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KINGWOOD LODGE #1010 FEEDS NEEDY FOR THE HOLIDAYS



The members of Kingwood Lodge spent part of the holidays preparing meals for 14 families which fed a total of 65 people.

Josh Sechler, Secy.

Edt. note: Well done Brothers, what a wonderful way to make yourselves know to the Community.

To all branches of our Order, The Planning Board is once again asking you to let us know of the events taking place in your Lodges, Encampments and Cantons. With this information we can coordinate our events and get as many members as possible to attend as many events as possible. We believe this information sharing will help our Order as we communicate Where we are, What we are doing, and When we are doing it. You can send your information to the planning board chairman or the Grand Secretary. All of our contact information is on pages two and three of the Oddfellows Magazine.

*Thank You,
The Planning Board*

Places to Go . . . People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board
+ denotes details to follow

2014 MARCH

8 / DDGM Association Meeting, 1:00PM,
Orchard Manor

APRIL

4-6 / 57th Ann'l Mid-Atlantic Conclave,
Lancaster, PA +
12 / 3rd Ann'l Spring Rally /
Allentown, PA +

MAY

4 / Ann'l Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknown,
Arlington Cem. +

JUNE

23-25 / Unified Session,
Harrisburg, PA +

SEPTEMBER

27 / Mary Landes Testimonial,
Shartlesville, PA +

OCTOBER

18 / Justin Bailey Testimonial,
Harrisburg, PA *+

All Lodges are reminded when planning an 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.

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

Foster Lodge No. 333, Rew

Sonya Vermillion – *initiated December 3rd*
Jacob Vermillion

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

John Edgin – *initiated November 22nd*

Phoebe Rebekah Lodge No. 123, Rimersburg

Mindy Himes – *initiated November 4th*
Elva Confer
Kimberly Hinderliter

PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT #135, PHILADELPHIA HOLDS ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER & MEMORIAL SERVICE



MEMORIAL SERVICE

Perseverance Encampment # 135 held its annual Memorial Service and Holiday Party on Thursday, December 5, 2013. While the weather outside was anything but warm, the temperature and atmosphere inside was certainly full of the holiday spirit. This year we remembered three Patriarchs at the Service and as the names were read, Perseverance Encampment members placed a carnation on the front table. Those remembered were:

Brothers

Robert Ohntrup

Donald Trulick

Joseph Sweeney

Joined

1/8/1942

Grand Encampment Staff

Former Member

Deceased

12/18/2012

11/14/2013

11/22/2013

After the Service, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner and fellowship with our members and families. Once everyone had enjoyed the evening, we all bundled up and went on our way with a warm heart filled with the holiday spirit.

81ST ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN

Mark Sunday, May 4th on your calendar to plan to attend the 81st I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. The Program is slated to start with the Parade at 11:45 AM to the Amphitheater with the Wreath Laying to follow immediately. Events actually start on Saturday at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia. There is an interesting Mount Vernon Tour running from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Following there is a Cash Bar Social Hour from 5:45 to 6:45 PM. The Annual Banquet will start at 7. Anyone wanting details on any of the extra events, please contact the office at 717-944-7419 or e-mail @ioofpaglsecty@verizon.net and we can send them along with order forms. We have confirmation from our state leaders that they will be there to represent Pennsylvania. So far there are four tentative buses from PA planned.



Walker #306, Philadelphia / Alma #523, Johnstown / Vienna #847, Allentown / Shillington #1175, if you are interested I am sure if you contact one closest, they will be glad to accommodate you if seats are available. If I missed a Lodge that is planning, please contact GL and be added to the list, especially if you are looking for passengers. Deadlines are important for events, registration also parking & bus parking passes. Deadlines are MARCH 31ST. We certainly hope you can join us that day.

NORTHAMPTON 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!



