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*To all our Brothers, Sisters, Patriarchs,
Matriarchs, Chevaliers and Ladies,
Have a blessed Holiday Season in however you celebrate it and have a
prosperous New Year. We had a great 2014 and let's all keep our eyes
on the horizon and welcome 2015. Keep each other in your thoughts and
prayers and let's continue to move onward in our endeavors.*

*— The staff of the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow
& Rebekah Magazine, Justin & Charlie*

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LODGE ROSTERS

Brothers and Sisters, as I have been
swamped with reports, and many new
secretaries, probably not only for me,
but the other branches, I will not list
the changes this month, however,
January's magazine will have the full
and new roster put in. Thank you for
your cooperation and if you should
need anything concerning this,
please feel free to call!
Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

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

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74, York
Kenneth Downey – initiated
October 6th

Latrobe Lodge No. 541
Edward Day – Initiated
October 9th

Freedom Lodge No. 88, Honesdale
Mike Flederbach – initiated
September 17th

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville
Michael E. Duguay – initiated
September 1st

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Fraternal Greetings Brothers & Sisters! It has been awhile since I have written; with how steadily things are picking up within the Odd Fellows branch, it has been keeping me quite busy. With the holiday season upon us, it is all too easy to get tied up in your own family and personal lives. Do not forget about your Lodge and your fraternal family. I'm hoping and praying for a winter NOT like last year. When the wheel of Odd Fellowship gets turning, winter weather can easily put a damper on that. If you have to cancel meetings due to the weather, start a phone chain and make sure all your Brothers and Sisters are still doing well. Keep Odd Fellowship in your mind!

As Manager/Editor of the magazine, I want to address something many Lodges have called me about and questioned. In the last Grand Lodge board meeting minutes, you have seen where there were several managerial changes brought up to the magazine which lead to my resignation; but here I still am. I have been working diligently to put together a great magazine stacked with good and pertinent articles, supplied mainly by you all. Out of a 40 hour work week here in the office, I spend roughly 30% of my time into making this magazine a portal that you can take from your home out into the community and be proud of. Over the past four years, myself, and at the time GS Charles Bailey, worked very hard to remove the ever looming negative balance this magazine has cost Grand Lodge. We have finally started ending in the black again. With these extra available funds, I was hoping to be able to start reaching out to the Lodges to aid them in ways of loans, etc. The Lodges were satisfied with what was being done as the past few reports at Session for the magazine were approved without question concerning the finances.

I have always kept in my work practices the good of the Order, at the top of my mind when it came to the magazine, and it is hard for me to see that jeopardized. The Grand Lodge Board voted to change methods in my magazine management that has now compromised the financial stability of the Magazine and has tied my hands in being able to keep it from failing. I then felt it necessary that if the Grand Lodge wants to take a magazine in a different direction, I will not stop them. However, GM Giebel has asked me to reconsider and put all motions on hold until this is further discussed at our December Board meeting, as I was unaware this was going to be brought up and I was not ready to defend this magazine. I always ask for Lodges and personal input, and hoped for a small time, I did this magazine right as your manager and editor. I take this job to heart and only hope things work out where I can continue to put out a great publication. Until you hear anything further, please keep sending us articles and keep that wheel of Odd Fellowship turning!

*In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Justin C. Bailey*

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Words to remember as we go through our winter lives

As we celebrate our individual holidays
Listen to others who have traveled this way
With your family and friends enjoy the winter days
Keep note of experience - its dues that was paid.
Wisdom of passage you should take heed
Build with others - we're all in need

Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., Grand Master

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"People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the need, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway."

~Mother Teresa

Submitted by Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., Grand Master

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Giebel has scheduled the following visits for December. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

6 – Grand Lodge Board Meeting, Middletown 10:00AM

(snow date the 13th at 10:00AM)

8 – Mackinaw #380 – 7:00PM

11 – Waterfall #773 – 7:30PM

15 – Lewistown #97 – 7:30PM

16 – Newburg #562 – 7:30PM

18 – Kingwood #1010 – 7:00 PM

COME VISIT THE PRESIDENT

Rebekah Assembly President Jessie has announced she will not be traveling in December.

