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HEADS OF THE ORDER LAY A WREATH AT THE TOMB



In a solemn and impressive ceremony, Grand Master Justin C. Bailey, President Mary J. Landes and Grand Patriarch James W. Sellers had the distinguished honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs in the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. This was a banner year for Pennsylvania as roughly 150 from this Jurisdiction were present; many Lodges took buses down that haven't before. This has been in danger of being removed due to the declining attendance, however this



year helped. On the other hand, the number of uniformed Chevaliers and Ladies in attendance was not as well. Only one Chevalier and two Ladies represented Pennsylvania. This will be something as a Jurisdiction we must work on.

That being said, it was still truly a great day as we got to gather as the Independent Order of Odd Fellows throughout America and pay respects to those who have gone before us and is always a great way to kick off the Memorial Day month.

Places to Go ... People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board + denotes details to follow

2014
JULY

12 / Home Day, Orchard Manor
19 / Fun Day / Knoebels Grove, Elysburg *
20 / Home Day, Middletown

SEPTEMBER

27 / Mary Landes Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA +

OCTOBER

18 / Justin Bailey Testimonial, Harrisburg, PA *+

NOVEMBER

1 / James Sellers Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA +

All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officers support, please contact the Planning Brd.

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REMINDER TO ALL FOR THE OF & REB ASSOC. OF WESTERN PA

The deadline is the 19th of
this month to apply for the
2014 Scholarship Award.

Please refer to page 4 of the
May 2014 magazine.

PHOEBE REBEKAH LODGE CELEBRATES 135TH ANNIVERSARY



Phoebe Rebekah Lodge #123, Rimersburg, PA recently celebrated their 135th anniversary with a Spaghetti Dinner at the Baker Street Church of God Social Hall prior to the Lodge meeting. Following the dinner, the Lodge held their meeting and nine officers answered the rolls with NG Tracy Everett presiding. Introduced were Home Representatives from the RA, Audrey Hutchinson, OF & Reb. Assoc. of W PA & Margie Bindas, OM. Officers of the RA were Candy Bowser, DDP; Rebecca Heckman, Mus.; Patricia Faustner, Chap.; Doris Goerlitz, Parl.; Peggy Walters, Marsh.; Deborah Tufts, Ward.; Jessie Holzapfel, VP & Mary J. Landes, Pres. Introduced representing the Dept. Assoc, LAPM were Ruth Good, Chap.; Marcia LeVan, VP & Reba J. Kuhn, Pres. Introduced from GL were George Tufts, G. Guard & Justin C Bailey, G. Master.

May 19th, Phoebe #123 honored some of our departed sisters. There were 8 members and a few family members available to plant flowers at the Rimersburg Cemetery in honor of these Rebekahs. After this duty was completed and we ended our evening lodge meeting, a distribution of our living cemetery was done with our sisters and over 108 flowers were planted this week. It is always a joy to meet with this group of ladies and even better feeling to know these members are not forgotten.

Submitted by Candy Walter-Bowser, DDP of Dist. #24

SHILLINGTON LODGE #1175 HONORS BROTHERS

On May 20th, a large delegation of Brothers from Shillington Lodge #1175 came out to welcome the Grand Lodge officers. Present were several Grand Encampment Officers also and Grand Master Bailey was presented with a gift for his project, Make-A-Wish®. Thanks goes out to all the works of Shillington #1175 to perpetuate our beloved Order.



NG Donald L. Brown pins Brother Leon S. Stamm with a 65 year pin. Among many hats he wears, he has been the Secretary of Shillington Lodge #1175 for many years.



At Grand Master Justin's visitation, NG Donald L. Brown pinned Brother John Bonanno with a 25 year pin.

GENERAL WORTH #386 BUSY AT DEGREE WORK

Saturday, May 10, 2014, General Worth Lodge #386 - Connellsville, PA initiated and bestowed degrees upon eight new members. Eight received all four degrees plus two other members received the 2nd and third degrees. The two receiving 2nd and 3rd degrees were Shawn Lowry, and his father, Fred Lowry. The eight other members are as follows: Adam Ryen, Allen Ryen, James Orvosh, Dan Anderson, Patrick Lowry, Mary Lowry, Frederick Lowry, and Rae Ann Driscoll. The degrees took place at the IOOF Temple in Connellsville, Pa. Lunch was provided and served by members of General Worth #386 Lodge. We are happy to welcome these new members into Odd Fellowship.