Keystone #78 IOOF Temple, 2 W. Broad St., Bethlehem, PA. This Lodge was the largest in membership in the history of PA with over 1,000 members. Photo by Bro. Lloyd Kemmerer, formerly of #78 now #488

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY:

Bath – Manoquosy Lodge #341 - consolidated 1905
 Beersville – Star Lodge #495 – defunct 1953
 Belfast – Bushkill Creek Lodge #878
 – defunct prior to 1900s
 Bethlehem – Keystone Lodge #78 – consolidated 1976
Bushkill Center – Aluta Lodge #488
 Delpsburg – Prosperity Lodge #661 – defunct 1954
 Easton – Delaware Lodge #73 – defunct 1849
 Fatherland Lodge #111 – consolidated 1903
 Lehighon Lodge #244 – defunct 1967
 Elon Lodge #604 – consolidated 1948
 Vanderveer Lodge #1105 – consolidated 1946
 Freemansburg – Freeman Lodge #294 – consolidated 1951
 Hellertown – Saucana Lodge #606 – consolidated 1993
 Martins Creek Lodge #745 – defunct 1953
 Mount Bethel Lodge #732 – consolidated 1960
 Nazareth Lodge #1099 – consolidated 1970
 Newburg – Confident Lodge #1133 – consolidated 2001
 Northampton – Siegfried Lodge #1026 – consolidated 1962
 Pen Argyl Lodge #878 – defunct 1955
 South Bethlehem – Wreath of Friendship Lodge #917
 – consolidated 1975
 South Easton – Columbia Lodge #139 – consolidated 1959
 Friend to Peace Lodge #164 – consolidated 1870
 Wind Gap Lodge #1082 – consolidated 1984
 = 23 total Lodges with 1 still active.
 1st Lodge – Delaware #73 in 1842.

Next month – Washington County – Get your pictures and articles in now!

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

Grand Master Bailey has scheduled the following visits for February. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there. He reminds you at this time of the year these are all pending weather conditions. If you are not sure, please contact the Secretary or him at 570-449-5617 to make sure everything is still on.

4 – Mystic #270 – 8 PM
 11 – Leesport #141 – 7:30 PM
 17 – Jamison #447 – 8 PM
 24 – Mackinaw #380 – 7 PM
 26 – Variety #37 – 7:30 PM

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

William Dawe - #712

35 YEARS

Harry "Jack" Buzard - #278

Jerry Weis - #957

45 YEARS

Carlton Bailey - #207

Paul Wagner - #413

Kenneth Wiser - #957

Larry Bear - #1179

50 YEARS

Ronald Nelson - #211

55 YEARS

Thomas Glenwright - #57

Carl Swisher - #361

60 YEARS

Joseph Davis - #348

William Spacht - #1050

65 YEARS

Robert Watkins - #74

George Hipple - #88

Joseph Rufino - #306

Floyd Palmer - #601

Grand Lodge has the 2013 SGL Code updates available for \$3.01 shipped. Contact GL office to place an order.



THE MIDDLETOWN HOME'S NEW BUS

Many thanks for the charitable donations which provided the necessary funding for the purchase of The Middletown Home Bus.

Our residents use the bus to enjoy several social opportunities every month. Our bus is also used for medical appointments when residents are in need of nonemergent medical care in the community. We appreciate your benevolence!!



OBITUARIES

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

EMMA R. GASTROCK
Red Rose Rebekah Lodge No. 586
October 10, 2013

Sister Emma R. (Hoover) Gastrock, 89, of Grantville, PA, was initiated into Martha R. Perry Rebekah Lodge #417, Grantville, where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on November 17, 1959. She then became a member of Red Rose Rebekah Lodge #586, Middletown, through consolidation on April 18, 1969 where she also served several terms as Noble Grand.

She was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church of Grantville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin and a grandson. Surviving are five grandchildren.

Burial was held in Grantville Cemetery.

BRIGITTE I. D'AGATI
Nakomis Rebekah Lodge No. 497
October 12, 2013

Sister Brigitte I. (Beers) D'Agati, 73, of Starrucca, PA, was initiated into Nakomis Rebekah Lodge #497, Lake Como, on September 19, 2001, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 2010.

Surviving is her husband, Paul, one son and 7 grandchildren.

Burial was held in Riverview Cemetery.