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Roger has announced he will not have any official visits until March.

DISTRICT 8 U.N. DINNER HONORS STUDENT

Nearly 50 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs gathered recently to honor the District 8 United Nations Pilgrimage Delegate at Pasquales Restaurant in Wilkes-Barre. For the 28th consecutive year, lodges from Dallas, Lehman, Askam and Pittston PA have jointly sponsored a student from the region to the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. This year's delegate was Michael H. Jablonski II representing Askam Lodge #899. Michael is currently a senior at Hanover Area High School.



Michael is pictured here with PGM Tom McHugh, Co-Chair of the PA UN Pilgrimage for Youth Committee and PGM E. Keith Harvey, DDGM of District 8.

ST. CLAIR DOUBLES MEMBERSHIP



Mineral Lodge #285 of St. Clair recently initiated 6 Brothers, with the help of Lodges in Schuylkill County. Osage Lodge #712 of Lehman also brought down a candidate and several Brothers to help. It truly was a great night of Odd Fellowship as we helped to expand a Lodge that truly needed it. These Brothers are ready to start making strides in securing a future for their Lodge and their cemetery. Keep up the good work and best wishes for a bright future! Thanks to all who came and helped make this a success.

HAMPTON LODGE #1004 ENTERTAINS GM GIEBEL & STAFF

This is the picture taken on October 28th when our Grand Master, Joseph J. Giebel visited Hampton Lodge, along with Emilie J. Cupp, Deputy Grand Master; David A. Young, Grand Warden; John S. Cupp, Grand Treasurer; 2 District Deputy Grand Masters, Donna L. Faub and Robert Fenimore. We also had visiting brothers and sisters from 4 sister lodges, Unified Lodge #2; General Worth Lodge #386; Clover Lodge #348; and Brushton-Swissvale Lodge #1107.

After the meeting, all enjoyed a light lunch and good fellowship in the Depreciation Lands Museum's Tavern.

Submitted by Shirley Whitlinger, Secy#1004



Photo Submitted by Thomas Newland #1004

THE TREASURER'S TALES - DECEMBER 2014

December has always been a month filled with holiday spirit because of several religious holidays and New Year's Eve. But there is another December holiday that cannot be overlooked, the first day of deer season. In 1919 the New Jersey deer season was a short 5-day season from Tuesday, December 16 to Saturday, December 20. Barney and his lodge were in a rural area and Grover's Mill had a number of hunters in and around it.

The lodge wanted to raise money for the annual Christmas Party and Barney's father came up with the idea of a Buckwheat breakfast the first day of deer season. They could charge \$0.50 per person and make a lot of money (remember it's 1919). It was to run from 6:00 a.m. till noon. The lodge members were all in favor of the project, so posters and handbills were printed and circulated at the Halloween parade. The idea was new for Grover's Mill and inspired by a story from Brother Vic, who had transferred from a Preston County, West Virginia lodge.

Barney arranged to have one of the members butcher a hog for sausage. He donated 200 pounds of potatoes and three bushels of apples. The Warden was in charge of securing pickles, the Conductor had to convince the Rebekahs to help with preparation (the hardest job) and Barney's father had to secure the buckwheat flour. After a bit of searching, he found a mill in Pennsylvania that would sell him 100 pounds of buckwheat flour for \$.08 per pound. The committee balked at this price, after all the Board of Trade showed \$.05 per pound, but nothing within a two hour drive (remember it is by Model T) was cheaper, so they paid \$8.00 for 100 pounds of buckwheat flour.