8 new Odd Fellows greeted by NG Blanche Corey & GT John Cupp.



All 10 candidates pictured with GW Emilie, GT John & several members of #386.

2nd Annual

Bluegrass Festival

KINGWOOD GROVE · SEPTEMBER 13, 2014

Benefits:
Kingwood IOOF

All Day - Music 11 am - 10 pm

"SOUND BY: JR & FRIENDS"

Rain or Shine
Free Parking

GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$10.00

Children 12 & Under - FREE

11 am...Tim Custer & "Mountain Therapy"
12 pm...Colebrook Road
1 pm...Vernon McIntyre & Appalachian Grass
2 pm...Warren Blair and the Fastest Grass Alive
3 pm...Martin Brothers and Aspen Run
4 pm - 5 pm ... Dinner Break
5 pm...Tim Custer & "Mountain Therapy"
6 pm...Colebrook Road
7 pm...Vernon McIntyre & Appalachian Grass
8 pm...Warren Blair and the Fastest Grass Alive
9 pm...Martin Brothers and Aspen Run

• Various workshops for a variety of bluegrass instruments offered throughout the day.

• Overnight camping and bathrooms on site at no cost.

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ALONG WITH GENERAL WORTH LODGE #386, OTHER LODGES PROGRESS IN PA



With the help of Rush Lodge #471 of Montrose, GMa Arnold and GM Bailey, for the first time in many years, Freedom Lodge #88 was able to confer the initiatory degree on members from Freedom Lodge #88 of Honesdale and Tunkhannock Lodge #699. Though they are smaller Lodges, they have been working on growth again and are ready to let their counties know they still exist!



A joint installation was held at Boyertown Hall by GM Bailey and staff, assisted by DDGM Mitchell of District #4. Leesport Lodge #141 helped swell the ranks and were able to be installed with Boyertown Lodge #708. It was a great night of Odd Fellowship in Berks County and hopefully they can all continue to grow.



Taking a commanding lead in GM Justin's membership goals, Warren Lodge #339, with the help of the Grand Lodge, helped to initiate 8 Brothers into their Lodge. It was a wonderful day as most of their membership was present. What helped? They had an open house – let their friends and family inside Warren Hall to see what history and fraternity lies within. Open up your Lodges Brothers and Sisters! Show your friends and family what happens! The results are simply shown here.

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

Variety Lodge No. 37, Philadelphia
Charles Wise – initiated March 26th

Freedom Lodge No. 88, Honesdale
Bert R. Terysen – initiated May 7th

Brady Lodge No. 116, Hughesville
Harvey Geib – initiated May 17th
Martin G. Williams
Marty R. Braim

Warren Lodge No. 339
Kyle L. Johnson – initiated May 10th
Bryan E. Johnson
William E. Lord
Gale G. McCollough
John E. Young
Sean A. Mason
Brady A. Carl
Otto B. Carl, Jr.

General Worth Lodge No. 386, Connellsville
RaeAnn Driscoll – initiated May 10th
Mary Lowry
Patrick Lowry
Frederick Lowry
James Orvosh
Dan Anderson
Adam P. Ryen
Allen H. Ryen – reinstated May 10th

Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699
Joshua A. Bonner – initiated May 7th

Alert Lodge No. 936, Rochester Mills
Arlen E. Ryen – reinstated May 29th



OBITUARIES

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

MARY E. MCILWAIN
Past District Deputy President
Phoebe Rebekah Lodge No. 123
March 6, 2014

Sister Mary E. McIlwain, 98, of Parker, PA, was initiated as a charter member into Lady Freedom Rebekah Lodge #412, West Freedom, on May 19, 1948. She was their Charter Secretary and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on October 22, 1953. She also served as Past District Deputy President. She then became a member of Phoebe Rebekah Lodge #123, Rimersburg, through consolidation on September 14, 1995. She left the Lodge on October 31, 2000 and reinstated December of 2013. At the time of her death, she was the last Members of Lady Freedom Rebekah Lodge #412 still associated with the Order.

