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BARBARA J. MCCLELLAN, PAST PRESIDENT

Called Home

September 1, 2013



Sister Barbara J. (Nelson) McClellan, 75, formerly of Munson, PA, was initiated a Rebekah into Aster Rebekah Lodge No. 177, Allport, on the eighth day of April, 1963. She became a PNG and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on June 17, 1968. She held the position of District Deputy President and then excelled through the Assembly Chairs to serve as our President from 1987 – 1988. She was a recipient of the Decoration of Chivalry, served as “Mom” on the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth and was very active in the District Deputy Association. She held the position of Secretary of Aster Rebekah Lodge #177 for many years and finally became a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on December 12, 2011.

ent of the Decoration of Chivalry, served as “Mom” on the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth and was very active in the District Deputy Association. She held the position of Secretary of Aster Rebekah Lodge #177 for many years and finally became a member of Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452, State College, through consolidation on December 12, 2011.

Sister McClellan was a member of the Gethsemane United Methodist Church, Allport. She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew J. “Jack” and her sister and RA Marshal, DJ Domblisky.

Surviving are a son, a daughter and four grandchildren.

Rebekah services were conducted by the Past Presidents and burial was in the Allport Cemetery.

All in all, when people were asked to remember Barbara, they simply said she was a kind and humble person, always patient and willing to work for the good of the Order. She preached her year to embrace youth among the Jurisdiction, stating that our future is in the hands of our youth, and without it, or Organization will cease. She always stressed to love one another and work together to build a better world.

We close this chapter in Sister Barb’s life with her final remarks from the night she was installed as our President, “My Sisters and Brothers, forget the faults of a Sister, Forgive the wrongs of a Brother, Remember the greatest commandment ‘That Ye All Love one Another!’

PLACES TO GO . . . PEOPLE TO SEE

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

2013

OCTOBER

5 / PGP Thomas Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA
12 / GE Rally, Walker Hall, Phila., PA
19 / Conglave mtg., Lancaster, PA, 1:30 PM

NOVEMBER

9 / PM & LAPM Rally, York, PA

2014

APRIL

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

JUNE

23-25 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA +

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

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74, York

Donald L. Frey – initiated August 19th
Troy Frey – initiated August 19th
P.G. Jonathan W. Paules – reinstated
August 19th. Welcome back!

General Worth Lodge No. 386, Connellsville

Thomas G. Sertik – initiated August 3rd

Somerset Lodge No. 438

Roger N. Pauris – initiated July 20th

Aluta Lodge No. 488, Nazareth

Jared R. Kichline – initiated August 16th

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

Cynthia A. Russell-Lynch –
initiated August 19th

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

Bryan Edgin – initiated August 23rd

Bowmansdale Lodge No. 1179

Jason R. Mathis – initiated August 16th

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Fraternal Greetings Brothers and Sisters!

I have been having a blast throughout my travels this past year. I would like to touch on three instances that show Odd Fellowship is alive and well:

Friendship – I attended the Kingwood Annual Picnic this year. It was held at their picnic grove and I was told the whole town comes out to support this event. They were absolutely right! I could not believe the attendance. Most of the stands were run by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs along with their families. I only stayed for half the picnic, in which it was packed. I was told it only gets busier at night. I'm so glad that they have been able to continue doing this for 90 years and hope this event never dies. I really have been meeting some true Brothers on my travels down to Kingwood and it's refreshing to see such a motivated crew. It is my hopes that this coming Session they can get a few Brothers up to Session and help ignite that spark in Pennsylvania.

Love – This past month, I had two official visits to District #11 which includes Brady #116 in Hughesville, Lewisburg #96, Mt. Tabor #125 in Shamokin and Mahanoy #551 in Dornsife. I attended #551 earlier this year, and was pleased to see each Lodge in the District have representation. Almost back-to-back, I visited Lewisburg and Mt. Tabor. The same thing was shown here. Each Lodge had members out. I'm so happy to see the Brotherly Love throughout the Jurisdiction and Lodges are working together to support the Lodges and myself during my travels. It shows that the members do care about their Lodges. It shows there is a future in this

Jurisdiction. I also want to impress on the job DDGM Mike Wallis is doing and want all Lodges and DDGM's to see this – when a Grand Lodge officer makes an official visit, urge your other Lodges to come out and support the meeting.