On December 15, the committee and helpful Rebekah's met to prepare for the big day. They wanted to be ready to serve 300 people. Barney had to arrange for a substitute teacher to cover for him on the 15th and 16th. The potatoes were boiled and sliced so they would be ready to fry. The apple sauce had to be made. The sausage had to be lined up in the ice box just right, so they could bake it in the oven of the big coal stove in large batches for quick service. The centerpiece was the buckwheat cake. Barney and his committee used twelve large crocks with yeast, flour, water, a bit of sugar and a pinch of salt. The yeast had to work the batter overnight to get an acceptable batter. After working all day on the 15th, they agreed to meet the next morning at 5:00 a.m. to start their preparations.

When Barney arrived, there was buckwheat batter all over the floor. The yeast had caused the batter to rise so much it ran out of ten of the twelve crocks. The floor had to be cleaned and the batter stirred down, adding a bit more sugar and a bit of soda water. After mixing the batter, Barney started the baking assisted by Brother Vic, who had

originally been from Preston County, West Virginia, the heart of buckwheat country.

The breakfast went off fantastically. By 11:00 a.m. they had served 320 people and more coming. The batter was holding out well and the Christmas party was going to be fully financed. When the last customer was served at noon and the lodge members and Rebekahs sat down to eat, 401 people had been served and lodge cleared almost \$100.00. Since there were no plans to have a follow-up dinner and all the flour had been made into batter, Barney decided to bake all the buckwheat cakes. There were stacks of buckwheat cakes sitting around. All the committee had eaten their fill, and most took some home. It disturbed Barney to think he had more left than he could feed to his dogs, but he had a pile of buckwheat cakes that he put in the trash pile, on the edge of the woods, in addition to the partially eaten cakes he scraped off plates. Friday, after school, he would have to come back and haul them away. The trash pile of apple cores was three feet high, before he started stacking the buckwheat cakes. They dumped this in the back of the parking area near the woods.

In 1919, New Jersey had a buck-only, deer season. This made getting a deer a bit challenging. At 4:00 p.m., as Barney neared completion of the clean-up, he looked out the window at the trash heap. There, to his surprise, were two does, chowing down on the apples and buckwheat cakes. He watched, entranced, for over an hour. As dusk settled in and light was growing low, he saw a buck come out of the woods and join the does for dinner. The buck had eluded the first day of the deer season. Barney wished he had a camera with him, as all the other members had left.

When Barney fired up his Model T to go home, all three deer retreated to the woods and Barney knew he had a story and a memory. Barney was a luckless hunter. He went out Saturday, December 20th, but never saw another deer in 1919. The lodge was entertained by Barney's story and thrilled with the financial rewards of the buckwheat dinner. This concludes Barney's adventures in 1919, in January we will start 1920.

Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at jcupp@verizon.net or conventional mail at 2 West Main Street, Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401-3403.



LODGES CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86 and Scott Encampment #132 of Tamaqua went together to participate in Tamaqua's Halloween Parade. A great turnout was shown and the community always enjoys seeing the float.



Shown above is the float that Freedom Lodge #88 of Honesdale had in their local Honesdale Halloween Parade. It's great to see this Lodge getting active and showing the community they're still around!

ALERT LODGE #936 HOSTS HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR ROCHESTER MILLS

IOOF Alert Lodge #936 of Rochester Mills recently held a Halloween Party for local children, on Saturday October 25, 2014. Refreshments, games, and crafts were provided for the children and their parents. The event was well-attended, with more than 30 children and their parents and grandparents attending. The weather cooperated beautifully, a good time was had by all, and we received some very nice feedback about creating interest in our small, isolated, rural community. We would hope to make this outing an annual event.

We had a great turnout, actually most of the town, even those without children. It was the first "event" in this town in many years. I think we sowed a great deal of goodwill, with the local Boy Scouts helping out to boot for a merit badge.



