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### 2013

#### JANUARY

12 / Youth Comm. Mtg. 1:00 PM, Orchard Manor \*  
12 / Planning Brd Mtg. 2:00 PM, Orchard Manor \*  
19 / snow date for Youth & Planning, Orchard Manor

#### MARCH

9 / Planning Brd, 2:00 PM, GL Boardroom \*

#### APRIL

5-7 / Mid Atlantic Conclave, Beltsville, MD +

#### MAY

5 / Tomb of the Unknown, Washington DC +  
11 / Planning Brd Mtg. 2:00 PM, State College \*

#### JUNE

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

#### JULY

20 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove \*+

#### SEPTEMBER

14 / GM Faub Testimonial \*+  
28 / PRA Wert Testimonial \*+

All Lodges are minded when planning a activity, if you would like your state officers support, please contact the Planning Brd. Secy. Mary Giebel, PO Box 49, Cassville, PA 16623 or 814-305-2011.

## SHAMOKIN REBEKAHS BACK AT WORK FOR THOSE IN NEED

The members of Regina Rebekah Lodge # 230, Shamokin, Pa., held a craft show on October 13th, to benefit Luke Mirolli. A \$500 check was presented to the family. The members of the lodge would like to thank all the vendors who participated, the merchants who donated food or gifts for the Chinese Auction, lodge members Nancy Miller and Carol Collier for coordination of the event and a special thanks to Mr. James Brumbach.



L-R, Sarah Ritchie, Secretary; Mr. & Mrs. Mirolli; Doris Wheary, Noble Grand; and Luke Mirolli.

## *Happy New Year!*

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# PLAN A FUN-FILLED WEEKEND OF ODD FELLOWSHIP

Yes it's that time of the year to start making  
reservations to attend the

**56th Annual  
Middle Atlantic States Conclave  
which will be held April 5-7, 2013  
at Beltsville, MD.  
The District of Columbia  
is this year's host.**

All details regarding rooms, meals & skits along with forms can be  
downloaded by going to **dcoddfellows.org**.

We are also reminding you that Pennsylvania will host the 2014 Conclave.  
As many of you also know for years PA have been marching with the  
"PA Five", this past year they have taken a great loss on participants due to  
death. They are looking for new blood, if you are interested in marching with  
the unit and have a weekend to spare for a good time, please contact their  
Secretary, Ella Lee Trulick at 814-383-4476, I am sure she will  
be glad to welcome you aboard.

## THANK YOU FROM CENTRAL PA EYE INSTITUTE

*Editors note: the following was received handwritten and I feel it is worth reprinting.*

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I want to acknowledge the receipt of a generous donation this past summer. Thank you and all associated with the Grand Lodge of PA who helped with this donation.

We are very grateful to receive this kind of donation for the use of ongoing research. Please share our appreciation with all involved.

Hope this year and the next few months improve as there is so much need.

*Sincerely,*

*Miriam & Dr. George Rosenwasser*

## THANK YOU

Port Matilda Lodge #733 is proud to announce a daughter of one of their members recently applied to the Meadville Pioneer Home Scholarship program and was selected to receive a \$3,000.00 grant. Below is her thank you to the Lodge.

My name is Emily Sutton. Many of you know my father, Rich, who is a member. Many of you may also know me through the Port Matilda Fire Co. or the Port Matilda EMS. I just wanted to write to say thank you for giving me the opportunity to apply for, and then receive, the three thousand dollar grant. The money will help greatly with paying for my tuition as I work towards my degree. I am a sophomore at Lock Haven University majoring in social work. After earning my degree I will continue helping my community by working in a hospital or a rehabilitation hospital like HealthSouth. Once again thank you for this amazing opportunity, I am most grateful.

*Sincerely,*

*Emily Sutton*

## WARREN LODGE #339 WELCOMES 5

Warren Lodge #339 was glad to welcome five new members into their Lodge recently. Front l to r: Laura Fitch & Jesse Lucks. Back row l to r are Dave, Nate & Mike Tenney. Welcome aboard Brothers & Sister.



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

### **Warren Lodge #339**

*All initiated September 18th*

Jesse Lucks

Laura Fitch

Nathan Tenney

David Tenney

Michael Tenney

### **Tunkhannock Lodge #699**

*All initiated November 6th*

Melissa Mangini

Ella Rosengrant

Arline M. Sands

### **Triune Lodge #307, Middletown**

*Initiated November 20th*

Brenda Marshall

## GL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION & INSTRUCTION

We the GL Committee on Education & Instruction wanted to decide how to be able to educate the entire organization, and feel the best way is to have it published in the PA Odd Fellow and Rebekah Magazine. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to place one in each month if possible. We urge you to take into consideration what is stated and try to learn something! The first item we have seen is, unfortunately some Lodges are coming to this, and on the off chance it happens to your Lodge... having only five members present.