She was a member of the Concord Presbyterian Church of Perry Township.

Burial was held in Concord Cemetery, Perry Township, PA.

HARRY J. SHUMAN
Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 125
March 14, 2014

Brother Harry J. Shuman, 81, of Paxinos, PA, was initiated into Mt. Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin, on May 23, 1955 where he became a Past Grand. He worked for the Mt. Tabor Odd Fellows Cemetery.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Ash Grove United Methodist Church, Paxinos.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Phyllis L. Yocum. Surviving are four sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Ash Grove Cemetery, Paxinos, PA.

PAUL A. BURROUGH, JR.
Variety Lodge No. 37
March 22, 2014

Brother Paul A. Burrough, Jr., 59, of Hatboro, PA, was initiated into Ivy Roxborough Lodge #295, Philadelphia, on April 6, 1973, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Variety Lodge #37, Philadelphia, when #295 merged with Bridesburg-Menorah Lodge #37, also of Philadelphia. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Ivy Roxborough Lodge #295 still affiliated with the Order.

Surviving is his wife, the former Jean Pulinka and two step-sons. Burial was private.

ROBERT R. RUBRIGHT
Somerset Lodge No. 438
April 20, 2014

Brother Robert R. Rubright, 84, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on February 11, 1956, where he became a Past Grand.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran.
He was preceded in death by his wife, Orpha. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters. Burial was held in Somerset County Memorial Park.

ROBERT W. JASPER
Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
April 22, 2014

Brother Robert W. "Rab" Jasper, 94, of Coalport, PA, was initiated into Fred. R. Korman Lodge #55, Glasgow, on September 22, 1997. He held the office of Warden for several years.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the Coalport Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Bernadine Campbell and three grandsons. Surviving are three sons, three daughters, 11 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Brothers of his Lodge and burial was held in Beaver Valley Cemetery.

DONALD L. RITENOUR
Somerset Lodge No. 438
April 23, 2014

Brother Donald L. Ritenour, 83, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on February 11, 1956, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 14, 1965.

He was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Thelma I. Tipton. Surviving are three sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Lavansville Lutheran Cemetery.

ROY M. KAHLER
Past District Deputy Grand Master
Mahanoy Lodge No. 551
April 24, 2014

Brother Roy M. "Bushy" Kahler, 78, of Dornsife, PA, was initiated into Eureka Lodge #260, Leck Kill, on October 27, 1953. He left the Lodge on March 29, 1955 and reinstated April 16, 1981, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1984 – 1986. He then became a member of Mahanoy Lodge #551, Dornsife, through consolidation on August 8, 1991.

He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Leck Kill.

Surviving is his wife, the former Shirley Klinger, one son, two daughters, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 5 step-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held at St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Leck Kill, PA.

BYRON M. WERTMAN
Brady Lodge No. 116
April 15, 2014

Byron M. Wertman, 90, of Williamsport, PA, was initiated into Warrior Run Lodge #645, Turbotville, PA, on January 20, 1950, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Brady

Lodge #116, Hughesville, through consolidation on October 10, 1970. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Warrior Run Lodge #645 still affiliated with the Order.

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

He was preceded in death by two wives, Matilde Muffly and Mary Ann Frederick. Surviving are a son, stepson, stepdaughter and ten grandchildren.

Burial was held in Turbotville Cemetery.

ALMA M. KLINGER

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58

May 10, 2014

Sister Alma M. (Rothermel) Klinger, 89, formerly of Lykens, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on April 10, 1985, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 9, 1996.

She was a member of Zion Lutheran "Klingers" Church, Klingerstown.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest. Surviving is her daughter, PPRA Mary C. Leitzel, one son, one nephew, one grandson and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge and burial was held at Riverview Memorial Gardens, Halifax, PA.