THANK YOU FROM PGP JIM



Now that all the testimonials are over, the many well wishes and greetings given and received were more than appreciated. I need to add a special thank you publicly to all the members of Odd Fellows Lodges and Patriarch's from all Encampments. That is for all the kindness and respect that was given to my son David when visiting and traveling during my year. Knowing he is special needs and accepted by the Odd Fellows family is more dear to my heart than gifts and words can say. A special thanks to Shillington Lodge #1175 for allowing him to join. I want to express my more than graceful gratitude to Earl R Leiby Encampment #106 for accepting David into the encampment and allowing him to go through the chairs. As PCP he was entered into Grand Encampment and eligible to be on my staff. There are not many more things that make a dad prouder than to have a son serve on your staff. As my Grand Outside Sentinel was more than I ever expected and the fine job he did. This was a success due to the support and acceptance from everybody. David really enjoys meeting everybody and knows who is kind to him and who is not. His peers have not always shown respect because of his condition. Odd Fellow members have never shown any disrespect to him and the Odd Fellows family will always be part of our family. We hope he is a good example of what Special needs people can do and open the door for more to join and be accepted.

*Sincerely from the heart, I THANK YOU
Past Grand Patriarch JIM*

LEESPORT LODGE #141 AND BOYERTOWN LODGE #708 INSTALL OFFICERS

Officers of Leesport Lodge No. 141 and Boyertown Lodge No. 708, were installed in a joint ceremony in Odd Fellows Hall, Leesport. DDGM Michael J. Mitchell conducted the ceremony.

Elected Officers of Leesport Lodge installed are: Noble Grand, James Blatt; Vice Grand, Clark Bossler; Secretary, John F. Leshner; Treasurer, Wilmer Brown; and Warden, Darin Troutman.

Officers of Boyertown Lodge are: Noble Grand, Pat Maloney; Vice Grand, Chris Fontana; Secretary, Michael Gilbert; Treasurer, Robert Morrell; and Warden, Mark Hess.

A chicken dinner was served prior to the meeting.

Submitted by John A. Kunkleman, PDDGM#141



DDGM Michael Mitchell (kneeling left) installed the officers of Leesport and Boyertown Lodges at a joint meeting in Leesport.

OFFICERS OF FOSTER LODGE #333 INSTALLED

On October 8th, DDGM George R. Tufts installed the Officers of Foster Lodge #333 in Rew. They have been saved from the brink of extinction and are starting to grow comfortably. Just recently, they brought 2 new candidates to the Sandy Lake Rally in September. They had a great meal prior to starting their meeting and the tables were set up to form an "I" to represent I.O.O.F.

Submitted by George R. Tufts, DDGM#17



OBITUARIES

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

JEAN A. DOLL

Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30
August 12, 2014



Sister Jean A. (Wile) Doll, 80, of Bushnell, FL, was initiated into Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, York, on July 6, 1993.

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

Burial was held in Susquehanna Memorial Gardens, York, PA.

GAYLORD L. YOCHUM

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
September 17, 2014



Brother Gaylord L. Yochum, 91, of Winter Park, FL, was initiated into Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, on October 2, 1946, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010.

He was a WWII Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Nancy J. Cooke.

HELEN G. STEINMILLER

Unified Lodge No. 2
September 19, 2014

Sister Helen G. (Hildbold) Steinmiller, 76, of Pittsburgh, PA, was initiated into Martha Rebekah Lodge #491, Pittsburgh. She left the Rebekahs in the late 1970s. She was then initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, on May 19, 2013.

Surviving is her husband, Richard, four children, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Members of her Lodge and burial was held in Union Dale Cemetery.

WILLIAM N. VAUPEL

Unified Lodge No. 2
October 3, 2014



Brother William N. Vaupel, 92, of North Side, PA, was initiated into Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, on November 10, 2011.

He was an Army Air Corps Veteran of WWII and the Korean War.

He was preceded in death by his wives, Leatrice and Sylvia. Surviving is one son and two grandsons.

Burial was held in Union Dale Cemetery.

DAVID R. WAGNER

East Brunswick Lodge No. 802
October 7, 2014



Brother David R. Wagner, 66, of New Ringgold, PA, was initiated into East Brunswick Lodge No. 802, New Ringgold, on November 3, 1981, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on March 10, 1995. He held active membership up until the time of his death, serving many years as

Chaplain.

He was a U.S. Army Vietnam Veteran and was of the protestant faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Verna Kukuk. Surviving are two daughters, one grandson, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was private at the convenience of the family.

