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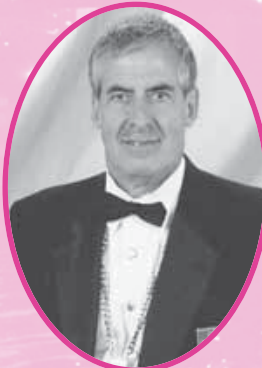
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JULY

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SEPTEMBER

27 / Mary Landes Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA +

OCTOBER

18 / Justin Bailey Testimonial, Harrisburg, PA *+

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

Leesport Lodge No. 141
Eric Ruth – initiated April 8th

Pine Grove Lodge No. 148
Sharon L. Zimmerman – initiated April 12th

Centre Lodge No. 153
Paul A. Coder – initiated April 12th

Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge No. 201, Malvern
Timothy Gorden – reinstated April 7th

Aluta Lodge No. 488, Bushkill Center
Craig Tully – initiated April 12th

Alma Lodge No. 523, Johnstown
Mark Lazzari – initiated March 8th

Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30, York
Ruth A. Boden – initiated April 12th
Stephanie L. Boden

Maud Rebekah Lodge #175, Rew
George R. Tufts – initiated April 12th

A MONTH OF PROGRESS, REBIRTH & PRIDE THROUGHOUT PENNSYLVANIA

Again and again and again, I, along with various officers traveled throughout this great Jurisdiction helping Lodges confer degrees. Being a busy month, I actually put on 1000 miles a week during my travels. In all instances, the halls were packed more than many had seen in years and visitors from Lodges all over the area swelled their ranks. Robes were again worn that

haven't been worn in years and the feeling of Friendship, Love & Truth filled the halls.

I commend all these Lodges and all those who have helped. Odd Fellowship is not dead in Pennsylvania! Keep that motivation flowing Brothers and Sisters and long may our Order reign!

*Fraternally,
Justin C Bailey, Grand Master*



As you probably learned from last month's magazine, Hampton Lodge #1004 in Allison Park has been growing in leaps and bounds under the helm of NG Shirley Whitlinger. This was their third meeting in a row where a degree was conferred. Four Members from three different Lodges, along with representation from a total of six Lodges (not including the GL Officers Lodges) and four DDGM's crammed into the Depreciation Lands Museum to have the 1st Degree conferred in short form. I truly had the voice of an angel that night, having lost my voice a few days before at the DDGM Assoc meeting. I definitely thank their Lodge for bringing a microphone! It was a great night and my thanks to Hampton Lodge #1004 for the beautiful gift and the wonderful meal afterwards.

As Freeport Lodge has been slowly, but steadily fixing up their house, they decided it's time to again open their doors and welcome in new members. Though it has been years since the lessons of the initiatory degree have been heard within those walls, the Members and visitors were ready to begin again. It was a great night and all were so pleased to see such progress. Afterwards, a wonderful meal was prepared by Secretary Elaine Scheerbaum. Thanks Elaine!



The day after Freeport, GM Bailey and GMa Arnold traveled down to Kingwood Lodge #1010, along with several other GL Officers, to help them to confer the initiatory degree for the first time. In previous years, they had to take their members to other Lodges for the degree work, but with their growing membership, and recently getting robes from Letterkenny Lodge #663, they felt it was time. Roughly 30 of their members were in attendance, with a slew of visitors. Five Brothers were introduced to the mysteries of our Order and they're already planning their next degree! It's amazing the progress that is shown here the past several years. Though many of their members are new, they are really grasping the concept of what our Order is all about.

This time, we luckily didn't have to travel so far to do degree work! We attended Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201, of Malvern, where we initiated Kelly Kerns into Paoli Lodge #290. There was representation from every Lodge in District No. 1 and a contingent of Brothers from Strasburg Lodge #361. It was a great night of fellowship and it was nice to get out as one District to work for advancing the principles of Odd Fellowship.