VAL J. MILLER

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

May 17, 2014



Brother Val J. Miller, 87, of Sandy Lake, PA, was initiated into Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on December 6, 1999. He held the office of Inside Guardian.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his son and three great-grandchildren. Surviving is his wife, the former Barbara Gibson, two sons, two daughters, a stepdaughter, 17 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.

RALPH C. RICHTER

General Worth Lodge No. 386

May 22, 2014



Brother Ralph C. Richter, 83, of Connellsville, PA, was initiated into General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, on January 31, 1989 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge degree on October 13, 1995. He held the office of Chaplain for several years and served on the installing team as District Deputy Grand

Chaplain, offices he held at the time of his death.

He was a member of the Otterbein United Methodist Church in Connellsville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Sarah M. Fosbrink. Surviving are three children and eight grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Franklin Township, PA.

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE DONATIONS 4/1/13 – 3/31/14

The following was submitted by Treasurer Nevin Adams

Perseverance E#135	10,000.00
Home for Odd Fellows of PA	2,000.00
Walker Lodge #306	1,250.00
Mystic #270	600.00
Hopkins #87	500.00
Mt. Zion #74	375.00
Aluta #488	250.00
Askam #899	200.00
Jordan #192	200.00
Lady Lillie Best R#222	190.00
Lady Reba Kuhn, APLAPM	157.00
Wysox #1152	150.00
Chosen Friends E#88	120.00
GL Session '13	108.00
RA Session '13	105.00
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Bruce Torrence, DDGM#2	100.00
Shillington #1175	100.00
Strasburg #361	100.00
Lady Sellers R#558	100.00
Sandy Lake #573	75.00
Lady Hall R#202	75.00
Bike to Alaska	73.00
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Sarah M. Baer, Secy. RA	50.00
Hester R #29	50.00
Sherman Wooden, DDGM#9	50.00
Mahanoy #558	50.00
Canawacta #207	50.00
Tunkhannock #699	45.00
Shenandoah #591	45.00
Neil B Thomas, GP	41.00
GE Session '13	39.00
Fallowfield #1128	30.00
Henry Disston #8	25.00
York Springs #211	25.00
Regina R#230	25.00
Lady Landis R#303	25.00
Salome R#30	25.00
Lady Esther R #74	25.00
James Blaney, PGM	25.00
Latrobe #541	25.00
Lady Emily R#452	25.00
Golden Rule R#198	25.00
Mahoney R#428	25.00
Mae Judy	20.00
Doris Goerlitz, PPRA	20.00
William Hartman	20.00
TOTAL	17,664.00

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



As I continue on my travels, I attend Waterfall Lodge #773 of New Grenada, along with many of the Grand Lodge officers. This Lodge is doing great and another membership application was presented to the Lodge. As the last Lodge in Fulton County, they're starting to make their presence known.



Wysox Lodge #1152 entertained the Grand Lodge and membership was the main topic of concern. The members present are trying diligently to bring new members into their Lodge. The Lodge does many things for the community and supports the Grand Lodge projects very well and they truly are a great bunch of Odd Fellows.



GM Bailey along with GMA Arnold attended Jordan Lodge No. 192, of Schnecksville. It was a wonderful visitation and bringing new members in was discussed. They work very closely with the Schnecksville Fire Company and are active within their community.



Grand Lodge officers paid a visit to York Springs Lodge #211, the last Lodge in Adams County. Though they are a smaller Lodge, the members that attend Lodge are very active and they have many different projects spread throughout their area. Membership strategies were discussed along with understanding the Fraternity as a whole.



Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte, was packed as a majority of their Membership was present. They have strengthened within the past several years and a progressive meeting was held as many of them discussed growth strategies not only in Bellefonte, but their neighboring Lodges and Centre County as a whole. Their main membership strategy is their Jam Sessions which they hold regularly and the community has started supporting these more and more over the months. Hopefully within the next year, these will continue to expand.



As a former DDGM to District #6, I felt at home coming back to visit East Brunswick #802 in New Ringgold. The members present were motivated and ready to grow the Lodge. They discussed ways of raising funds for GM Justin's project and are deeply rooted in their community.