JAMES W. MILLER SR.
Warren Lodge No. 339
November 21, 2013



Brother James W. Miller, Sr., 91, of Sheffield, PA, was initiated into Warren Lodge #339 on October 3, 1961. He was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Carol E. Peterson, two sons, three daughters, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Oakland Cemetery, Warren, PA.

DONALD W. ZERBE
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
November 25, 2013

Brother Donald W. Zerbe, 78, of Herndon, PA, was initiated into Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, on January 3, 1957 where he became a Past Grand on October 16, 1986. He held the position of Secretary for many years. He was also a Rebekah of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, having been initiated September 23, 1970.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Himmel's Church in Rebuck.

Surviving is his wife, the former Joan Treon, also of Idella Rebekah Lodge #58.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held in Himmel's Cemetery.

SAMUEL C. SLATER
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
December 26, 2013



Brother Samuel C. Slater, 79, of New Vernon Township, PA, was initiated into Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on February 25, 1957 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He then served as DDGM for Mercer County from 1988-1989.

He was a U.S. Air Force Korean Conflict Veteran and a member of the Emmanuel Christian Church

of Stoneboro.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Wanda L. Redfoot. Surviving are two sons, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held in Hadley Cemetery.

JAMES R. WEST
Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
December 28, 2013

Brother J. Ronald West, 90, of Ocoee, FL, was initiated into Waynesburg Lodge #469 on February 15, 1944 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 through consolidation on January 19, 2006.

He was a member of the Montverde United Methodist Church of Montverde, FL.

Surviving is his wife, the former Louise Coyle, one son and three grandchildren.

Burial was held in Green County Memorial Park, Morgan Twp, PA.

CHARLES D. PARRY
General Worth Lodge No. 386
December 30, 2013

Brother C. Donald Parry, 93, of Alverton, PA, was initiated into Moss Rose Lodge #350, Mt. Pleasant, on February 1, 1949 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 2, 1974. He then became a member of General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, through consolidation on March 4, 2000. At the time of his death, he was General Worth Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a member of the Alverton United Methodist Church.

Burial was held in Alverton Cemetery.

NEAL G. RYEN
Alert Lodge No. 936
January 2, 2014

Brother Neal G. Ryen, 71, of Homer City, PA, was initiated into Alert Lodge #936, Rochester Mills, on October 24, 1960 where he became a Past Grand on October 8, 1992.

He was a U.S. Navy Vietnam War Veteran and a member of the Full Gospel Assembly of God Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Cheryl Rhine, two children, two step-sons, and three grandchildren.

Burial was held in Rochester Mills Cemetery.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Fraternal Greetings! I Hope everyone had a nice and relaxing holiday season and are enjoying your 2014 so far. I know many Lodges (especially those near Lake Erie) have issues meeting during the winter months due to the snowfall. Don't lose contact with your Lodge during this time! I talked two months ago about taking the winter time to plan for the spring. How does one plan for the future? How many Lodges have the following mind frame: "Let's just keep doing what we've been doing for the past 150 years and hope it keeps going. It's failing. Thing's aren't what they used to be. Let's see if we can get one more year in, then we'll give it up." Brothers and Sisters, other fraternal organizations have lasted, businesses have lasted, churches and government organizations have lasted. Why can't we?

One of the many things other groups do is to have a well laid out plan for their future, a business plan. Many of you are retired businessmen and women, past supervisors, former mayors and government officials. Most of you should be familiar with what a business plan is. A business plan is a list of goals, a plan obviously, setting out what your objectives are, along with strategies put forth to grow your Lodge, by membership and financially. Set short term and long term goals. Set up goals, try to work by them and achieve them. This leads to motivation and again, once that ball gets rolling, it will take off on its own. Times have changed; we all know and see that. Times have changed within the 13 years I've been an Odd Fellow. It's hard to grasp to see how they have changed from you Brothers that have been with this Order for 50+ years.