LEESPORT #141 HOLDS INITIATION

Leesport Lodge 141 has been working on initiating new members, they conferred the Degree April 8th on Eric Ruth. Pictured below l to r is John Leshner, acting NG; Brother Ruth; Mike Mitchell, DDGM as acting PG & kneeling is Jim Blatt, NG of #141 & acting conductor. Also pictured is new member Ruth with his sponsor Darin Troutman who was initiated Nov. 19th. All it takes in one member to start the ball rolling.



pictures submitted by N. Adams

EASTER EGG HUNT AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME



ALMA LODGE #523 PARTICIPATES AS JOHNSTOWN REMEMBERS THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR GREAT FLOOD

On May 31st, the city of Johnstown will remember the 125th anniversary of the Johnstown Flood of 1889. The flood, caused by the collapse of the South Fork Dam, sent over 20 million tons of water into the Johnstown area.

Alma Hall holds an important place in the history of Johnstown and the story of the flood. Alma Hall was the tallest building in Johnstown at the time of the flood, and was one of four buildings to survive the flood. In the days following the flood, Alma Hall housed over 200 victims, and was used as headquarters for relief efforts. Heroes emerged in the building, including Dr. W.E. Matthews, who helped those who needed medical attention. Dr. Matthews did this with three cracked

ribs, an injury suffered when he was swept from his home by the wave and swept into his office at Alma Hall. The flood is forever remembered with a plaque on the building, stating that the building survived the flood.

On May 25th, the members of Alma Lodge #523 held a memorial service at Grandview Cemetery in the Westmont section of Johnstown to honor the flood victims and members of the lodge who have passed away in the last year. The service was held near the Odd Fellows monument inside the cemetery. For more information visit www.almalodge523.org or call the lodge office at 814-536-8341.

submitted by E. Sheets

ON THE ROAD WITH PRESIDENT MARY



Joint OV to Ellen R#233 & Gladys R#103 at Waltersburg.



Joint OV to Mahoney R#428 & Lady Landis R#303 at Landisburg.



Joint OV to Golden Rule R#198 & Lady Worth R#328 at Atlantic.



Eastertime OV to Lady Wysox R#443, all in their Easter Bonnets.



OV to Lady Hall R#202 at Bushkill Twp.

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM LADY LANDIS

The Sisters of Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303 would like you to join with us by giving your prayers, thoughts and love for our Secretary Juniata Parson and her family.

Recently Sister Juniata Parson's great-grandson was involved in a very serious motorcycle accident. Tyler Parson was flown to Hershey Medical Center and still remains in I.C.U. Not only did Tyler have many serious injuries, while there, Tyler had a stroke also. He is only 18 years old.

It is going to be a very long journey of recovery and much healing, not only for Tyler, but also for his family. Please, if you can, send cards to Sister Juniata and her great-grandson.

It would be very much appreciated.

Continue to hold our Sister Juniata and her family in your hearts and in your prayers.

*In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Sisters of Lady Landis Rebekah Lodge #303*

Send cards:

C/O Juniata S.Parson
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Loysville, PA 17047

submitted by Eva Group, #303

OBITUARIES

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

EDWARD E. WILKINSON

Paoli Lodge No. 290
February 21, 2014



Brother Edward E. Wilkinson, 92, of Coatesville, PA, was initiated into Star of Hope Lodge #199, Coatesville, on April 5, 1954. He then became a member of Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, through consolidation on November 17, 2005.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the Olivet United Methodist Church, Coatesville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Fairview Cemetery, Coatesville, PA.

M. GALEN WHETSTONE

Alma Lodge No. 523
March 12, 2014



Brother Marshall Galen "Doc" Whetstone, 92, of Woodbury, PA, was initiated into Cove Lodge #368, Woodbury, on March 17, 1958, where he became a Past Grand on October 24, 1988. He then became a member of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, through consolidation on May 12, 2006.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the Woodbury Church of the Brethren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Florence Walter, and one daughter. Surviving are one daughter, a son, four grandchildren five great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

Burial was held in Dry Hill Cemetery.