We must remind you and stress that you should always do the full opening and closing, even with five present. If you do bring in a new member, or if a member who doesn't come often does show up, an improper opening and closing shows lack of morale and could discourage those members from further attending. It does take time, but it reminds us of who and what we are. Now of the five members, one must be eligible to hold the office of Noble Grand in order to conduct the meeting. All members who are installed into an office must have at least the three degrees. If you do not have the three degrees, you can temporarily fill in an office for that night, but you cannot be installed into a chair. In order to be a Vice Grand, you must have held two terms in an appointed office, unless under a dispensation from the Grand Master.

The main question, is what five chairs are needed to conduct a proper meeting. The main focus is you MUST have a guardian! The obvious chairs needed to be filled are Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Warden. Your Treasurer or another officer should fill in the Inside Guardian's chair if

necessary. For the purpose of opening, closing and conducting, the Treasurer, or fifth member, should stay at the inside door. After the meeting, the Treasurer can attend to their duties. Your Lodge always must have a guardian.

Under "duties of officers," in the opening ceremony, each member should only read one duty. The exception is if your Secretary is a combined Recording and Financial, the member shall read both duties. For example, if you are the Right Supporter filling in for the Warden, you do not read both duties, but the NG can ask the Warden to proclaim the Lodge opened and closed. In doing the opening and closing, any member can fill in the Chaplain's opening and closing prayers, but if you only have five present, they would fill in that meeting in their prior office.

This is just one item. If you have any questions, please contact any one of us, or the Grand Lodge and we will do our best to help your Lodge out. If your Lodge/District desires a School of Instruction, please let us know and we can schedule one in the Spring. If there are any topics you feel should be placed in the magazine, let us know! We also have Manual of Instructions at the GL office for a cost of \$1.50 + Tax and shipping. It goes into detail the opening, closing and Order of Business and anyone can buy one!

*In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
E. Keith Harvey Jr., PGM #371  
Justin C. Bailey, DGM #86  
William L. Ramsey Jr., GR #736*

## TAMAQUA ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS HELP OUT FOR THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

On December 2nd, members of Harmony Lodge #86 and Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 helped serve cookies and hot chocolate to the citizens of Tamaqua. The Spirit of Christmas normally breaks up its three day extravaganza with community tree lighting. Immediately following, roughly 100 people came through the Tamaqua Ambulance building to enjoy treats set forth by the Spirit of Christmas committee along with those who donated cookies. Representing the two Lodges from Left to right are Mary Van Blargan, Ray Boulanger VG#86, Brian Turner NG#86, Justin Bailey DGM, Kate Bailey NG#R86 and Nicole Inama. Also pictured helping out / cookie tasking are Kenny, Khrystyna and Khalan.



## VIENNA LODGE HONORS VETERAN MEMBERS

Roughly 30 members, spouses and friends showed up for a wonderful evening of fellowship and to honor those members who received various veteran statuses.

Pictured from left is Peter Patterson who received his 60 year jewel. He also held the office of DDGM from 1961-1962 and was the Grand Herald for PGM Glenn Stutzman. Next is Brian E. Snyder, Junior Past Grand and current NG receiving his PG Jewel. On right is not Santa Claus, but William E. Bennett Jr., who received his 55 year jewel. Patterson and Bennett are both originally members of Constantine Lodge #1113, also of Allentown.

Also present to receive veteran pins were – James G. Bennett Jr – 30 years, Sheri Bennett – 5 years and Charles Egan – 5 years.

It was a bittersweet night as PG Snyder recalled the dedication of James G. Bennett Sr., who passed away earlier this year and was a huge driving force of Vienna Lodge #847.

Vienna is starting off 2013 with plans to host the Spring Rally in April, details to follow.



*Members Honored at Vienna #847 Christmas Party.*

## PM/LAPM RALLY NEWS

The PM and LAPM Rally was held on November 3rd, 2012 in York. Board meetings were held and members of Salome Rebekah Lodge #30 served lunch.

The Rally started with a joint Memorial Service to remember departed Ladies and Chevaliers. The Service was lead by the Department Commander, Col. James Keller, and Association President, Lady Reba Kuhn. During the individual meetings the Ladies mustered a new member, Melissa Calhoon.