FROM THE DESK OF GRAND MASTER JUSTIN

Well I guess it's time to say goodbye as your Grand Master! Though by the time you read this, Session will be close to over, and I hope everyone survived it! It truly has been a blessed year for me as I met so many wonderful Odd Fellows throughout this Jurisdiction and I am confident that we have perpetuated Odd Fellowship in this Grand Jurisdiction.

There are several areas in which Lodges are going to hopefully be reinstituting in the near future and many Lodges that were inactive are reactivating again. Each Lodge is obviously run by their active members, and it's up to the impressions those members have upon the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, their Lodges and their communities. If there is negative motivation upon these impressions, that spark of Odd Fellowship dampens, and will continue to dampen until the spark is put out. Sometimes, it's hard to look positive when you're amongst an aging membership, or a bankrupt Lodge, but that's what Fraternity is all about. You take them and reach out to your neighboring Lodges and Districts to pull through together and keep each Lodge afloat. As you see in this magazine, Alert Lodge has shown that, and with a little Friendship, Love and Truth between the Lodge, the community, the DDGM and the Grand Lodge, we were able to pull it off and change the course of what many said was impossible.

As you may know, I'm leaving the office of your Grand Master, wishing I had more time to accomplish my goals, but one main goal I had was to visit each Lodge in Pennsylvania, and I have completed that. I left no stone unturned and shown to the Grand Lodge and those in succession for this office that it can be done. Working together can move mountains. We are again progressing; that downward arc has turned around and we now need to run and keep up with the progress. I will now be going in as your Grand Secretary so I will be able to remain in the office and help each District, Lodge and Individual grow.

When you come back from Session, discuss with your Lodges what is going on throughout the Jurisdiction and plan your summer picnics and fall installations. Thank you all for a wonderful year. It has been my honor to serve you all and I thank those

Officers who put so many miles on their vehicles to swell the Grand Lodges ranks. Grand Guardian George Tufts was at many of my western visitations and traveled many miles to make us look good, and though he's not in many pictures, Grand Marshal Tyler Arnold was at every visitation but four. He has become my Grand Lodge Photographer and has documented the progress and pride shown throughout this Order.

I close with begging you all to keep this spark ignited! Don't ever give up on Odd Fellowship and allow that spark to spread throughout Pennsylvania! See you at Session and see you on the road; thank you all again and may God bless each and every one of you.

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

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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



5 – IOOF Display – Shellsburg, PA

7 – State College #1032 –

19 – Fun Day, Knoebels Grove

20 – Home Day, Middletown

26 – District #9 Picnic

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND PATRIARCH JIM

GP Sellers weary new Patriarch Nicole Inama (Scott E#132, Tamaqua) she journeyed alone to Jericho



The GE Officers, candidate & Patriarchs from the Rally at Alma Hall, Johnstown



OV to Ridgley E#217, Strasburg along w/ DDGP Rev. Greg Dimick



OV to Bushkill E#55, Allentown

GRAND PATRIARCH SELLERS CLOSES YEAR WITH SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Grand Patriarch Jim and Grand Outside Sentinel David Sellers attended the Pennsylvania Special Olympics summer games in State College. His special project as Grand Patriarch was Special Olympics. At a special VIP reception Jim presented a check to Special Olympics for \$2890.00 which exceeded his goal to become a Bronze sponsor. A Bronze sponsor not only got a invite to the VIP reception, Our donation covered the expenses for 8 athletes. The Grand Encampment Of Penna. name and the Independent order of Odd Fellows was printed on all of the 750 volunteers shirts that were worn at the games.

Over 1000 shirts were made and distributed. Jim and David were also down on the field for open ceremonies as VIP guest. Open Ceremonies were held at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park. Which is Penn States newest baseball stadium. Grand Encampments name will also appear on all newsletters that is sent to athletes, coaches, board members and donors across the state. It was a honor to attend the games and to help a great cause as this is.

I want to thank the Encampments, Lodges and personal donors that contributed to me to help raise this money.