CHARLES F. KING

Alma Lodge No. 523
March 14, 2014

Brother Charles F. King, 85, of Roaring Spring, PA, was initiated into Cove Lodge #368, Woodbury, on November 8, 1965. He then became a member of Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, through consolidation on May 12, 2006.

He was a member of the German Seventh Day Baptist of Salemville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Grace Imler. Surviving are one daughter, one son, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in the Dry Hill Cemetery.

WILLIAM F. YOUNG, JR.

Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278
March 25, 2014



Brother William F. "Digger" Young, 81, of Butler, PA, was initiated into West Sunbury Lodge #1154, Butler, on December 16, 1953, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, through consolidation on February 9, 1993.

He was a member of the West Sunbury United Presbyterian Church, Butler.

Surviving is his former wife, Rachel J. Gardner, one son, two daughters, four granddaughters, two grandsons, ten great-grandchildren and a companion.

Burial was held in West Sunbury Union Cemetery.

ALICE VANCO

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
April 1, 2014



Sister Alice (Crozier) Vanco, 86, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510 on December 13, 2007.

She was a member of the Bethel Presbyterian Church, Cranesville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John and a grandson. Surviving are three sons, one daughter, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM G. NEAL

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
April 5, 2014



Brother William G. "Bill" Neal, 83, of Charleroi, PA, was initiated into National Lodge #81, Washington, on April 21, 1955. He then became a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 through consolidation on July 19, 2007.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by a grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Martha Ashcraft, two sons, two daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter, seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

PAUL H. LEINBACH

Leesport Lodge No. 141
April 6, 2014



Brother Paul H. "Ducky" Leinbach, 92, of Reading, PA, was initiated into Sinking Spring Lodge #660 on February 8, 1943. He then became a member of Leesport Lodge #141 through consolidation on July 19, 1988.

He was a WWII Veteran and a member of the Trinity United Church of Christ, Mt. Penn, PA.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Theresa Dackweiler. Surviving are two sons, four daughters and six grandchildren.

Burial was held in Spies-Zion Cemetery, Alsace, PA.

CLARK T. MARSHALL

Alert Lodge No. 936
April 6, 2014

Brother Clark T. "Tom" Marshall, 92, of Smicksburg, PA, was initiated into Plumville Lodge #803 on April 11, 1944, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Alert Lodge #936, Rochester Mills, through consolidation on May 17, 1975. At the time of his death, he was Alert Lodge's oldest living and tenured member and the last surviving member of Plumville Lodge #803 still associated with the Order.

He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Plumville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Ruth Rarigh. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Smicksburg Cemetery.

FLOYD S. PALMER

Warfordsburg Lodge No. 601
April 15, 2014



Brother Floyd S. Palmer, 95, of Warfordsburg, PA, was initiated into Warfordsburg Lodge #601 on February 10, 1949, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 14, 1959.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Adrienne Clevenger. Surviving are one daughter and one son.

Burial was held in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Warfordsburg, PA.

JOHN B. BOYD

Clover Lodge No. 348
April 21, 2014

Brother John B. Boyd, 92, of Ambridge, PA, was initiated into Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, on November 7, 1947, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on March 11, 1961.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of the Ambridge United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Lois Wardle. Surviving is one daughter and two grandsons.

Private entombment was held at the Sylvania Hills Memorial Park Mausoleum, Rochester, PA.

THOMAS R. JOHNSON

Mineral Lodge No. 285
Scott Encampment No. 132
Canton Leesport No. 2
April 24, 2014



Brother Thomas R. Johnson, 71, of Saint Clair, PA, was initiated into Mineral Lodge #285, Saint Clair, on June 18, 1974, where he became a Past Grand on October 18, 1982. He was a Past Chief Patriarch of Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua, having joined July 10, 1997.

