters also have opportunities to engage in **Programs for Better Living** such as an exercise class. For more information regarding volunteer opportunities or classes in your area, contact Joan McCabe at the Central Chapter or Allison Brenckle in the Western Chapter.

VOLUNTEER!

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



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR EDITOR/MANAGER

As you can see I came up a little short with articles. I know things are happening, but you need to let us know about it. Some have surprised me my saying I use my advantage as Editor to have "a Tamaqua" paper. Brothers & Sisters, I print what is submitted, with the exception of newspaper pictures. Once we reprint from a newspaper clip so much is lost the picture becomes so distorted you can't make out who is in it. If we can obtain the link via internet or have the original picture that was submitted to the magazine then we can get a nice shot. Look at this issue and take out the "Tamaqua" pics & articles and count how many pages are left. Enough said on that subject, my main reason for this article since I had nothing in my first proof as a "filler" is to let you know some more changes that must take place. Sadly as your Editor/Manager I can no longer accept poems or portions without you sending an authorization release from the author. Grand Lodge through the magazine unfortunately will have to pay the price for doing such. As we all know our new world and legalities that is all I may elaborate on. I will say the way things are changing it won't be long until we are going to have to have signed releases from anyone who appears in a picture. Please believe when I state these are my personal views (a dumb Dutchman from Schuylkill County) and not the opinions of the Board of Grand Lodge Officers. I guess freedom of the press is good as long as you follow the laws.

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