Truth – I had the honor of helping to initiate a Brother into Aluta #488 and one into Bowmansdale #1179. Members from all over the Eastern Jurisdiction attended to help initiate these Brothers. I sat next to Tom Hahn, a long time representative to Grand Lodge. Looking around the room, I seen others just in awe to see the “stage set” for the Degree work. You can tell these robes have not been used in a long time. I felt a surge of energy throughout the building as the Degree was conducted and it was just so nice to touch up again on the Degree work and bring these Brothers into our Society. Welcome Brothers Kichline and Mathis! Brother Tom was so impressed to have the degree work done again and hopefully we can continue this effort.

I will close with this being the beginning of the Lodge's new terms. Perhaps you're the new Noble Grand, or a member that has started coming back to Lodge. I urge you all, at your next meeting after reading this, discuss the future of your Lodge under Good of the Order. Membership can be done as long as you want it to! Discuss “what are we actually doing to get new members.” Bring that spark back into your Lodge and let that spark ignite and engulf Pennsylvania again!

Fraternally,

Justin C. Bailey, your Grand Master

REGINA CELEBRATES SISTER'S 93RD BIRTHDAY

The members of Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, Shamokin recently honored 47 year member Sister Doris Snyder's 93rd birthday following Lodge with cake & coffee. Five years after Sister Doris joined her daughters Jackie, Dottie, Marcia & Nancy joined the Lodge. Sister Doris in the Lodge's Financial Secretary and very active in all Lodge activities. (*Ed. Note: Sister Dottie is your Assembly Warden's nominee for this year.*) Congratulations Mom, for 47 years of Friendship, Love & Truth. We Love You! Regina #230.



THE MIDDLETOWN HOME – “TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME”



MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Leola J. Madigan, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F., a native of Girard in Erie Co. was initiated into the Order at Fern Rebekah Lodge #234 in North Girard on May 16, 1975. She excelled the chairs of PNG and PDDP and several appointed offices in the Rebekah Assembly and went on to serve as President of the Rebekah Assembly in 1989-90. Additionally, she served as on the Courtesy Committee at several I.A.R.A. Sessions. On March 9, 2006 she joined Nickel Plate Lodge #1125, I.O.O.F., Lake City and went on to serve as Noble Grand. She became a Past Grand in 2008 and received her Grand Lodge Degree, Sept. 18, 2010. In 2012 that Lodge merged with Edinboro Lodge #512 and she is currently serving as their Noble Grand. In addition to her local Lodge duties she is serving as Grand Lodge's Representative to Orchard Manor and is an elected Director of the Odd Fellows Home of Western PA and is Secretary of that Board. She remains both an Odd Fellow and Rebekah.

Sister Leola is a retired high school art teacher and proud of the many students who are now professional artists. She is the widow of Richard F. Madigan, PGM of Virginia. She enjoys any varied interests, likes to travel, enjoys the company of friends, doing various types of needlework, reading and is active in her church. Coco, her dog, even came to Session and enjoyed meeting all of the Brothers and Sisters. WELCOME ABOARD SISTER LEOLA.



SHENANDOAH LODGE #591 HAS A PRODUCTIVE SUMMER



The Brothers of Shenandoah Lodge #591 along with some help from Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 raise funds at the Frackville fireworks display by selling cotton candy. There were several members in attendance and as this has been done the past several years, Shenandoah Lodge is really getting back in the public eye.



The Brothers of Shenandoah Lodge #591 decided to try and have a picnic this year. NG/DDGM Timothy Hahn was gracious enough to open his house up to the Lodge and since the weather was a bit spotty, his garage worked out well to house all the good food. Secy Robert Beddall thinks this was the first picnic Shenandoah Lodge had since the 1980's. It is their hopes this becomes an annual event and can continue to grow. Keep up the good work!