He was mustered into Canton Allentown #39 on June 18, 2001 and becoming a Chevalier of Canton Leesport #2 through consolidation on October 28, 2009. He also held the position of President of the Odd Fellows Cemetery of St. Clair and Noble Grand of Mineral Lodge #285 for many years, which he held up to the time of his death.

He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Saint Clair.

Services were conducted by the Patriarchs of his Encampment with his Lodge present and burial was held in the Odd Fellows Cemetery of Saint Clair, PA.

HAROLD R. PEARCE

Alert Lodge No. 936
April 25, 2014

Brother Harold R. Pearce, 85, of Punxsutawney, PA, was initiated into Laurel Lodge #672, Punxsutawney, on March 1, 1951. He then left the Lodge and reinstated June 27, 1974. He became a member of Alert Lodge #936, Rochester Mills, through consolidation on February 4, 1988.

He was a member of the Woodland Avenue United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Louise Couch. Surviving is his second wife, the former Irene Martz, two sons, one daughter, two step-sons, 8 grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Pearce Cemetery, Rossiter, PA.

LLOYD S. HUFFMAN

Wysox Lodge No. 1152
April 28, 2014



Brother Lloyd S. Huffman, 85, of Wyalusing, PA, was initiated into White Lily Lodge #808, Wyalusing, on May 4, 1953, where he became a Past Grand. He later left the Lodge and reinstated on March 5, 1975, where he then became a member of Laceyville Lodge #439 through consolidation on April 30, 1980. He finally became a member of Wysox Lodge #1152 through consolidation on March 17, 1987. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of White Lily Lodge #808 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of the St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by a son. Surviving is his wife, the former Kathryn Kuhnle, three daughters, one son, 8 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Burial was held in Wyalusing Cemetery.

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



GM Bailey traveled a long distance from the Grand Lodge office to visit Triune Lodge #307 of Middletown. Membership was discussed and it looks like there's a bright future for this Lodge.



Mystic Lodge #270 entertained the Grand Lodge officers with half their membership being in attendance. Though their ranks are not as large as some Lodges, they have a great membership and you can feel the friendship within their hall. This is a classic thought of if you can put your mind to growing your Lodge, it will happen.



One of the best examples of a District supporting a Lodge was shown here tonight as roughly 25 Brothers and Sisters from Warren & McKean Counties came to support GM Bailey's Official Visit. Many plans are being made for District functions and Smethport Lodge #389 is ready to continue forth and bring in some new members.



Grand Lodge Officers paid a visit to the Brothers of Warfordsburg Lodge #601. Though they have not focused much on bringing in new members, they have been taking large strides in fixing up their hall and getting their finances boosted. I can guarantee once their house is in order, this will again become an active and rapid growing Lodge. Progress does not just only mean bringing in members!



GM Bailey and staff paid a visit to Latrobe Lodge #541. There was a nice turnout and they even had an application for a new member. The Lodge is beginning to trudge forward and keep the light of Odd Fellowship burning in Westmoreland County. Keep up the good work!



Many of the members said this is the largest attendance Mt. Zion Lodge #74 has seen in many years. They are looking into many new membership ideas and have started bringing in newer members. It is great to see the progress Mt. Zion is showing in York County.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Fraternal Greetings Pennsylvania! I was hoping to use this article as my final send-off as your Grand Master, but throughout the past month, things have really picked up and I will be conducting visitations until the week of Session. That being said, I will forgo my “swan song” and march forth until my reign is over.

I can not only say it is nice to see the growth within the Jurisdiction, but wish I can show to those struggling Lodges out there how many Lodges this year have reactivated. I'm not talking about becoming front runners in their communities and donating towards every good cause; I'm simply talking about getting quorums out and meeting on a regular basis. Some Lodges I have heard get discouraged because they have to call around to get a quorum out. That is not really a negative thing! This is how my home Encampment started growing again. Before every meeting, we would call around to make sure we can get five. Nine times out of ten we did. Letters were sent three or four times a year, during special occasions, informing the entire membership what was going on with the Encampment. It kept those who didn't and couldn't show up in the loop. Then when the more dormant members started seeing we were meeting on a regular basis, they started showing up again. That is how growth starts; you have to have some bad days in order to experience the good ones.