F.H & C, GP Jim



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND GRAVE-SITE VISITATIONS BY CHARLEROI LODGE #1030

Memorial Day Tribute: Members of the I.O.O.F., Charleroi Lodge #1030, were out early, the Saturday preceding Memorial Day, proudly performing their annual grave-site visitations. The morning started with an hearty breakfast at a local King's Restaurant during which time the members reminisced about their departed brothers and discussed the "game-plan" for the cemetery visits to follow. This is one of the more gratifying services done by the Lodge because it not only pays tribute to many of their departed brothers, but also honors them for having faithfully served our country and allowing us to enjoy the freedoms we all enjoy today. The members visited approximately 30 grave sites located in three surrounding cemeteries: Charleroi, Monogahela, and Maple Creek. At each of the grave sites, a "F.L.T." stake was placed and topped with the commemorative red, white, and blue "In



(L to R) Leonard Santini, Richard Boyles, Bernard Kennedy, Barry Brinker, and Bob Grant

Memoriam — I.O.O.F." flag. Upon completion of the grave site visitations, each of the brothers expressed a feeling of satisfaction and were sincerely honored to have performed the duties that morning.

CHARLEROI LODGE #1030 HONORS CAHS STUDENTS FOR 2014



The Independent Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.), Charleroi Lodge #1030, recently honored two Charleroi Area High School students during the school's Class of 2014 "Salute to Scholars" evening award presentations. Each of the recipients was presented a plaque to serve as a remembrance of their special evening. A \$1,000 monetary award was also sent to each student's university and placed into their respective account. Pictured above, from left to right, are George Hogan (committee member), award recipients Ashley Watkins and David M. Young and Robert Grant (committee chairman). Ashley, daughter of Sherry and Gordon Watkins, will be attending Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA) to major in Physical Therapy. David, son of Debra and David B. Young, will be attending Ohio State University (Columbus, OH) to major in Music Education.

THE MIDDLETOWN HOME'S SPRING CELEBRATION



RESIDENT OF THE MONTH-Crescent View



Leon Daily

One might say I was "born" an Odd Fellow! That happened January 18, 1923 in the building still owned by the Odd Fellow Lodge 307, IOOF, on Emaus Street in Middletown. It was January and very, very cold, so I was born downstairs in a room where there was a large coal stove. My grandfather and father were long time members of the Triune Lodge so, it seems that being an Odd Fellow runs in the family. Several ladies in my family were also Rebeccas. Eight members of my family have been guests at the Middletown Home since it opened in the early 1920's. I became a member of Triune Lodge #307 at the age of 21 (70 years ago!) and still am a member in good standing. I am a Post Grand of Triune Lodge and during the Lodges' 100th Anniversary Celebration in 1958 served as the General Chairman of the festivities and Grand Marshall of the Parade.

I well remember the Great Depression that began with the economic Crash in 1929. During that time we, as a family, had little or nothing; just the necessities. There was never an abundance of food and we had very little clothing. At mealtime it was most often one helping. In the summertime we had a garden and lots of green beans. To this day "green beans" turn me off! My grandfather bought us most of our coal. There were five of us; my parents and three boys. Our father had very little work. His health became very bad and he could not work. It wasn't too long until he passed away, leaving my mother with three growing boys. We barely survived! My older brother and I worked at various odd jobs and we did receive some help from family members. Mother worked at some light jobs periodically. My younger brother was only 10 years at the time. Paul and I were teenagers. I don't recall any of us complaining.

I am a graduate of the Class of 1941 Middletown Area High School and was president of the class for four years. I was a Commencement Speaker, served as Chairman of my Class Reunion Committee for 39 years and also as its Master of Ceremonies. I was an honor student all through high school; a member of the National Honor Society for four years; a member of the school debating team for two years; a member of the Boys Chorus for four years; a member of the football team for four years and served as team captain my Senior year.

I was a member of the National Youth Administration (A Federal Agency) for one year while in high school that provided jobs and financial assistance to worthy students. The pay was about \$11 a month for many hours of work.

My older brother, Paul, was drafted into Military Service in 1942 and served three years in North Africa. Since my father was deceased, that left my 10 year old brother, Donald, mother and me at home. I was called into Military Service in 1944. My brother and I continued to support our mother and younger brother by deductions from our small military pay and two small government allotments.