The Following officers were elected during the Rally Committee meeting: President - Roger Calhoon; Vice President - Catherine (Sis) Brenneman; and Secretary/Treasurer - Beverly Bowers. It was decided to return to York for the 2013 Rally to be held on Saturday, November 9th. A motion was made and passed that we give \$100.00 to the Arthritis Committee for Camp JRA.

19 Ladies and Chevaliers enjoyed a ham dinner to close out the day. Thanks to "Sandy" several of our "regulars" were unable to attend because of snow and flooding. They were missed. An enjoyable day was had by all.



## OBITUARIES

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

### **JOSEPH A. ROSS JR.**

Paoli Lodge No. 290  
November 6, 2012

Brother Joseph A. Ross Jr., 88, of Downingtown, was initiated into Star of Hope Lodge #199, Downingtown, on February 7, 1955. He then became a member of Paoli Lodge #290 through consolidation on November 17, 2005.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII.

Surviving is his wife, the former Martha S. Sallis, three children and two grandchildren.

Burial was private.

### **OAKLEY L. HOPKINS**

Edinboro Lodge No. 510  
November 14, 2012

Brother Oakley L. Hopkins, 95, of Titusville, was initiated into Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, on August 7, 1968 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 11, 1989. He also held the position of Treasurer for several years. He then became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010.

He was a U.S. Air Force WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Alverda Minick and a daughter. Surviving are two sons, a son-in-law, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Woodlawn Cemetery.

### **WILLIAM R. PFLUGH**

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278  
November 16, 2012

Brother William R. Pflugh, 88, of Butler, PA, was initiated into Ziegler Lodge #1039, Butler, on February 7, 1946 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, through consolidation on June 7, 1977.

He was a U.S. Army WWII and Korean Conflict Veteran and a member of the Christ Outreach Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ione Marshall. Surviving are two daughters and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Mt. Nebo Cemetery.

### **ROYCE H. HORN**

Edinboro Lodge No. 510  
November 20, 2012



Brother Royce H. Horn, 78, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510 in December 1992 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 16, 2006.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the McClane Church of Edinboro.

Surviving is his wife, the former Dianne Harned, two sons and one granddaughter.

Services were performed by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in McLane Cemetery, Edinboro, PA.

### **WILLIAM C. WEAVER SR.**

Fallowfield Lodge No. 1128  
November 27, 2012

Brother William C. Weaver Sr., 72, of Linesville, PA, was initiated into Linesville Lodge #395 in December 1969. He then became a member of Fallowfield Lodge #1128, Atlantic, through consolidation on December 9, 1996. He was the last surviving member of Linesville Lodge #395 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and was of the Protestant faith.

Surviving is his wife, the former Joan Thompson, his mother, two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren.

Burial was held in Penn Line Cemetery, Conneaut Township, PA.

### **WILLIAM H. WRIGHT, SR.**

Hampton Lodge No. 1004  
November 27, 2012

Brother William H. "Bill" Wright, Sr., 93, of Hampton Township, PA, was initiated into Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park, on July 11, 1989 where he became a Past Grand on October 12, 1993.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dorothy Schwartz. Surviving are two sons.

Burial was held in Mount Royal Cemetery.

## MIDDLETOWN HOME

The Middletown Home had a funnel cake sale to raise money for the Middletown Interfaith Food Pantry. They raised a total of \$400!! They are also currently doing a food drive from November 1 to December 31.

The pictures below show the food items donated in the month of November. If you would like to donate, please bring non-perishable food items to The Middletown Home Courtyard Gardens reception area.



## RESIDENT OF THE MONTH - COURTYARD GARDENS CLAIRE RENSHAW

Claire was born in Hamburg, PA to parents Howard and Eleanor Edna Smith Dreibellis. Her siblings include one brother, Allen, and one sister, Ruth, both of whom are deceased. Claire graduated from Hamburg High School and also from Allentown Hospital School of Nursing. She worked as a nurse in Allentown, PA for many years. She also worked at the Osteopathic Hospital in Harrisburg, PA prior to her retirement.

Claire was married to Harold Renshaw for 36 years before their separation. While married, they adopted their son Charles who is now 36 years old. He lived in Lewisberry, PA with his wife, Jennifer, and two daughters, Sierra age 13 and Bella age 1.