Every community can still grow; there is no reason there can't be 1200 Lodges again. We got to set the bar again. Lodges, start on your plans; district deputies, start on yours too. How can you grow your District? Can we get another Lodge revived again? Many members have asked me what my password means. Look it up! That will explain a lot and then figure how you can implement it in your Lodge. I am blessed to be an associate member to what was the smallest Lodge in the Jurisdiction. In 2012, they had 5 Brothers left on their books. As of the end of January, they will have hopefully doubled their home membership. Yes that only

makes 10, but of the 7 they have now, they always attend. What has changed? I have been told it is because of me. That's incorrect. I have given several Lodges the same efforts I have given this one, and yet there still is no growth there. It was a matter of a change of attitude. They are positive now and it's enjoyable to go to Lodge with them. If a Lodge of five old guys can double their membership (sorry Brothers!), then why can't you?

They started setting up goals; the future is back in their sight again. Each Lodge needs to do that. Are we going to continue to have money if we go out to eat on the Lodge's bill each meeting? How long can we do this before it starts affecting us? Dues are supposed to be \$62.50 but we're charging our members only \$15.00. Should we just keep doing this until we're bankrupt and then throw our charter in? Brothers and Sisters, are you being true Odd Fellows? Remember each of our actions within this great Order should have the question after it, "Are we doing this for the good of the Order or for the good of are personal feelings?" Grow with us as a fraternal family. Sit down as a Lodge and come up with a business plan. Failing businesses have turned themselves around, you can too.

I will leave you in saying if this sounds good to you and you don't know where to begin, give me a call. If not, look it up on the internet, there are many helpful techniques there too. I have been to so many great Lodges on my travels so far. Some Lodges are depressing though; they see the writing on the wall and think they have failed their departed friends and families. There is nothing anymore to do and they walk around with that attitude. Trust me when I say the only outcome will be failure then and the only reason for failure will be that attitude. When you talk about Odd Fellowship, do it with a POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND A SMILE! And please do talk about Odd Fellowship. Too many people hide it like it is an embarrassment. Be proud to be odd and be part of this wonderful family! Come out of the dark ages and let's get moving together again. Each and every Lodge can do it; no exceptions! God Bless you all and see you in Lodge!

*Fraternally,
Justin C. Bailey, your Grand Master*

I would like to thank the following donors for helping take part in becoming Wishmakers for my project, Make-A-Wish®, by donating money during my travels. You cannot imagine the joy you are helping to spread as we make a difference in Pennsylvania:

116 Brady	\$500.00
523 Alma	\$500.00
523 NG Richard Horner	\$34.00
Total:	\$1,034.00

Also a thank you to everyone who has purchased a pin towards this project! We are going in the right direction and soon will reach our goal!

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

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



#55 Caption – GM Bailey travels one final time for the year with his installation staff to meet up with DDGM Hockenberry and the installation team from District 15 to combine to install the Brothers of Fred R. Korman Lodge #55 in Glasgow. We were met with a large and motivated attendance and the Brothers are ready to expand Odd Fellowship.



#1032 Caption – GM Bailey with help from his GL Officers install the Brothers of State College Lodge #1032. Membership was discussed and hopes and all had a great night out.



339 Caption – From State College, GM Bailey and GMa Arnold traveled up to Warren Lodge #339 as this Lodge is still in the midst of a rebirth. The Lodge discussed various membership topics and are ready to keep growing.



523 Caption – GM Bailey and staff paid a visit to Alma Lodge #523 of Johnstown, the largest Lodge in the Jurisdiction. A great meal was prepared along with a beautiful cake and everyone had a great time.



#87 Caption – The Brothers of Hopkins Lodge #87 of Bristol welcomed GM Bailey and staff as they discussed procedural instructions and membership goals for the upcoming term.



#97 Caption – Brothers of Lewistown Lodge #97 entertain GM Bailey and staff. Membership was discussed and the Brothers present seemed enthused about growing their Lodge once again.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



The Arthritis Committee hopes all of you are surviving our winter weather and as Valentine's Day turns your thoughts to love for your special someone, you'll remember to help the three PA Arthritis Foundation Chapters. They are looking to recruit help from the IOOF Lodges for their activities. You ask, "What can I do?" You can go to the local office and help with a mailing. You can help at the Registration table for one of their events. You can send a check to The Arthritis Committee to help us help those with Arthritis. We sure hope you'll consider one of these suggestions!

Things are a little slow at the Chapters for the winter months with actual activities, but they are planning a multitude of activities for the spring that we'll have details on soon.