These Lodges are old, and though the membership might be too, that does not mean they are not useful! How can newer members learn from this Order and from our teachings without those more knowledgeable to teach it to us? That is simply why in our degree the venerable warden is not a young “whipper-snapper.” It's someone who has been around the block in Odd Fellowship. We need you there to teach us what Odd Fellowship is. Show us what has worked and what hasn't. Show us how to work with our neighboring Lodges and expand Fraternity.

It is common knowledge if we all work together, we'll progress together. If you have a member in any capacity halting the progress to the point they are breaking the law, and you allow them to continue such actions, you and your Lodge are just as bad as that person, and it could become the death of your Lodge. It's unfortunate that turmoil comes up

in this Organization, but it comes up everywhere—churches, fire companies, other fraternal and civic organizations. When instances like this happen, I always hear the saying (and it drives me nuts), “Where's the Friendship, Love & Truth now?” Brothers and Sisters, those are our teachings, but that does not make it stomping grounds for those who want to abuse them. I refer you to our initiatory degree spoken by the Past Grand: “If a member permits evil influences to control his or her actions and violates any of these laws, he or she must pay the penalty.” Notice what it says there. We all took the same oath and we must do what we can to abide by it. We must protect this delicate Order and do what's good by the Lodge, not the individual breaking said laws.

Remember, progress comes from sticking one's neck out. It can be done, any time, anywhere. Don't think your community has given up on you, don't give up on your Lodge. Make it happen and turn the arc around. Look at all businesses, governments and societies; it's not a solid downward arc until it crashes. Organizations are hills and valleys. We must decline before we can increase; turn that declination back around and start working up again. It has been seen throughout the Jurisdiction and if your Lodge is having problems increasing, let me know and I'll do what I can to help turn it around, BUT it starts with you all! You're not too old; you're not too weak of a Lodge. Show that pride and motivation and anything can be done.

I will close with saying, as you see I made June “Make-A-Wish® Month” in Pennsylvania. Please consider supporting this. This is very near and dear to my heart and I have been pushing this project during my travels. It doesn't have to be a large donation, but every bit helps. Write the check to me and put Make-A-Wish in the memo and we can grant these wishes on behalf of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Pennsylvania. Also, my membership program expires when Session begins: \$200 1st prize, \$150 2nd prize and \$100 3rd prize. Keep pushing!

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

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

2 – Sandy Lake #573 – 7:30 PM
7 – General Worth #386 – 7:30 PM
9 – Connoquenessing #278 – 2:30 PM

12 – Unified #2 – 7:30 PM
16 – Mineral #285 – 7PM
20 thru 26 Session in Harrisburg

BUTLER 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!

BUTLER COUNTY:

