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THOMAS WILDEY DEGREE A SUCCESS



January 29, 2014 - By far the biggest night since Harmony Lodge #86 of Tamaqua reinstituted in 1999, as 38 Brothers and Sisters from all over the Eastern Jurisdiction crammed into Harmony Hall to help initiate 9 new members into 5 Lodges. Nine Lodges were represented and members as far north as Montrose, South as York and West as Lewisburg attended, along with four District Deputy Grand Masters – E. Keith Harvey Jr., PGM#8&10, Woodrow P. Wagaman Sr., #12, Sherman F. Wooden #9 and Timothy H. Hahn #6.

Several GL Officers were also present – GM Justin C. Bailey, GS Charles H. Bailey, GMa Tyler M. Arnold, GCond Gary R. Hallock and GT Emeritus Richard L. Heffner. It was a great night of Odd Fellowship as we perpetuate what Brother Wildey started almost 200 years ago.

Is your Lodge getting ready to confer the initiatory degree or any other degrees? Let us know! Other Lodges are looking to have candidates initiated and need the help. The more nights like this, the more outcomes such as this we will have!

Places to Go ... People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board
+ denotes details to follow

2014
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 +
28 / Vienna #847 Golf Tournament,
Coopersburg

SEPTEMBER

27 / Mary Landes Testimonial,
Shartlesville, PA +

OCTOBER

18 / Justin Bailey Testimonial,
Harrisburg, PA *+

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To our Readers:

By now you have noticed yet another change in the mailing format of the Magazine. This is not our doings, but the new format of the United States Postal Service guidelines.

CH Bailey, Editor

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

Lewisburg Lodge No. 96

James Stigerwalt – initiated January 29th

Rush Lodge No. 471, Lawton

Cynthia A. Wooden – initiated January 29th

Kelly M. Roses

Shenandoah Lodge No. 591

Kimberly Y. Phillips – initiated January 29th

Alisha Valedon

Nicole B. Inama

Osage Lodge No. 712, Lehman

Timothy M. Johnston – initiated January 29th

Askam Lodge No. 899

PG Stephen C. Williams – reinstated January 13th – welcome back Brother!

Bowmansdale Lodge No. 1179

Patrick M. Curry – initiated January 29th

Michael C. Curry

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Wayne Troutman - #307

Christopher Fleeson - #348

Jeffrey Miller - #773

Kurt Binkley - #1175

30 YEARS

Frederick Baal - #141

John Cooper - #1030

40 YEARS

Ted Quillen - #762

45 YEARS

Bruce Torrence - #658

Wilbur Leidig - #773

50 YEARS

Lee Mackneer - #97

55 YEARS

Richard Passmore - #55

60 YEARS

Richard Bradley - #37

Donald Dee - #278

Ed Baskeyfield - #591

Tom McEntire - #1128

65 YEARS

Park Reinhart - #361

David Weimer - #438

70 YEARS

Donald Miller - #211

Eugene Springer - #348

Thomas Hahn - #488

Our hats off to Calvin K. Quier, of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Norristown, PA, who celebrates 89 years as an Odd Fellow, having joined March 2, 1925.

OSAGE LODGE #712 CELEBRATES THE SEASON



Osage Lodge #712 of Lehman, PA annual Christmas Party held on December 14th at Grotto Pizza, Harvey's Lake.

The party coincided with the area's first snowfall which added to the beauty of the holiday setting. A good time was enjoyed by all.

*Fraternally yours,
Fred Gunn Jr., PG#712*

Pictured are: First row: Tim Johnston, Lisa Johnston, Ed Gunn, Charlie Weidner, Emily Weidner. Second row: Vern Crispell, Julia Crispell, Tom Rogers, Lesley Gunn, Fred Gunn III, Fred Gunn Jr, Judy Gunn, Kasie Lynn Weidner, Earl Weidner, Donald "Earl" Weidner, Fred Gunn.

WASHINGTON 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!