Claire lived in an apartment at the Middletown Home Crescent View prior to her admission to the nursing home. She has been a member of the Rebekah Lodge for 40 some years. She was a past President of the Rebekah Assembly in 1988-89. In 1992 she became President of the Military Branch of the Rebekahs. She looks forward to going to the convention meeting of the Rebekahs and meeting all the Rebekahs from Pennsylvania and New Jersey. At the last Rebekah convention, Claire won an award for returning to the convention after a period of illness.



Claire's interests include baking pies and making home-made garlic pickles. She is very active in Bingo, doing crafts, and doing tasks for the Activities Department. Claire enjoys interacting with other residents of the Middletown Home.

## INSTALLATION STAFF OF DISTRICT 21 HAS BUSY FALL

### INSTALLATION TEAM WITH THE GRAND MASTER AFTER THE INSTALLATION CEREMONY OF UNIFIED LODGE #2.



**Front Row:** Willam Ehmann, District Grand Marshal; Gertrude Kane, District Grand Chaplain; Shirley Whitlinger, District Grand Treasurer; David Whitlinger, District Grand Conductor. **Back Row:** Keith Ehmann, District Grand Secretary; James Kane, District Grand Master; Kenneth Faub, Grand Master; Carl Marshalwitz, District Grand Warden.



Both ceremonies were conducted in the traditional Odd Fellow Protocol. It was an honor to service on the Installation Team.

### INSTALLATION AT BRUSHTON-SWISSVALE LODGE #1107 OF THE INSTALLATION TEAM WITH THE LODGE BROTHERS.



## TUNKHANNOCK'S HALL PACKED FOR A NIGHT OF DEGREE WORK AND FELLOWSHIP



11 Candidates with the Degree Team.



Front Row (l to r): T. Severcool (699), D. Wooden (471), 2nd Row: M. Miller (371), J. Bailey (86), E. Church (699), Back Row: T. Arnold (86), R. Boulanger (86), K. Harvey (371), G. Slade (471), S. Wooden (471).

You can do Degree work no matter how large or small your group is! On November 6th, four Lodges totaling roughly 30 members crowded in the home of Tunkhannock Lodge #699 to bring in new members and confer the three degrees. We decided to knock the dust (and spiders... sorry Keith) out of the robes and put the members to work. Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua, Onieda Lodge #371 of Dallas, Rush Lodge #471 of Lawton and Tunkhannock Lodge #699 all had a great turnout. Initiated were three Sisters into Tunkhannock Lodge #699, welcome Melissa, Arline and Ella! For the three degrees were two more from Tunkhannock, one from Rush and five from Oneida. Everyone had a great time and was glad to see a hall so packed. As a matter of fact, when we went to take the first group picture, we were so tightly packed that the floor buckled! Tunkhannock Lodge, like all other Lodges has faced their hills and valleys and is back on the up and up and should be commended for keeping the future of Odd Fellowship in Wyoming County alive. Thanks to all who helped in the degrees and helped to swell the ranks. If anyone is ever in need of degree work, please let me know and I can help put together a team to make it happen. To see the pride and dignity in these members as they exemplified the degrees does me a world of good. If we show this pride and dignity towards Odd Fellowship as a whole in our communities and it won't be long until people start asking again to join.

*Fraternally,  
Justin C. Bailey, DGM*

## ON THE ROAD WITH PRESIDENT WERT

President, Judith A. Wert and Marshal, Mary D. DeLong traveled to Dover, Delaware for the Rebekah Assembly on Saturday, November 10, 2012. We were Honored to be in the

company of the Sovereign Grand Master, Chuck Renninger and President I.A.R.A. Laura Argue. What a down to earth Sister and Brother they are. A Good time was had by all.



*Pictured left to right: Mary D. DeLong, Marshal; Charles Renninger, Sovereign Grand Master; Laura Argue, President IARA; Judith A. Wert, PRA of PA.*

## MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

**William N. Hubbs**, Grand Guardian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I.O.O.F., was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh on May 12, 2007. He excelled through the chairs and became a Past Grand Oct. 13, 2011. He received his Grand Lodge Degree Apr. 18, 2012.

He and his wife George Ann (a member of Unified since 2008) are proud to have reached their 52nd year of marriage. They are the proud parents of three, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Brother Bill is a retired transit bus driver for the Allegheny County Port Authority.

When asked what or who inspired him to join, his response was Ronald E. Orwig. His favorite Odd Fellow activities are the fellowship, degree work and social activities. His outside hobbies are hunting, fishing, boating & motorcycles.