Bruin – Bruin Lodge #534 – consolidated 1970

Butler – Connoquenessing Lodge #278

Butler – Ziegler Lodge #1039 (German) – consolidated 1977

Chicora – Millerstown Lodge #947 – consolidated 1958

Chicora – Miller Karns Lodge #931 – consolidated 1992

Evans City – Evans City Lodge #817 – defunct 1942

Harmony – Kinnear Lodge #648 – defunct 1883

Harmony – Middle Lancaster Lodge #648 – consolidated 1949

Hilliard – Naoma Lodge #111 – consolidated 1958

Karns City – Karns City Lodge #931 – consolidated 1958

Martinsburg – Martinsburg Lodge #817 – defunct 1882

North Washington – North Hope Lodge #889 – defunct 1882

Petrolia – Petrolia City Lodge #903 – defunct 1882

Portersville – Portersville Lodge #909 – consolidated 1947

Prospect – Rustic Lodge #882 – defunct 1961

Saxonburg – Saxonia Lodge #496 – consolidated 1944

Slippery Rock – Meylert Lodge #435 – defunct 1961

Valencia – Valencia Lodge #543 – consolidated 1947

West Sunbury – West Sunbury Lodge #794 – defunct 1870s

West Sunbury – West Sunbury Lodge #1154 – consolidated 1993

Zelienople – Zelienople Lodge #1166 – consolidated 1973

= 21 total Lodges with 1 active.

1st Lodge – Connoquenessing #278 in 1847

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

SESSION SUPPLIES

Just to remind you, session is the end of this month. Lodges needing supplies. This is a great way to save on postage. We'd appreciate an e-mail ahead of time letting us know what you'd like, and we can have it all ready for you. BUT remember the office will be open Sunday thru Tuesday afternoon, come visit us and see what we have to offer. Check your registration book for the room number.



"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light." (Helen Keller)

The Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation (CRBF) is so grateful for the continued support of many thoughtful, committed friends. 2014 has started off at full speed toward the cure... and we aren't

slowing down any time soon as we keep moving forward to treatments and cures for CRB1 retinal disease.

We are continuing our practice of collaborating with other organizations to capitalize on resources that can help shave time and money off of our mission. We are so proud to announce that we are partnering with the Foundation Fighting Blindness to create and utilize a massive online database of CRB1 patients. By having this database, called a patient registry, research teams can find the scientific information they need to study CRB1 retinal disease. And when the day comes for clinical trials, we will be able to find a multitude of patients to take part.

We are also so proud, and so honored, to announce that our mission is being represented by the Miss America organization! Miss Francesca Ruscio, currently the title holder of Miss Susquehanna Valley, will be competing for the Miss Pennsylvania crown in June of this year, and she has chosen our Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation as her platform. Ms. Ruscio is spreading awareness of our mission to everyone she meets and is recruiting help to move us forward financially and in other ways.

Recently we held our 3rd annual "Cocktails for the Cure" (Bucks County) event to kick off our fundraising season and to celebrate the success we have had so far. Over 250 people were in attendance at the Spring Mill Country Club, including US Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick, PA; State Representative Scott Petri and PA State Senator Tommy Tomlinson. All that attended were eager to join our fundraising mission!

And finally, we are ever so proud to announce that we have been awarded our very own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status from the IRS! We pushed forward to achieve this so that we can take part in many of the wonderful programs offered to public nonprofit organizations while also allowing our donors to receive tax benefits for helping us.

Please take note of the following links:

To see the Smedley Family interview on Philadelphia's NBC10 news visit: www.bike-the-basin.org/what-is-bike-the-basin

To view the all new Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation video visit: www.crb1.org

And to join our email newsletter mailing list send a message to curingretinalblindness@gmail.com

We are so grateful to all Odd Fellowship donations that continue to be made to our mission of bringing sight to all children with CRB1 retinal disease, including our two blind boys ages 14 and 10. Whether the donations are sent to the Grand Lodge or directly to our foundation, we are so appreciative of the support and could not make this progress without YOU! (If you would like to see your donation listed in the Odd Fellow Magazine, please send the funds through the Grand Lodge in accordance with Grand Master Justin Bailey's "Visual Research Month Proclamation" from May 2013 and designate it for the CRBF.)

Keep an EYE on our website throughout this year as our journey from blindness to sight continues! Also keep an EYE on special announcements we will send out regarding upcoming events and news coverage of the CRBF in the Philadelphia and surrounding areas!

With gratitude beyond words,

Kristin & Mike Smedley (Member of Walker Lodge No. 306)

curingretinalblindness@gmail.com



*The Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation is a nonprofit corporation under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code. All donations are tax deductible.