GEORGE E. GRUBB

Shillington Lodge No. 1175
October 9, 2014



Brother George E. Grubb, 92, of Narvon, PA, was initiated into Caernarvon Lodge #557, Morgantown, on July 11, 1949, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on February 12, 1951. He then became a member of Shillington Lodge #1175 through consolidation on April 2009. At the time of the consolidation, he was Caernarvon Lodge's Vice Grand, a position he held several years prior.

He was an Army Air Corps Veteran and a member of the Robeson Lutheran Church of Plowville, PA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Gladys L. Evans. Surviving is one son, one daughter, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Caernarvon Cemetery, Morgantown, PA.

EDWARD W. ANKNEY, SR.

Latrobe Lodge No. 541
October 18, 2014



Brother Edward W. Ankney, Sr., 81, of Hillside, PA, was initiated into Latrobe Lodge #541 on August 20, 2009, where he held active membership. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's current Vice Grand.

He was an Army Veteran and a member of the Hillside United Methodist Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Catherine Willard, two sons, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Burial was held in Hillside Cemetery.

LEON R. DAILY

Triune Lodge No. 307
October 20, 2014



Brother Leon R. Daily, 91, of Middletown, PA, and a resident of the Odd Fellows Home of PA in Middletown, was initiated into Triune Lodge #307, Middletown, on August 10, 1943, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 12, 1950. At the time of his death, he was Triune Lodge's oldest Tenured Member.

Brother Daily was a third generation Odd Fellow and was born in the downstairs apartments of Triune Lodge Hall. He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of New Beginnings Church in Middletown.

Burial was held in Middletown Cemetery.

PETE SAMARDZIA

Clover Lodge No. 348
October 22, 2014



Brother Pete Samardzia, 100, of Aliquippa, PA, was initiated into Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, on October 7, 1988.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church in Aliquippa.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy.

Services were conducted by the Brothers of his Lodge.

RONALD D. EMERY

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
October 26, 2014



Brother Ronald D. "Ron" Emery, 86, of Chicora, PA, was initiated into Miller-Karns Lodge #931, Chicora, in December of 1968. He then became a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, through consolidation on January 28, 1992.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran of WWII and the Korean War and a member of the Chicora Christian and Missionary Alliance Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Nancy Tomasello, one daughter, one son, one stepson, five grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in St. Mary Cemetery, Bradys Bend, PA.

PGM JUSTIN C. BAILEY'S TESTIMONIAL A SUCCESS



It was truly a memorable night as roughly 75 people met to honor PGM Justin C. Bailey for a year and a half as Grand Master of Pennsylvania. There was a great buffet, great entertainment by a comedian/magician, a great program and lots of laughs. Past Grand Marshal Tyler M. Arnold served as toastmaster, though he tended to be ignorant from time to time (I always have the last words Tyler!), and drink glasses with Justin's emblem were handed out to all those in attendance.

To add to the enjoyment, letters were read from Make-A-Wish® showing the three children that the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs throughout the state helped make their dreams come true:

"Makenna is a special eight-year-old girl who lives in Allegheny County. When Make-A-Wish volunteers visited Makenna, they learned much about this special girl. To keep her mind off her medical condition, Makenna's favorite thing to do is swim in her pool where she is free to do back flips, spins and turns. Makenna had always thought that it would be a lot more fun to have a buddy to swim with, so this eight-year-old wanted nothing more than to swim with the dolphins at Sea World Discovery Cove.... Whenever it was her chance to finally swim with the dolphins, she knew exactly what to do. Her favorite part of her session was when the trainer instructed the dolphin to talk to her and allowed her to give it a treat.

Finally having a partner to play with in the water, Makenna will never forget the magic this trip has brought her. The family was grateful to have had this opportunity to spend all together. This gift has given them the chance to escape the stresses of her condition and enjoy being carefree. Thanks to your generosity, this will be a memory Makenna will always look back on.