Remember, every penny sent to The Arthritis Committee goes directly to the project specified.

VOLUNTEER

The addresses and phone numbers of the three PA Chapters are below.

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Philadelphia, PA 19106
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Central PA Chapter
Arthritis Foundation
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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

TAMAQUA LODGES CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS & IMPORTANT MILESTONE

This year Harmony Lodge #86, Lady Harmony Rebekah #86 and Scott Encampment #132 not only united for their annual Christmas celebration but celebrated 170 years of consecutive Odd Fellowship in Tamaqua. A history was read by PNG Laura Bailey which started a time lineage starting from October 1843 with the institution of the original Harmony Lodge, even though there was a short gap when they consolidated, Patriarchal & Rebekah Odd Fellowship remained until Harmony reinstituted. Today, 170 years later we still have an Odd Fellow, two Rebekah, one Encampment and a 37 acre Cemetery (which turned 150 years old in

January) in full operation. The lineage not only included these, but added the other Odd Fellow Lodge and a Junior Lodge. All three branches were proud to have their leaders present, our own Grand Master Justin, President RA Mary Landes and Grand Patriarch Jim Sellers all of whom brought greetings from their respective branches. The Odd Fellows again awarded certain members for achieving milestone years with veteran pins presented by GM Justin, which were: Gary Price, 5; Jerry Guscott Jr & John Schickram, 25; & Charlie Bailey, 30. Ralph Rodriguez was presented with his Life Membership card. Sister Laura Bailey was presented with an update to her jewel for 30 years of membership. To close the festivities the children present were given gifts by our "Special Visitors", Santa (NG Ray Boulanger) & Mrs. Claus (Str Pat Eisenberg, Treas of R86).



Santa & Mrs. Claus with the kiddies of Tamaqua. Capt. 2 - Members of Lady Harmony w/ Pres. Landes. The Editor selected this one because, you see he got to play Santa and was warning two young girls to be good.



SNOW DIDN'T STOP UNIFIED #2 FROM CELEBRATING THE SEASON

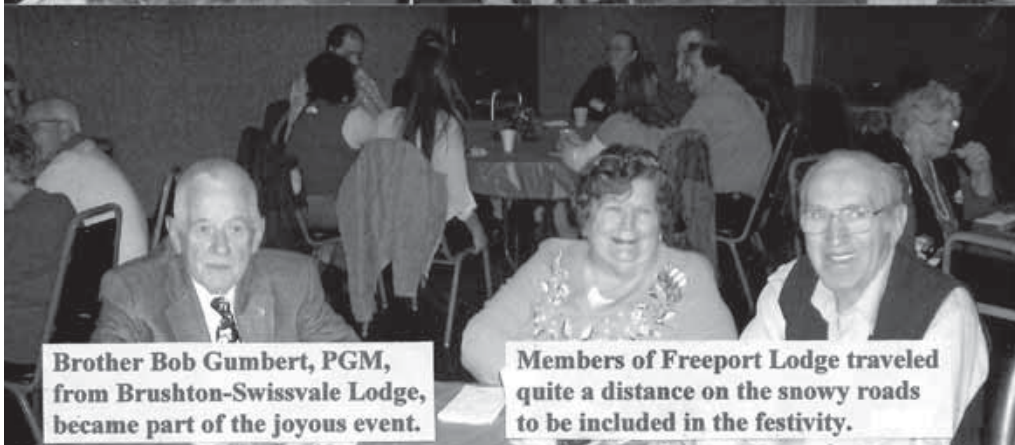


Brothers Ted Bergfelt, John Clark, and Ron Orwig provided some musical, magical, and humorous frivolity.

We enjoyed appetizers that featured nice, big, shrimp, and a dinner prepared and served by our caterer, Nancy, of Walnut Corner Catering. The main entrees consisted of roast turkey and ham; and at the end of the evening, everyone went home with a keepsake and a nice prize.



Noble Grand Georgeanna had carefully selected and purchased a special present for each child who came to the party.