WASHINGTON COUNTY:

Allenport Lodge #1127 – consolidated 1913

Amity Lodge #552 – defunct prior 1900s

Avella Lodge #1190 – consolidated 1958

Beallsville Lodge #832 – consolidated 1987

Bentleyville – Pigeon Creek Lodge #768 – consolidated 1969

Burgettstown Lodge #1145 – defunct 1941

Burnesville – West Finley Lodge #956 – defunct 1883

California – Pike Run Lodge #491 – defunct 1946

Centreville – Cedar Lodge #633 – consolidated 1968

Charleroi Lodge #1030

Claysville – Hopewell Lodge #504 – defunct 1937

Coal Bluffs (Monongahela City) – John F. Logan Lodge #697 – defunct prior 1900s

Coal Centre (Greenfield) – Vesta Lodge #696 – defunct 1942

Canonsburg Lodge #893 – consolidated 1949

Cross Creek Lodge #32 - defunct 1968

Donora – Castner Lodge #11 – consolidated 1952

Eldersville – Cynosure Lodge #805 – defunct 1992

Elrama – Advance Lodge #697 – consolidated 1976

Finleyville – Nucleus Lodge #377

Florence – Cardville Lodge #407 – consolidated 1923

Gastonville – Peters Creek Lodge #248 – consolidated 1969

Hillsboro – Scenery Hill Lodge #770 – defunct prior 1900s

McDonald Lodge #605 – defunct 1950

- L'Alliance Lodge #683 – defunct 1942

Midway – Midway Valley Lodge #888 – defunct 1962

Millsboro – Invincible Lodge #741 – defunct 1966

Prosperity – Morris Lodge #936 – defunct prior 1890s

Roscoe Lodge #711 – consolidated 1938

Taylorstown Lodge #769 – consolidated 1901

Washington – Ollie Cline Lodge #43 – consolidated 1947

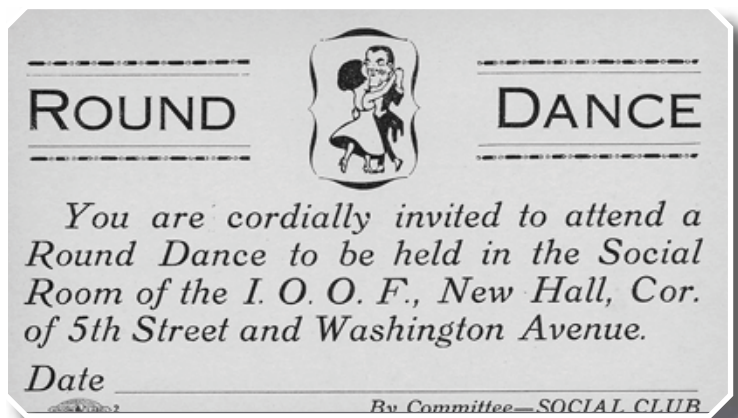
- National Lodge #81 – consolidated 2007

West Alexander Lodge #966 – defunct 1983

= 32 total Lodges with 2 still active.

1st Lodge – National #81 in 1843

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



Shown is the former hall of Charleroi Lodge #1030, instituted in 1891, this hall was built in 1927 and used until 1991. Since then they have moved around and are now meeting at the John K. Tener Library. One of their fundraisers in the early 1930's was the round dance, also pictured.

Photos by David R. Metz, #1030

JOHNSTOWN LODGES UNITE TO SUPPORT K-9 PROGRAM

A donation presentation was made to the Johnstown Police Dept. K-9 unit towards the purchase of a new dog on 1/14/14. Donations from both Alma Lodge #523 and William F. Packer Encampment #127 were presented.



Front Row: Pax (K-9), Officer William Killinger. Back Row: Officer Michael Kanuch, Richard Horner (Noble Grand, Alma Lodge #523), Alpha Hockenberry (DDGM), Shawn Miller (Chief Patriarch William F. Packer Encampment #127)

WALKER LODGE #306 INITIATES NEW MEMBERS

On February 10th, Walker Lodge #306 of Philadelphia welcomed three new members amongst their ranks. The initiatory degree was conducted with a full staff of officers and roughly 30 members were out for a great night.