Jason, another special eight-year-old, lives in Dallastown, PA in York County. He is just like other boys his age, in that he loves his dog, Pepper, reading ocean books and of course, he loves pizza! But in addition, this little boy lives with a life-threatening medical condition, hypertonia with complications. This condition causes uncontrollable muscle spasms and rigidity of the body and so soon after his diagnosis, his family noticed how he loved to play in warm water. The soothing temperatures helped to calm Jason and they noticed it helped to soothe his aching muscles and improved his movements overall. It soon became hard to get Jason out of the bathtub because he loved the water so very much. When our Make-A-Wish Granters visited with Jason, since Jason was not able to verbalize his wish, they spent a lot of time getting to know Jason through his family and eventually, when presented with some options for his wish, Jason was able to point to a hot tub as his preferred wish.

It wasn't long before Jason's very own hot tub was installed in the family's backyard. Jason has only recently began to enjoy the warm waters and he has spent hours playing and laughing, not even realizing that all the play helps him in the long run with physical therapy. We know that Jason will enjoy this hot tub for many years to come, thanks to your wonderful generosity." Ann Waltman, Director Greater PA Office

We also in the Susquehanna Valley Region (Philadelphia to Harrisburg and everything in between), we were a co-sponsor to help Chase, a four-year-old from Lebanon, who has cancer and wished to go to Disney World. Finally, I want to end with the donors towards my project that came in after my last magazine report was given. Special thanks to PPRA Judith A. Wert, who used Make-A-Wish® as one of her pin projects and donated \$519.00 towards this charity. Also, Warren Lodge #339 who donated \$200.00 and Idella Rebekah Lodge #58 who donated \$100.00. Together, roughly \$10,500 was raised with roughly \$2,000 of that being PGM Bailey's pin sales. Thanks again to all! Thanks for the memories!

Fraternally, Justin C. Bailey, Proud to be a Past Grand Master

TAMAQUA ENTERTAINS BACK TO BACK VISITATIONS

Harmony Hall felt a rush of enthusiasm and full Lodges during the month of September. It was great to see so many out in our hall and we hope it is the beginning of another surge of membership within our community and our district. All three leaders were presented checks for their programs and treated to a great meal.



President Jessie J. Holzapfel paid a visit to our very own Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86. 25 Members and guests were present and everyone had a great time of Rebekah Odd Fellowship.



Grand Patriarch Roger A. Calhoon visited Scott Encampment #132. We had eleven of our own Patriarchs out with a great crew of visitors.



Grand Master Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., paid a visit to Harmony Lodge #86 as he was met with a full hall. Over 20 Members and guests were in attendance along with delegations from Pine Grove Lodge #148 and Shenandoah Lodge #591.



NEW ITEMS AVAILABLE TO GET LODGES TO THE 21ST CENTURY!

There are two items that are now available to help Lodges out within their Lodges and their communities:

Membership DVD – For those who were at this past year's Session, this was the DVD playing at the registration table. It is roughly 11 minutes long and is entitled "What's So Odd About Helping Others? The History, The Legacy & The Future of The Independent Order of Odd Fellows." Created by PGM Thomas J. McHugh, this is a great item to play at any membership drive, or give to prospective members to watch. The cost is \$12.50 a piece + \$2.50 Shipping. Remit payments to Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F.

Music for an IOOF Lodge – For many years, Lodges have been looking for a CD with the musical odes compiled. Harmony Lodge has seen this and now is offering to you this great CD. Compiled by Eric Zizelman, a charter member of Harmony #86, this offers songs for the opening, closing and initiatory degree.

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| 1. The Three Links March | 4. Closing Ode |
| 2. The National Anthem | 5. Dirge |
| 3. Opening Ode | 6. Pleyl's Hymn |

Harmony has compiled this, and is selling this in hopes of raising funds. The cost is \$15.00 + \$1.20 shipping = \$16.20. If during any meetings, PGM Justin Bailey had brought music with him, this would be the CD he used. Please remit payments to Harmony Lodge #86, IOOF and mail to Justin C. Bailey, 221 Hunter Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252.