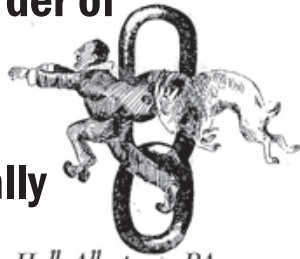


Brother Bob Gumbert, PGM, from Brushton-Swissvale Lodge, became part of the joyous event.

Members of Freeport Lodge traveled quite a distance on the snowy roads to be included in the festivity.

Yes, we need to remember to thank God for kids, because without them, there will be no future for anything, The I.O.O.F. included. "Did you ever stop to think or wonder why, 'The nearest thing to heaven is a Child'? We must never forget that 'The reason for the season' came to live with us, from the Kingdom of Heaven, as a tiny sinless child.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania Spring 2014 Rally



Proudly held in Vienna Hall, Allentown, PA

Greetings,

BRING YOUR CANDIDATES! It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Spring Rally! Most of the format will remain the same. The location is 118 N. 9th Street, Allentown. Parking is available directly behind the Lodge Hall or on the street in front of the Hall. There is also a vacant lot across the street. DO NOT park in the church parking lot next to the Hall. There are roughly 12 steps to the elevator, but there will be members out to assist if needed. There will be a registration this year of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates. Proceeds will go to Vienna Lodge #847 to help defray expenses. A lunch will be served at 12:30 for a cost of to be determined at a later date.

Lodge will open at 9:00AM
Initiatory Degree - 9:30AM
1st Degree - 11:00AM
Lunch - 12:30
GL Degree - 1:30PM
RA Degree - 1:30PM/Rebekah Degree 2:00PM
2nd Degree - 1:45PM
3rd Degree - 3:00PM
3:45PM Introduction of Dignitaries
& Closing the Lodge.

Please, even if you do not have any candidates, support this by attending. I will also need several parts, speaking and non speaking, in the various degrees. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with me as soon as possible. Last year, we had two degrees with no team, but a mix of Members throughout the Jurisdiction helping, and it went great! It was nice to see everyone working together. The better we as a Jurisdiction look, the more impressed the candidates will be. Also, do not forget your "Request for Degree" slips. If your Lodge does not have any, they are available at the Grand Lodge office. Last year, we had a problem starting on time with a lot of people showing up late. Try and get there earlier so we can get the candidates signed in and start on time. Forms for bringing candidates will be mailed to your Secretary at a later date. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to call me at 570-449-5617 or email at pps562004@yahoo.com and I'll be more than glad to work with you!

Fraternally,
Justin C. Bailey, Grand Master



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I.O.O.F. EDUCATION PROCLAMATION

To All Members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Fraternal Greeting:

Whereas, the Educational Foundation, the oldest project of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, established in 1927, has made it possible for thousands of people from all walks of life to further their education with low interest loans amounting to more than 7 million dollars, and

Whereas, the Pennsylvania Odd Fellow - Rebekah Education Fund, established in 1993, has made it possible for 433 students to receive \$233,500.00 in scholarships, and

Whereas, the need for loans and scholarships is ever increasing to meet higher costs of helping men and women find their place in life, and

Whereas, one of our commands of to "educate".

Now therefore, I, Justin C. Bailey, by virtue of the authority duly vested in me as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, do hereby proclaim,

The month of February as **EDUCATIONAL MONTH** throughout the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Further, request all Lodges to support this project by holding a money-raising event or a treasury donation and send to the Grand Lodge Office.

Done in Middletown, Pennsylvania, this ninth day of January, 2014, and in the 190th year of this Grand Body.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Justin C. Bailey
Justin C. Bailey, Grand Master

Attest

Charles H. Bailey

Charles H. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Please fill out form and return with your donation payable to "Grand Lodge of PA, IOOF"

Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program. Please credit our donation to: (Check one of the following)

_____ PA Scholarship Fund - This is applied directly toward a scholarship

_____ PA Education Endowment Fund - This is placed in a fund, interest derived from this is applied toward scholarships

_____ Sovereign Grand Lodge Education Fund - This is to furnish loans.

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VISUAL RESEARCH

74	Mt. Zion	255.00
2	Unified	100.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	100.00
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EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

2	Unified	100.00
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