STATE COLLEGE ODD FELLOW & REBEKAHS ENTERTAINS UN STUDENTS



On Sunday, July 14, 2013, the Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452 of State College Lodge #1032 fed and entertained 53 UN delegates who were staying in town over night on their journey to Canada, Switzerland, Netherland and Michigan.

Monday, July 15, 2013, we served the bus load of delegates breakfast, visited and sent them on their journey home.

We enjoyed hearing about their trip and seeing their enjoyment of eating home cooking after 14 days on the road.

We are looking ahead to doing this again next year.

OBITUARIES

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

BRUCE B. MEABON
Edinboro Lodge No. 510
June 24, 2013



Brother Bruce B. Meabon, 94, of Pleasantville, PA, was initiated into Seneca Lodge #519, Pleasantville, on October 11, 1945, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree September 27, 1953. He then became a member of Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, through consolidation on November 9, 1977 and finally Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Seneca Lodge #519 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of the Pleasantville Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene Burleigh. Surviving are two daughters, one granddaughter and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Sanford Cemetery.

ROBERT J. BARNHART
Earl Lodge No. 413
August 1, 2013

Brother Robert J. Barnhart, 92, of Dunnellon, FL, was initiated into Elizabethtown Lodge #128 on October 17, 1939, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 19, 1945. He then became a member of Earl Lodge #413, New Holland, through consolidation on March 21, 1970. At the time of his death he was Earl Lodge's oldest tenured member and the last surviving member of Elizabethtown Lodge #128 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna E. Eshenbaugh. Surviving is a brother, sister and several nieces and nephews.

DOROTHY J. MILLER
Past District Deputy President
Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202
August 3, 2013

Sister Dorothy J. (Heckman) Miller, 83, of Bushkill Township, PA, was initiated into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, on February 15, 1951, where she became

a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on September 5, 1968. She then went on to serve as District Deputy President.

She was a member of the Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nazareth.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph and one grandson. Surviving are one son, one daughter, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.

FREDERICK C. DAMBACH
Walker Lodge No. 306
August 11, 2013

Brother Frederick C. Dambach, 84, of Philadelphia, PA, was initiated into Kenderton-Elm Tree Lodge #266, Philadelphia, on November 16, 1948, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, through consolidation on March 13, 1989.

Surviving is his wife, Joan Hoover, one son and one daughter.

ALFRED R. MESSINGER
Triune Lodge No. 307
Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
August 15, 2013

Brother Alfred R. Messinger, 95, a resident of the Middletown Home, was initiated into Shellsville Lodge #1080 on June 9, 1947 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, through consolidation on October 19, 1968. He then left the Lodge in 1978 and reinstated in 1986 when he received the Grand Lodge Degree on October 24, 1993. He was also initiated into Martha R. Parry Rebekah Lodge #417, Grantville, and then became a member of Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586, Middletown, through consolidation on April 12, 1969. He left the Rebekahs in 1977 and again reinstated in 1986. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Shellsville Lodge #1080 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the former Manada Hill United Methodist Church, Harrisburg.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Pearl Lick and Ruth Mader. Surviving are three sons, three daughters, one foster son, 19 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Triune Lodge #307.

ETHEL E. STIBITZ

Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge No. 222
August 13, 2013



Sister Ethel E. (Neifert) Stibitz, 90, of Schnecksville, PA, was initiated into Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge #222, Schnecksville, on May 7, 1969.

She was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Allentown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. Surviving is a son, daughter, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Burial was held in White Church Cemetery, Tamaqua, PA.