Shown left to right are new members Patricia A. DiJenno, Edith Sedli, Lonnie M. Clauson, GM Justin C. Bailey, NG#306 Tommy McGruddy and Degreemaster Bruce Paynter. Photo courtesy of Robert Smedley and Ron Boyle.

FUN AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME



ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER JUSTIN



For the first time of my term as Grand Master, I attended a Lodge with 100% attendance! At Shenandoah Lodge #591, all 9 Brothers were present (Assoc Member GMa Arnold not in pic). Though it's a small membership base, all members are active. Some Lodges with 30-40 can't get 9 out. Somehow, we also lined up tallest to shortest (sorry Briggs!) in the picture. A great meeting was held and the motivation shown by these dedicated members swells within their Lodge.



As the last of my "2013 visits," I ended at Bowmansdale Lodge #1179, who recently turned 100 years old. Members from neighboring Lodges have been working diligently to help this Lodge keep its doors open, and it has finally been paying off.



Unfortunately due to the horrible weather, only one of my Official Visitations wasn't called off. It turned out to be a great night, filled with roughly thirty Odd Fellows as almost every chair was filled in Askam Lodge #899. Members from Thistle Lodge #512 of Pittston and Oneida Lodge #371 of Dallas also showed their support to one of their District Lodges. Keep up the good work!

I also attended the following Christmas Parties: Harmony #86, Lady Harmony #86 & Scott Encampment #132 joint party, Shenandoah #591, Port Matilda #733 & Lady Emily Rebekah Lodge #452 joint anniversary party, and Victory Lodge #658 & Lady Sellers #558 joint party. I enjoyed the hospitality shown to myself as well as my family and officers and thank all those for inviting me even though I was unable to make some of them.

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 – Triune #307 – 7:30 PM
- 8 – DDGMa Meeting, Orchard Manor – 1:00PM
- 10 – Smethport #389 – 8PM
- 11 – Hampton #1004 – 7PM
- 19 – Freeport #379 – 7:30PM
- 20 – Kingwood #1010 (initiatory degree) – 7PM
- 27 – Alert Lodge #936 – 1PM / Latrobe Lodge #541 – 8PM
- 31 – Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Fraternal Greetings! By now I hope this snow is gone! I know it has hindered my Lodge's meeting nights, and pretty much most of my Official Visits from January and February. There are some Lodges that are still coming out of the winter without a plan and still in a daze. While many Lodges are doing well, there are still some that just don't seem to have the energy to push forward. Perhaps your Lodge might be thinking of consolidating. During the last several decades, there have been many, many consolidations. Unfortunately, most of them have not been beneficial, and even more so lately, the distance between Lodges has become a half hour, if not more. This brings me up to my next topic... the dreaded power Lodges.

We are lucky to still be one of the largest Jurisdictions under the Sovereign Grand Lodge. We have now dipped to under 80 Lodges, and of those 80 Lodges, over 30 Lodges have less than 20 members. Again, like I previously said, Shenandoah Lodge's membership of 10; more important is how many are active. Now if I were to ask the question how many of our 80 Lodges have at least 20 ACTIVE members, there would probably be less than 10 that can answer. However, it is the smaller Lodges that are growing. Once you hit bottom, there's only one way to go; you just can't give up, or can you, and relinquish your charter to the Grand Lodge or another Lodge.

Let us go back thirty or forty years to the 70s and 80s. Lodges had the same district deputy. During that time, there might have been 8 Lodges in their district. By the time that officer leaves as deputy 10 years later, there are now 3 Lodges left in their district, the other ones having consolidated with the deputy's Lodge. During that time, the strong Lodge also loses the reality of how to gain members. They were used to just having a Lodge consolidate with them to bolster their membership, so they ended up with a Lodge of members from other consolidated Lodges all over the area. None of them know how to bring in members, and most of the original power Lodge members are gone and it's up to a few now to keep that Lodge going. Several Lodges have tried it before, consolidating all the Lodges in their county to have one left, and they're starting to phase out. Clarion Lodge #252, the last Lodge in Clarion County, having brought in most of the smaller Lodges, has fallen. Lansdowne #282, last in Delaware County, having been formed by 5 Lodges over twenty years, has fallen. Letterkenny Lodge #663 of Franklin County has taken in most of those Lodges before consolidating. Alert

Lodge #936, last Lodge in Indiana County, is walking down the same path.