Also, when asked what his approach to asking someone to join, "I would tell them about the fellowship, insurance benefits and social activities. Also when asked what should the Order do that it is not doing now and could be, "recruiting".

Welcome aboard Bill.



## LADY COLFAX BRINGS LODGE TO MEMBERS

The members of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport recently brought the Lodge to a faithful 75 year veteran member who was faithful to the Lodge until failing eyesight and other physical conditions prevented her attending. Under a dispensation from Grand Lodge, fourteen members joined Louise in a private conference room at the Keystone Villa in Blandon to conduct a Lodge meeting. Following the meeting they had a belated 93rd birthday party for her. PNG Avalon Bassler provided a cake and the Villa provided the coffee. NG Charlene Grieb presented her with an angel to add to her collection.

Sister Louise originally joined Clementine Rebekah Lodge, Hamburg and became a member in Leesport through consolidation but was always faithful to both Lodges. She served on several installing and installation staff's and is a Past Color Bearer of the Rebekah Assembly. She also served on tour in the US Army.



## GLADYS REBEKAH VISITS LONGTIME MEMBER

The Members of Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield recently spent a day visiting Sister Gladys Showalter, a guest at the Horizon Nursing Home, Fairchance, PA. Sister Gladys has been a member since 1951 and served MANY offices within the Lodge.



Presenting her with a fruit basket is PPRA Lee Etta Mansberry. Seated next to Gladys left to right is Linda McGregor (NG), Lazetta Sidwell, Mary Louise Rudman & Margaret Mansberry.

## WYSOX REBEKAHS ATTEND LODGE IN THEIR "SUNDAY BEST"

The Members of Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 recently held their annual Hobo Dinner. The tables were covered in "fine" newspapers and decorated with available fall trimming (leaves, gourds, corn cobs, etc.) There were 15 members and guests attending. Soup, rolls & desserts were enjoyed, it was a fun evening of socializing and funny stories.



Seated l to r: Sonia Huff, Louise Hitchcock, Margaret Montgomery, Phyllis Gilpin, Rachel (granddaughter of Peg Walters) & Mary Aquillo. Standing l to r: Dorothy Schultz, Barbara King, Hazel Douglas, Betty Conner, Mary Tolbert, Peggy Walters, Tina Walter & Janet Smith

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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



### 25 YEARS

George Zonko - #192

### 30 YEARS

Jim Bennett - #847

William Fritz - #847

George Doutrich - #1050

Robert Smedley - #306

Michael Smedley - #306

### 40 YEARS

Warren Fisher - #1179

### 45 YEARS

Ronald Rudge - #523

Joseph Chapman - #379

### 50 YEARS

Mark Ferster - #551

John Kerstetter - #551

Dean Oxenrider - #551

Eugene Shaffer - #551

### 60 YEARS

Warren Robinson - #270

Robert Gruber - #306

Alfred Gusew - #348

### 65 YEARS

John Koch - #361

John Palmer - #447

## PAST GRAND MASTER SEE RETIRES TO FLORIDA

We thought many would like to know PGM See has relocated to Florida but will still be happy to hear from his Brothers & Sisters in PA, please take note of new address:

**Fred M. See**  
**3943 Gumwood Dr. West**  
**Jacksonville, FL 32277-1614**

## November Donations

### EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1004 Hampton

50.00

## Periodical Mail

## History of Odd Fellowship

Odd Fellowship originated in Great Britain. It was an institution originated by common circumstances of want and providence being labors, and cemented by social feelings that grew into the beginnings of the Order. The first measures of relief to the suffering and burying of the dead was based on the structure of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. They avoided the feelings of rank and wealth, preferring to each contribute a small portion of their earnings to support each other. To avoid sectarianism and party strifes, they resolved only to know, to labor for, to love each other as men – as Brethren.

Through the early 1800's in the United States, Odd Fellows would band together into a Lodge, receiving a charter from a neighboring Lodge. From 1819-1820, Baltimore began the Odd Fellowship of today. Receiving a charter from the Manchester Unity of Great Britain, the Washington Lodge was announced as the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States, with power to Charter Lodges accordingly.

By 1846, the unable-to-be-resolved differences with the Manchester Unity caused a completely severed relationship. The Grand Lodge of the United States declared itself the source of "Independent Odd-Fellowship," installing Grand Sires from other states every year, beginning with Pennsylvania.

In 1851, a Degree for the wives and widows of members of the Scarlet, or 5th Degree, called the Degree of Rebekah was appointed.