JERRY VONDAS

Unified Lodge No. 2
Ambridge Encampment No. 259
August 20, 2013



Brother Jerry Vondas, 83, of Squirrel Hill, PA, was initiated into Hazel Glen Lodge #1043, Pittsburgh, on January 6, 1951. He then became a member of Manchester Lodge #403, Pittsburgh, through consolidation on March 9, 1974 and finally a charter member when the Lodges consolidated to form Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Hazel Glen Lodge #1043. He was also a Patriarch of Ambridge Encampment #259, having joined in 1989.

He was preceded in death by a grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Laura Baccelli, a daughter and two grandsons.

Funeral was held in Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Pete Samardzia - #348
Richard Pasinksi - #1107

55 YEARS

Laverne Peters - #290

30 YEARS

Gerald Berger - #192

65 YEARS

William Benekam - #290
Ira Needham - #290
Leon Stamm - #1175

35 YEARS

Charles Balmer - #306
John Perry - #306

75 YEARS

Geroge Emery - #510

45 YEARS

William Wylie - #1107

**SUSQUEHANNA 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!

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY:

Auburn Centre Lodge #905 – consolidated 1944

Brooklyn Lodge #313 – defunct 1981

Dundaff – Clifford Lodge #181 – defunct 1861

Friendsville Lodge #471 – defunct 1861

Great Bend – Conewacto Lodge #207 – defunct 1861

Great Bend – Friendly Hand Lodge #1009 – consolidated 1963

Harford – Live Oak Lodge #635 – consolidated 2005

Jackson – Huron Lodge #483 – defunct 1962

Lawton – Rush Lodge #471

Lynn – Springville Lodge #181 – consolidated 1954

Montrose Lodge #151 – consolidated 1980

New Milford – Canawacta Lodge #207

Springville – Maple Lodge #992 – defunct 1934

Susquehanna – Starrucca Lodge #423 – consolidated 1983

Thompson Lodge #866 – defunct prior 1900s

= 15 total Lodges with 2 still active

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



Under the helm of NG Grady Slade, drastic revitalization efforts have been started to improve and change the face of Rush Lodge #471. They have started repainting and repairing the building and are to be commended. The spark has once again ignited and will take Rush Lodge #471 on to new heights! For more information on this effort, go to www.facebook.com <<http://www.facebook.com>> and type in "Rush Lodge" in the search bar.

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



Great night out with the Members of Rush Lodge #471, Montrose as they work to secure a future for this Order.



GM Bailey and staff with great turnouts from both the Grand Lodge and the Port Matilda Lodge #733. I want you all to take notice there is a junior in the picture. Don't let having children keep you from attending Lodge. As long as they're too young to repeat the signs or secret work and are content with playing quietly, this is the way to make things work! Great active Lodge with great Members!



GM Bailey commissioned DDGM Gary P. Lyons for District 16 in Falls Creek Lodge #957. Great turn out and the Brothers are interested in growing their Lodge.



Members of Thistle Lodge #512, Pittston and Askam Lodge #899. Always great to see the friendships among this District.



Members of Foster Lodge #333. This Lodge has been reactivated and is the proud home of your Grand Guardian, George R. Tufts. Keep up the good work at Rew Brothers and Sisters!



GM Bailey and GMa Arnold had lunch with the Rebekahs of Maud #175, Rew, home to RA Warden Deborah Tufts. Deborah and her husband, George, have grasped back the true meaning of Odd Fellowship. Not only did they open their house up for the Grand Lodge travelers, but they spent the next day giving us a tour of Smethport, filling us in on Odd Fellowship and what their plans for the future are.



Great night out with the Brothers of Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge. This Lodge has become so active over the past year. Not only are they deep in their community, they have been doing their own initiatory degree and have seen a huge increase in active membership. GM Bailey also commissioned DDGM Robert R. Fenimore, who is ready to take helm of his District and help the other Lodges out. Great Job!



Keeping in with the streak of Degrees, GM Bailey, along with visitors from many Lodges, met at Aluta Lodge #488 to initiate Brother Jared Kichline of Aluta #488 and Jason Mathis of Bowmansdale Lodge #1179. The motivation was through the roof and many of the Members commented that Degree work like this hasn't been done in years. Those Lodges that had representation to assist with the degree was Harmony #86, Walker #306, Victory #658 and Bowmansdale #1179.