Initially I was stationed at New Cumberland Army Depot. While there I was assigned to the Public Information Office responsible for receiving, consolidating and broadcasting the current military actions in Europe and the Far East. I was later transferred to Camp Wheeler, Georgia for infantry basic training. There I was taught Morse code for use in the military field along with everything else an infantry soldier needed. I detested basic training worse than anything I have ever done.

After basic training in Georgia, I was quickly sent overseas and served in England, France, Luxemburg, Germany, Austria, Belgium and Holland. I was assigned to an Armored Group in the Third Army in North Germany commanded by General George Patton. When the war in Europe ended, my brother Paul and I were fortunate to get together in Austria for a very short time. It was a happy reunion. We swam in the Danube River in our underwear. The Army did not provide swim trunks!

ALERT LODGE #936 REMAINS "ALERT" AND SAVES CHARTER

Very rarely in the recent history of the Grand Lodge has a community stepped up to save a Lodge. A few months ago, due to the deaths of many of the Lodge officers and active members, the active membership of Alert Lodge dropped below five and they were unable to legally meet. I suspended their charter and was met by David Hamilton (far left on picture), a 40 year member of Alert. He informed me there were community citizens who had family and past ties to the Lodge and might be interested, two or three at most. Well, by the time he got done going door to door, he had 8 people interested. Most of them were brought in at General Worth Lodge in Connellsville, home to their DDGM John Dzyak, who worked diligently with Hamilton in getting all the wheels spinning in the same direction. Through a dispensation from me, these members were initiated and conferred upon them the three degrees. They then transferred to Alert Lodge and had their charter restored on May 29th and were installed into their new chairs.

Brothers and Sisters, the town of Rochester Mills has a population of less than 1000, with only two active members to try and keep the Lodge afloat. As you see with their work and DDGM Dzyak's, they saved this Lodge. With proof like this, why do we have to shut down or consolidate any more



Lodges in Pennsylvania? With motivation and dedication of these old and new members, and a great attitude for the future, anything is possible! They have five petitions ready to keep those doors open and the future looks bright in the progression of Odd Fellowship in Indiana County. Welcome to Odd Fellowship Brothers! May the links of Friendship, Love & Truth always be the sentiment of your heart and may they guide and direct you in your daily walk of life!

KINGWOOD #1010 HOLDS SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT DINNER



Spaghetti dinner: A spaghetti dinner benefit for the Dustin Ohler Family to help with medical costs will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Kingwood IOOF Hall, Kingwood.

Cost will be by donation. Odd Fellows planning the dinner are from left: Bill Knight, Brandon Sechler, Doug Close, Chris Stoner, Josh Sechler, Matt Caton and Everett Sechler.

The Members of Kingwood Lodge #1010 recently held a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit to assist one of their members whose unborn child has been diagnosed with spina bifida. This Lodge has been very busy. They just joined Facebook and I challenge all facebook users to check them out "Kingwood Lodge No. 1010" and see just how busy they have been.

Newspaper article submitted by Doug Close

THE SPARK HAS BEEN IGNITED IN PENNSYLVANIA'S SPRING RALLY

It was a motivating and progressive day as Vienna Hall was filled to the max with Members from all over the Jurisdiction. Three Candidates were initiated into the mysteries of the Order and roughly 20 candidates we conferred the degrees of Friendship, Love & Truth, to further their knowledge of Odd Fellowship. In the hall above, the Rebekah Degree was conferred on a class of three candidates from Salome Rebekah Lodge #30 of York and Maud Rebekah Lodge #175 of Rew. There were 2 candidates for the Rebekah Assembly Degree and 10 for the Grand Lodge.



Shown are the Scarlet Degree candidates with the Grand Lodge and other heads of the Order present

Approximately 150 Odd Fellows & Rebekahs were present including GM Bailey, Pres Landes, PG Sellers and DC Keller. Conferring the initiatory and 2nd degree were a contingent of Brothers and Sisters from various Lodges throughout the Jurisdiction, the 1st degree by District #6 (Schuylkill County) and the 3rd Degree by the Walker Degree

Team. Many thanks to each and every one who helped make the day a success and those who filled in so many parts. We couldn't have done it without you!