We need to reverse this trend. I have been to many consolidations where visiting Brothers remember going from Lodge to Lodge. It builds your friendship base. We are not purely a civic organization. We have a family, it is each other. We have to help each other out and visit, join as associates, do what you can do to help not only your Lodge, but your neighboring Lodges survive and grow again. Get out of just your own four walls! If you are the last Lodge in your District, look in to opening another Lodge several towns over. You might be struggling and it will sound like a crazy idea, but trust me, when that Lodge gets moving too, they will in turn help you out. Many get discouraged when they see how quickly Lodges are folding. Don't be surprised when I tell you that Lodges were shutting down as much then as they are now. What is the difference? Back then they were instituting Lodges just as quickly. Branch out Brothers and Sisters. If you see the chance for a new Lodge to be born, seize it. If we grow as a Jurisdiction together, we'll grow individually also.

Don't give up hope; don't give up on what has been in your community for decades. It can happen in your area. If you need help with membership, please let me know and I'll be more than glad to help. I can tell you the one thing that definitely kills the Lodges is not the community; it's the attitude of the members. Don't let that attitude ruin your Lodge! I hope to see you all on the road, as the weather is getting better, we'll start traveling more. Attend visitations and get out of your individual areas. See Odd Fellowship in Pennsylvania as a whole and meet your fraternal family! It's worth every mile on the road. I joined this Organization because of the great people I met. I love traveling the Jurisdiction because of the great people I meet. Conclave is coming up in April, the Pilgrimage to the Tomb will be in May and Session is in June. If you're interested in any of these, let me know! I hope to see you all on this wonderful road of Odd Fellowship!

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



OBITUARIES

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

RICHARD A. WEIGEL

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
November 15, 2013



Brother Richard A. Weigel, 90, of Stuart, FL, was initiated into Lakeside Lodge #1111, Fairview, on April 7, 1947 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on May 5, 1961. He became a member of Nickel Plate Lodge #1125, Lake City, through consolidation on April 24, 1996 and finally Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on July 16, 2012. He was the last surviving member of Lakeside Lodge #1111 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of the Peace Presbyterian Church, Stuart, FL.

Surviving is his wife, the former Norma J. Hurst, two children, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial will be private.

GEORGE A. HIPPLE

Freedom Lodge No. 88
December 21, 2013

Brother George A. Hipple, 87, of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, was initiated into Freedom Lodge #88, Honesdale, on February 28, 1949 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Georgiana Resseguie, one son, two grandsons and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Indian Orchard Cemetery, Honesdale, PA.

GEORGE J. BUCY

Unified Lodge No. 2
January 3, 2014

Brother George J. "Jack" Bucy, 91, of Pleasant Hills, PA, was initiated into Old Monongahela Lodge #209, Elizabeth, on October 27, 1956, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Unified Lodge #2, Pittsburgh, through consolidation on June 30, 2011. He was a former Patriarch of Monongahela Encampment #109, and a charter member of Monongahela Degree Lodge #88, both now defunct.

He was a WWII U.S. Marine Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Margaret Firden and two daughters. Surviving are three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Round Hill Cemetery, Elizabeth, PA.

ROBERT H. HALVERSON

Somerset Lodge No. 438
January 7, 2014

Brother Robert H. Halverson, 94, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge #438 on May 23, 1948. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. WWII Army Veteran and a member of the Christ Casebeer Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Martha Mohny.

Burial was held in Casebeer Cemetery.