There was an overwhelming turnout of Members from Edinboro Lodge #510 as they shown their support in welcoming the Grand Master. This is also the Home Lodge to your Grand Chaplain Leola J. Madigan and it was so nice to see PGM Ernie Nelson in attendance. The Lodge conferred the third degree on one of their newer members and are now starting to get active in their community once again.



25 Brothers and visitors crammed into Lewisburg Lodge #96 to see actually how many Odd Fellows we can fit into their new meeting hall. Lewisburg is to be commended for securing such a nice place and in fact securing a future for their Lodge.



GM Bailey and staff conferred the 2nd and 3rd degrees to two candidates along with help from their own Lodge of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Norristown. This is a great Lodge to visit and it's always nice to see such friendly faces!



District #11 was again well represented as Mt. Tabor Lodge #125 in Shamokin welcomed the Grand Master. They are coming up with plans on bringing in new members and securing a future for their Lodge. Again, I want to say that out of the three Official Visits I had to this District, each Lodge had representation present. I congratulate you all on showing the Jurisdiction the FRIENDSHIP side of Odd Fellowship.

THANK YOU

Thank you for selecting me for the 2013 IOOF Scholarship. The 500 dollars is much appreciated and will be put to good use towards my education at Ohio State next year. I thank you and all the Pennsylvania Odd Fellows for all your support, and will continue to think of you in college.

From, Lauren Springer

I would like to extend my greatest appreciation to you as a recipient of the Odd Fellows scholarship. In easing part of my tuition stress, this scholarship will help me to pursue my dreams at the University of Dayton. Thanks again for your generosity!

*Best, Alyssa Manzione, University of Dayton '16
(Pre-Physical Therapy)*

Thank you so much for selecting me as a recipient for your scholarship. The money will be put to great use. Again I thank you for your generosity to allow me to aspire to greatness.

Sincerely, Tyler Wurtz

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to you and your committee for choosing me as a recipient of the 2013 Odd Fellow-Rebekah Scholarship. I am very much honored to have once again received this prestigious award and would graciously like to thank the Odd Fellow and Rebekah organizations of Pennsylvania for their continued support of this scholarship award program. Your generosity is very much appreciated by both myself and my family.

I will begin my senior year this fall at Slippery Rock University majoring in Elementary Education and Special Education. This past spring semester, I completed a 3-week field assignment in a 4th grade English class at Eden Hall Upper Elementary School, which is part of the Pine Richland School District. I found working with the children to be exciting, challenging, and very rewarding. I am presently working again this summer at a child-care center in Washington, PA and gaining experience which will presumably be invaluable in my upcoming years. My fall semester will include a 3-week field assignment involving the special education curriculum. My schedule for the spring of 2014 will consist of separate student teaching assignments in elementary education and special education. I am looking forward with excitement to another educationally fulfilling school year and hope to secure a teaching position by this time next year.

Sincerely, Chelsea E. Grant

I am writing this letter to say thank you for all that you and the Order have done for me and so many others. The events you sponsor and the opportunities you gave – and continue to give – to the community are truly incredible. Three years ago, I was lucky enough to be chosen for the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth and it was one of the more incredible and educational experiences I've had. I met a lot of people and made a lot of friends and though we have not seen each other since, I am still in contact with a few. This year I applied for and was granted another one of the Odd Fellows generous gifts: a \$500 scholarship to put towards my studies.

This coming semester will begin my third year at Wilkes University as a Biology Pre-med major. Wilkes has given me many great opportunities along with the help I need to ensure that my dream of medical school becomes a reality. From my very first semester I was offered a position as a research assistant with one of the professors. Dr. Stratford, Wilkes biology professor and ornithologist, has been my mentor for the past two years. I have helped him collect samples from many species of birds, insects, reptiles and mammals. By taking a sample of their hair, scales, blood, or feathers we will be able to determine the amount of toxicity and chemicals released into the environment from the infamous fracking, and how they are affecting the wildlife. We will be presenting our research results at a science conference in San Diego this winter. On top of the skills and knowledge I gain from being a research assistant, I will be published as a researcher by the time I graduate in 2015; an accomplishment that I am very fortunate to be part of.