PHOENIX LODGE #212 INSTALLATION TEAM



Left to Right, bottom Row: Park K. Snyder Jr., Robert F. Quay, DDGM Howard J. Hallman, Alfred Keenan and William Deemer. Top Row: Duncan Cameron, Clyde McDaniel, Raymond Fulmer, Bill Weiss, Ernie Austin, Archie Challingsworth, Walter Kramer and Morris Benowitz.

While going through an old album I found the original of this photo and had copies made. I think it is the best picture of the best Odd Fellows or any other people I ever saw. I think it was in the 1950's. Everybody's all dress up and smiling. I am the only one living now.

We went out of the District installing officers and doing floor work besides locally. I was initiated January 8th 1947 on the 100th Anniversary of the Lodge. Of course I am now a proud member of Vincent Lodge No. 762.

*In FL&T,
Park K. Snyder, Jr.*



CHESTER 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!

CHESTER COUNTY:

Atglen (Steelville) – Octoraro Lodge #370 – consolidated 1965
 Berwyn – Berwyn Lodge #998 – consolidated 1943
 Chatham – Chatham Lodge #384 – consolidated 1940
 Coatesville (Youngsbury) – Star of Hope Lodge #199 – consolidated 2005
 Cochranville – Hebron Lodge #437 – defunct 2004
Downingtown – Paoli Lodge #290
 Downingtown- Brandywine Lodge #388 – consolidated 2001
 Frazer (East Whiteland) – Academy Lodge #502 – consolidated 1932
 Honeybrook (Waynesburg) – Social Friends Lodge #404 – consolidated 1970
 Kennett Square – New Century Lodge #1122 – consolidated 1967
 Lionville – Pilgrims Lodge #455 – consolidated 1974
 Lower Oxford – Fairview Lodge #324 – defunct 1938
Malvern – Malvern Pocahontas Lodge #201
 Moorestown – Mizpay Lodge #764 – defunct 1882
 New London – Banner Lodge #359 – consolidated 1913
 Parkesburg – Parkesburg Lodge #764 – consolidated 1948
 Phoenixville – Phoenix Lodge #212 – consolidated 2001
 Pughtown – Pughtown Lodge #363 – defunct 1916
 Sadsburyville – Patterson Lodge #394 – consolidated 1966
Spring City – Vincent Lodge #762
 Sugartown – Ivanhoe Lodge #432 – consolidated 1923

Unionville – Eastern Star Lodge #402 – consolidated 1931
 West Chester – West Chester Lodge #42 – consolidated 1939
 West Chester – West Chester Pocahontas Lodge #42 – consolidated 1988
 West Chester – Pocahontas Lodge #316 – consolidated 1939
= 25 total Lodges with 3 active.

1st Lodge – West Chester #42 in 1831
 Next month – Greene County – Get your pictures and articles in now!



These are the types of empty Odd Fellows Halls that sting your heart when you see them. Here stands the former Hall of Phoenix Lodge #212, which ran from 1846 until its consolidation with Vincent Lodge #762 in 2001. This impressive Hall still has the remnants of the 3 links, reminding the town of Phoenixville that a great Organization once was here. What can be done to bring it back?

Periodicals

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Richard Solt - #192

30 YEARS

Rick Schadler - #141

35 YEARS

John Zimmerman #523

40 YEARS

Larry Carnahan #601

50 YEARS

John Stober #1050

55 YEARS

Jay Smith #201

60 YEARS

Bill Smedley - #116

Paul L. Miller #141

William Edwards #306

George Jock #438

Lloyd Mort #438

Sherwood Altemose #488

Robert Tilley #523

65 YEARS

Richard Walker #510

Jack Weaver #736

70 YEARS

Bert Montgomery #573

75 YEARS

John Mahler #278

Donald Davis #523

October Donations

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	133.49
2	Unified	50.00
		183.49

VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
1004	Hampton	50.00
2	Unified	25.00
		128.40

PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
2	Unified	50.00
		103.40