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Albert Goldsmith - #37

30 YEARS

David Geist - #523

Robert Geist - #523

Roger McClelland - #523

Edward Thiele - #1175

35 YEARS

Gerald Fisher - #457

40 YEARS

William Nancollas - #523

John Weakland - #523

45 YEARS

Bob Fenimore - #348

Richard Johnson - #361

Harold Arment - #413

50 YEARS

Robert Brown - #1152

60 YEARS

Claude Keyser - #307

65 YEARS

Ralph Tatalovic - #510

70 YEARS

Glenn Berger - #125

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

As this edition will serve my last as your Editor/Manager and Grand Secretary, I want to say what a privilege and honor it was again to serve in this capacity for the past two and a half years. I need to say a big thank you to those who furnished articles, pictures and most of all the words of encouragement. Many hours are put into this monthly publication to try and keep the members abreast of what is happening in Pennsylvania and hopefully giving some Lodges ideas for future projects. I need to thank our Grand Master Justin for his hard work in keeping up a monthly message of encouragement to the membership. I am sure you can agree with me by the pictures from his visitations that he has "lit the spark". BUT it will be up to YOU to keep the fire going. In closing, I ask you to give him the same support given to me as he begins his new capacity in serving as your Manager/Editor and Grand Secretary.

Looking forward to seeing you the end of the month.

Charlie



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MAKE-A-WISH® PROCLAMATION

To the Officers and Members of all Degrees of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs

Fraternal Greetings,

Whereas, Make-A-Wish, who has granted to date 226,000 wishes nationwide as their mission to "grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy," and

Whereas, one of the duties of an Odd Fellow is to "relieve the distressed" as set forth by our Valediction as an Odd Fellow.

Whereas, for many of my visitations throughout this Jurisdiction, I have been thanked for what I have done as asked what can be done to help me.

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

The month of June as Make-A-Wish® Month throughout Odd Fellowship

Further, this program needs our support through Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations and Publicity. This program can allow the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, the opportunity to come together to become Wishmakers and support a larger organization in making this world a better place. Funds raised will go directly towards granting wishes to children in Pennsylvania.

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

Yours in Friendship, Love & Truth,

Attest,

Justin C. Bailey, Grand Master

Charles H. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Please fill out the form below and return with your donation.

Checks should be made payable to "Justin C. Bailey" and sent to 221 Hunter Street, Tamaqua, PA 18252 with "Make-A-Wish" in the memo.

** In order for donations to be included GM Bailey's project, money must be turned in by June 23rd.

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.

FUN DAY 2014

Important reminder to all of our upcoming Fun Day at Knoebels. Details are on page 11 of your April 2014 issue and on the Grand Lodge web page www.glpaoof.org Also the committee will be taking reservations in the Lobby at Session. Hope to see you there !!!!

Periodicals

April Donations

APRIL IS POF MAGAZINE MONTH

PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE

348	Clover	340.00
333	Foster	200.00
512	Thistle	200.00
55	Fred R. Korman	100.00
87	Hopkins	100.00
278	Connoquenessing	100.00
361	Strasburg	100.00
380	Mackinaw	100.00
86	Harmony	50.00
97	Lewistown	50.00
254	Nathan Lewis-Ft. Necessity	50.00
307	Triune	50.00
1030	Charleroi	50.00
306	Phyllis M. Barbera	25.00
R30	Salome	25.00
R82	Mon Valley	25.00

1,565.00

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
2	Unified	50.00

103.40

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

348	Clover	50.00
601	Warfordsburg	50.00
		100.00

CAMP JRA

278	Connoquenessing In Memory of PG Wm. Young	100.00
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EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	133.49
2	Unified	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
		233.49

VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
2	Unified	50.00
R103	Gladys	25.00
		128.40

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

R30	Salome	25.00
R123	Phoebe	25.00
R182	Lady Colfax	25.00
R303	Lady Landis	25.00
R443	Wysox	25.00
		125.00