EUGENE T. SABATULA

Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge No. 254
January 9, 2014



Brother Eugene T. "Gene" Sabatula, 77, of Dunbar, PA, was initiated into Nathan Lewis Lodge #1188, Waltersburg, on June 9, 1970. He then became a member of Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, through consolidation on May 26, 1976 where he became a Past Grand in 1984. He left the Lodge in 1988 and reinstated July 6, 1992 where he received his Grand

Lodge Degree on October 26, 2002. He maintained active membership, holding the position of Secretary for many years of the Lodge and the Smithfield IOOF Cemetery. He was also active in the former Monongahela Degree Lodge #88, and the GL Visual Research Committee. On August 19, 2013, the Members of his Lodge awarded him with the Merit Jewel for his years of dedication to his Lodge.

He was a member of the Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church of Dunbar.

Surviving is his wife, the former Beverly Lowther of Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233, Waltersburg, two sons, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held in Laurel Hill Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Dunbar, PA. Pictured is Brother Sabatula receiving his Merit Jewel from GM Bailey.

DONALD R. HERSHBERGER

Alma Lodge No. 523
January 13, 2014



Brother Donald R. Hershberger, 84, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on April 28, 1956.

He was a member of the Belmont United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Nancy S. Studebaker. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Entombment was held in Richland Cemetery Mausoleum.

JOSEPH P. USCAVAGE

Harmony Lodge No. 86
January 16, 2014



Brother Joseph P. Uscavage, 88, formerly of Tamaqua, PA, was initiated into Harmony Lodge #86, Tamaqua, on May 10, 2000. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living Member.

He was a WWII Air Corps Veteran.

Burial was held in Tamaqua IOOF Cemetery.

WALTER R. ENTZ

Brady Lodge No. 116
January 25, 2014

Brother Walter R. Entz, 78, of Muncy, PA, was initiated into Brady Lodge #116, Hughesville, on November 6, 1970, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 10, 1973. He held the position of Treasurer for many years and was very active within his District.

He was a member of the Heilman United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Phyllis Yonkin and a daughter. Surviving is one son, five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Muncy Cemetery.

MALCOLM W. MCMILLAN

Foster Lodge No. 333
January 25, 2014



Brother Malcolm W. "Mack" McMillan, 96, of Bradford, PA, was initiated into Foster Lodge #333, Rew, on March 4, 1943 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 11, 1950. He was an active member up until the time of his death, holding the office of Chaplain for many years. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member by age and tenure. He was also

a former Patriarch of the now defunct Smethport Encampment #273, having received his Grand Encampment Degree on June 7, 1969.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran and a member of the Rew United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marion Herrington. Surviving are two daughters, one son, four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in McKean Memorial Park, Lafayette, PA.

RAYMOND W. SWIFT

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
January 29, 2014



Brother Raymond W. Swift, 89, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510 on September 4, 1973 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 29, 1991. He was a former Patriarch to the defunct Heneosis Adelphean Encampment #42, having joined September 14, 1974.

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

He was preceded in death by a grandson. Surviving is his wife Edith, also of Edinboro Lodge #510, four sons, one daughter, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Draketown Cemetery.

JOHN R. MOYER

Alert Lodge No. 936
January 31, 2014

Brother John R. Moyer, 84, of Cherry Tree, PA, was initiated into Cherry Tree Lodge #417 on April 12, 1947 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Alert Lodge #936, Rochester Mills, through consolidation on June 28, 1966 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on April 30, 1977. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's Secretary, a position he held for several years. He was also the last surviving member of Cherry Tree Lodge #417 still affiliated with the Order.

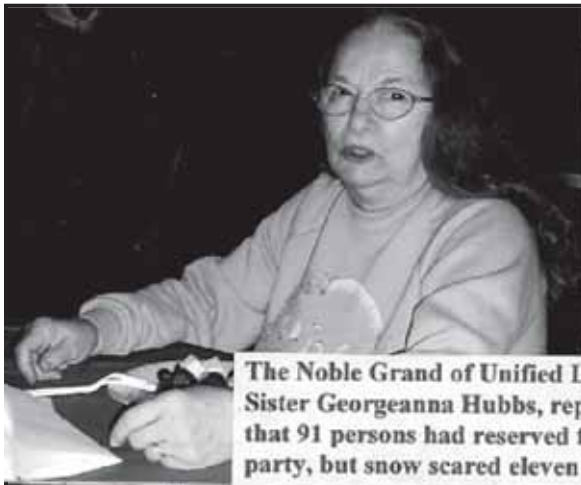
He was a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and a member of the Cherry Tree Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter. Surviving is his wife, the former Betty Leslie, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Burial was held in Citizens Cemetery, Cherry Tree, PA.