Last spring, my advisor informed me of a gateway into the medical world; ScribeAmerica had an open position at Geisinger Wyoming Valley. After nearly 5 weeks of rigorous training, I began working on the floor of the ER alongside the doctors, physician assistants, and nurses. My primary responsibility as a scribe is to record every patient-doctor interaction and complete the patient charts for the attending doctor in order to increase their efficiency and lighten their workload. This includes everything that occurs from the moment the patient arrives until they are discharged. This job provides the best experience in the medical world, second to being a medical provider.

Wilkes University has proven to be a critical step in my education and given me invaluable knowledge and experience in my career path. The generous scholarship of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have provided will certainly help to lighten the burden of financing my education. This is truly a remarkable organization for what you have done and continue to do for the communities and people near you. You have touched many lives with your generosity and I speak for all of us when I say thank you!

Sincerely, Kevin Anderson

MEMORABLE NIGHT IN WALTERSBURG AS MEMBERS GET HONORED



GM Justin C. Bailey was given the privilege of bestowing upon members service pins, ranging from 5 years to 60 years to several members of Nathan Lewis – Fort Necessity Lodge #254. Their Lodge had 20 members out, and along with the numerous visitors, the hall was packed! It was nice to see everyone out and enjoying a night of Odd Fellowship. Special thanks to Beverly Sabatula and the help of Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233 for providing a great meal prior to the meeting.

The highlight of the night was honoring Secy Eugene Sabatula with a Merit Jewel from the Lodge for the service he gives to the Lodge and to his community. He is an asset to the Lodge and Odd Fellowship as a whole and it was nice to see so many out to honor him.



GM Bailey with the recipients of the Veteran pins.



ODD FELLOWS AWARD GIVEN

The Odd Fellows Award is an award that honors academic excellence. The Odd Fellows resented an award to Kayla Myers at the Practical Nursing Graduation on Aug. 15. Nelson Siverstrum, representative of the Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox Lodge, presented the award.

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda,

is beginning its 31st year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in practical nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctors' offices, hospitals and home health care as well as in other areas of health care. For further information on the Practical Nursing Program, contact (570) 265-8113.



ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 2013 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* has announced the recipient of the "Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2013 Scholarship Award."

The Association's Award Committee (Chairman Robert Grant, Leonard Santini, Bonnie Phillippi, John Rebar, and George Hogan) presented their candidate recommendation to the Association's Board during their bi-monthly meeting in August. The only recipient, having fulfilled the requirements of the award, was unanimously approved by the Board. The recipient received a monetary award which was sent directly to the student account's office at his university. In addition, the recipient was invited, as a special guest, to attend the Annual Meeting of the *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* in April, 2014.

At this time, the *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* is proud to announce the following student as the 2013 Awards recipient:

Aaron Piot – son of Diane and Chris Piot, Charleroi, PA. Aaron is a new member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 and is currently in his junior year at West Virginia Wesleyan College (Buckhannon, WV) majoring in Music Education. Aaron hopes to become a music teacher in the near future and also help his students become better citizens to make this world a better place to live.

On behalf of the *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania*, the Award Committee wishes Aaron continued success in completing his college degree and in his future career as a music teacher.

PM AND LAPM RALLY • NOVEMBER 9, 2013

The PM and LAPM Rally will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 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 joint Memorial Services. Directions to the Lodge 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 27th (or call: 717-843-2104). There will be a charge of \$15.00 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. We need to have as much input as possible. After all, 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 9th and having Sisters and Brothers become Ladies and Chevaliers.

CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 SUMMER PICNIC

Good weather, good food, and good fellowship were once again enjoyed by the members and guests at the I.O.O.F. Charleroi Lodge #1030's annual summer picnic. The picnic took place during the evening of Thurs., August 1, 2013 at the Speers Community Park and was attended by approximately 55 members and guests. Having a beautiful summer day, those attending enjoyed a variety of delicious food items and deserts. After the completion of the picnic meal, a number of activities took place including the "all-the-take" drawing, candy guess jar, fruit basket give-aways, and many gift card door prizes. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. N.G. Bob Grant closed by thanking everyone for their help in making the outing a success and reminding everyone present that the Lodge's next meeting date would be August 15, 2013 and the next "get-together" for members and guests would be in three weeks, for those interested in attending a Washington Wild-Things baseball game.



Brother Bernard Kennedy offering an opening prayer and a moment of silence for our recently departed brothers.



N.G. Bob Grant welcoming members and guests and introducing the lodge's newest member, Aaron Piot. We won't mention the korny jokes also he proceeded to tell! (Notice Brother Leonard Santini in the center background "guarding" the food table!)

Thanks from the Great Pumpkin - Your Support has helped!



The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs has supported Camp JRA since it opened and we have watched it grow. This year saw another group of campers and support staff enjoying camp activities and learning from each other that it can be done! It might take a bit of time and require some assistance and persistence, but almost everything can be accomplished. You are helping and your help is much appreciated. 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.

Dates: Oct. 12th Western PA Chapt. The Bone Bash at Andy Warhol Museum
Oct. 19th Eastern PA Chapt. Berks Co. Health Summit
Oct. 26th Eastern PA Chapt. Family Day at St. Christopher's Hospital

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
 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



ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH

Appropriate guessing games offered challenges to picnickers.

The 50-50 raffle to raise money for the "Miles of Pennies" project provided a goodly length of copper, for forwarding to Orchard Manor.

Petitioners to Unified Lodge and the Initiatory were in attendance for the occasion.

Main entrees of fried chicken, barbecued ribs and lots more were provided by our caterer, Nancy, of "Walnut Corners."

Quite a number of PA Lodges were represented.

The temperature outdoors was steaming, but inside our air-cooled facility we were calm and collected.

A FINAL MESSAGE TO OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

"The officers and members of Unified Lodge would like to invite you to come to Pittsburgh some night and have dinner with us. We begin At 6:00 P.M., every 2nd and last Thursday, year 'round. We promise to make you welcome, an' we'll even redd up an' 'at."

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Bailey has scheduled the following visits for October.

I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

1 – Vienna #847 & Jordan #192 at #847 – 7PM

2 – Brady #116 – Install. – 7:30PM

3 – Paoli #290 – Install. – 8PM

5 – PGP Thomas Testimonial – 6PM

7 – Walker #306 & Metropolitan #150
Install. at #306 – 8PM

9 – Osage #712 & Oneida #371 at #712 – 7PM

12 – GE Rally – Walker Hall

14 – Earl #413 & Strasburg #361 at #413 – 7:30PM

15 – Victory #658 & Mont. Curtis #57 at #658 – 8PM

19 – Planning Brd. & Jt. Youth – State College – 1PM

21 – Canawacta #207 & Rush #471 at #207 – 7PM

23 – Dist #8 UN Dinner – Trucksville – 6PM

25 – Mt. Hor #736 – 7:30PM

28 – Fred R Korman #55 – 7:30PM

Periodical Mail

2012 - 2013 VISUAL RESEARCH REPORT

Thank you's have been received from the Central PA Eye Institute, Wills Eye Institute & Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh for their donations of \$1,252.69 each from the funds collected from you the Lodges the past year toward Visual Research. Also to report our commitment to Sovereign Grand Lodge was \$1,169.35. I felt you should see where your fund went this past year.

C H Bailey, GS

AUGUST DONATIONS

VISUAL RESEARCH		
2	Unified	50.00
ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION		
2	Unified	50.00
EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND		
2	Unified	50.00