DDGM DYZAK VISITS TENNESSEE LODGE



DDGM John Dzyak, Scottdale, recently made his second visit to Pythagoras Lodge #23, Clarksville, TN while attending his granddaughters high school graduation. Their Lodge is quite active, they fund raise for MDA, sponsor a UN Candidate, hold a fund raising auction involving local businesses and are planning a trip to the annual wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns. DDGM Dzyak is planning to attend their Grand Lodge Session in the near future.



Editor's note: It's out there Bros. & Strs., all you need to do is seek out the 3 links. The hand of Odd Fellowship extends all over the world.

NORTHUMBERLAND 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!

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY:

Augustaville – Augusta Lodge #614 – consolidated 2001

Elysburg – Elysburg Lodge #548 – consolidated 2003

Georgetown – Stone Valley Lodge #564 – defunct prior 1880s

Gowen City – Gowen City Lodge #618 – defunct 1927

Herndon – Polaris Lodge #765 – defunct 1964

Leck Kill – Eureka Lodge #260 – consolidated 1991

Milton – Mutual Lodge #84 – defunct 1967

Montandon – Montandon Lodge #704 – defunct prior 1900s

Mount Carmel – Mount Carmel Lodge #630 – defunct 1963

Mount Carmel – John Stine Lodge #1150 – defunct 1957

Northumberland – Northumberland Lodge #196 – consolidated 1985

Port Trevorton – Cascoe Lodge #618 – defunct prior 1900s

Pottsgrove – Pottsgrove Lodge #623 – defunct 1935

Red Cross/ Dornsife – Mahanoy Lodge #551

Shamokin – Mt. Tabor Lodge #125 (originally located in Coal Town)

Shamokin – Shamokin Lodge #664 – defunct 1979

Shamokin – James A. Garfield Lodge #1061 – consolidated 1955

Shamokin – Black Diamond Lodge #1092 – consolidated 1974

Snydertown – Shamokin Valley Lodge #527 – consolidated 1979

Sunbury – Sunbury Lodge #203 – consolidated 1926

Sunbury – Fort August #203 – consolidated 1955

Sunbury – Fort Augusta Lodge #620 – consolidated 1926

Trevorton – Trevorton Lodge #528 – defunct 1982

Turbotsville – Warrior Run Lodge #645 – consolidated 1970

Watsontown – C.O. Bachman Lodge #619 – consolidated 1950

= 25 total Lodges with 2 active.

1st Lodge – Mutual #84 in 1843

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



Shown is the home of Mahanoy Lodge #551 and Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Order of Odd Fellows holds raffle to benefit Second Harvest

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows/Edinboro #510 recently donated \$500 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. From left are Samantha Sherwin, special events coordinator, Second Harvest; and Independent Order of Odd Fellows members Leola Madigan, Michelle Brown, Gary Gastemire, Paul Crosby, Wayne Lewis, Nancy LeSuer and Wendell LeSuer. Members raffled off a side of beef and a side of pork with the proceeds supporting Second Harvest in its mission to provide food to those in need in northwest Pennsylvania, while creating awareness and educating the community on the realities of hunger.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

*Guess you can tell it was too hot in
July to wear the degree robes.*

40 YEARS
Gene Umbel - #254



Periodicals

May Donations

MAY IS VISUAL MONTH

VISUAL RESEARCH

E135	Perseverance	500.00
306	Walker	250.00
510	Edinboro	200.00
1152	Wysox	100.00
2	Unified	50.00
712	Osage	25.00
		1,125.00

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

E135	Perseverance	500.00
270	Mystic	300.00
306	Walker	250.00
86	Harmony	50.00
361	Strasburg	50.00
762	Vincent	50.00
R74	Lady Esther	25.00
R86	Lady Harmony	25.00
R233	Ellen	25.00
		1,275.00

CRB-1 FUND

E135	Perseverance	3,000.00
270	Mystic	300.00
		3,300.00

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510	Edinboro	300.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
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EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

2	Unified	50.00
		125.00