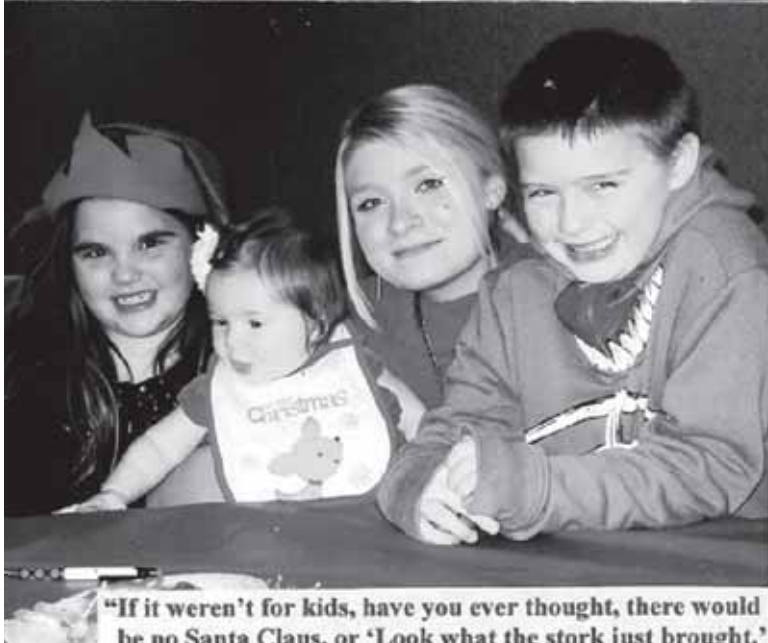
MORE PICTURES FROM UNIFIED'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Noble Grand of Unified Lodge, Sister Georgeanna Hubbs, reported that 91 persons had reserved for the party, but snow scared eleven away.



Sister Donna Faub, PG, Treasurer, and Brother Bill Hubbs, PG, Recording Secretary, helped to engineer a successful, joy-filled event for everyone in attendance.



"If it weren't for kids, have you ever thought, there would be no Santa Claus, or 'Look what the stork just brought.' Thank God for kids. And we'd all live in a quiet house, without Big Bird or Mickey Mouse, or Kool Aid on the couch. Thank God for kids." (Come to think of it, there wouldn't be an I.O.O.F. either, would there?)



Noble Grand St. Shirley Whitlinger and her husband, Bro. Dave Whitlinger, Vice Grand, from Hampton Lodge, attended and helped to make the season bright.





January 1, 2014

We would like to introduce you to the 1st Annual Odd Fellows Open Golf Tournament benefitting the Arthritis Foundation's Camp JRA (Juveniles Reaching Achievement). This is the first year of this annual event.

We will be playing the tournament at Wedgewood Gold Course, 4875 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA. We are scheduling the event for June 28, 2014.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Camp JRA which is a special place where children with arthritis and other rheumatism diseases can have fun, learn about their disease and form social bonds with others who share their challenges. Camp JRA is a six-day residential camping experience for children ages 8 to 18. The tournament goal is to sponsor full and partial scholarships for these campers.

An important part of this charity golf tournament is the support from corporate and private sponsorships. We are asking for \$100 for sponsorship of each hole or \$400 if you are interested in sponsoring a hole and providing a foursome to play in the tournament.

We also accept Friend of JRA sponsorships such as gift cards, gift certificates, golf accessories, novelty items, etc as tournament awards.

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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.

 Periodical Mail


January Donations

VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	53.40
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EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

E135	Perseverance Encampment	500.00
1128	Fallowfield	133.49
1004	Hampton	50.00
		683.49

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

OF	Home of Western PA/ Meadville	925.00
E135	Perseverance Encampment	500.00
551	Mahanoy	100.00
		1,525.00