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PENNSYLVANIA SHINES IN THE 57TH MID ATLANTIC STATES CONCLAVE



Shown representing Pennsylvania is Past Department Commander John S. Cupp presenting the American Flag and Grand Master Justin C. Bailey and Rebekah Assembly President Mary J. Landes presenting the Pennsylvania flag.



What a year! Pennsylvania was host to the Mid Atlantic States Conclave in which 8 of the Mid Atlantic Jurisdictions convene to have a weekend of Fraternity. This year was held in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, with PPRA Carolyn G. Barger and PDDGM David Young as co-chairmen. The committee worked diligently in making sure everything went along well and it was shown throughout the weekend. A big welcome to GSW Roger Calhoun of Mt. Vernon

Encampment #14 who helped out on the PA-5 Drill team and to GGuard George Tufts of Foster Lodge #333 and RAG War Deborah Tufts of Maud Rebekah Lodge #175 who helped out on the PA-5 and the Conclave Committee. Many Brothers and Sisters throughout the Jurisdiction have put a lot of time and patience into planning for this, as well as the Lodges, Encampments & Cantons throughout the Jurisdiction that donated baskets and money towards making this a success.

We welcomed to our Conclave DSGM Jimmy C. Humphrey of Georgia, Major General Emil Suder Executive Officer of the Day for the General Military Council from West Virginia and Lady Debra R. LaVergne, President of the LAPM from California. Friday night was the presentation of flags and the fun night which included a chalk artist who did a patriotic picture. Saturday was the general conclave meeting where our very own PPRA Sarah Baer was elected as 2nd Vice President. Following that was the drill and skits program. Again the PA-5 conducted their drills and the Rebekah Spellers from Lady Sellers presented a great skit in which they did several of PRA Landes' songs. At last we had the banquet and the drawings where much of the proceeds will go towards granting scholarships.



The PA-5 conducting their drill.

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Places to Go ... People to See



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+ denotes details to follow

2014
MAY

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

JUNE

23-25 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA +
28 / Vienna #847 Golf Tournament, Coopersburg

JULY

19 / Fun Day / Knoebels Grove, Elysburg *

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:

Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown

A. Kelly Kerns – initiated March 31st

Strasburg Lodge #361

Eric C. Denlinger – initiated January 27th

Freeport Lodge #379

Blaine E. Fair – initiated March 19th

Kingwood Lodge #1010

Dale A. Miller – initiated March 20th

Jarrod Colflesh

Shawn Stempora

Charles E. Groff

Garrett Fike

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

Fraternal greetings! I would like to take this time to remind everyone, the time has come to make your reservations for our Sessions in June. We can't encourage enough that this is the time to voice your concerns, express your ideas and make necessary changes for securing our future.

Referring to changes, a big one for both the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, in the past you had to be a Past Grand or Past Noble Grand to attend Session. That is no longer needed. For the Rebekahs you can attend by just belonging, all you need is a current dues card, the password and sign of the Rebekah Degree. For the Odd Fellows, the same, with the exception of the sign of the third degree. For both sides members may sit in Session and watch and learn how business is conducted. The only time you would be asked to leave is when the Assembly or Grand Lodge Degree is conferred. PLEASE REFER TO LAST MONTHS ISSUES FOR DETAILS ON SESSION AND DEADLINES. Grand Lodge has been notified our visitor this year from Sovereign Grand Lodge will be our Deputy Sovereign Grand Master Jimmy C. Humphrey hailing from Savannah, Georgia.

Final thoughts to ponder, we still are having problems with Lodges not legally collecting enough dues and it does create problems and sometimes even hard feelings. If you are an Odd Fellow and not paying a minimum of \$57.50 or a Rebekah not paying a minimum of \$52.50 your Lodge is in violation of Grand Lodge and Sovereign Grand Lodge law. Many feel that using the Lodge funds to pay the dues for the Grand bodies is legal, it is not. It is your responsibility as a member to pay your obligations. Some have even taken a more dangerous step in stating they have fund raisers to pay their dues, that is in definite violation of the IRS as a non-profit organization unless when you are selling or soliciting you are letting people know it is for the members benefit. Because as I said previously, it is not your Lodges obligations to meet the per capita, it is yours.

*Until we meet along the road of Odd Fellowship,
Charlie*



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Who is this motley crew? The Samaritans of Moas Sanctorum, located with a traveling charter between several Jurisdictions, including Pennsylvania. The first two on the left is Warren J. Windham, associate member to PA, and current GM of Delaware and PG Ray St. George of Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown. Next to him is our DSGM Jimmy Humphrey. Lookin good!



Co-Chairs of the Conclave committee and lead marchers, Carolyn Barger and David Young heading off the PA-5.



The Rebekah Spellers from Lady Sellers teaching the audience about Rebekah love. Great job!

VOLUNTEERS ARE FANTASTIC

The Arthritis Foundation held its annual breakfast to celebrate those who support the Arthritis Foundation activities and give of their time and effort to make the lives of those with all forms of arthritis better on March 29, 2014. The IOOF was recognized this year with a Corporate Philanthropy Award in the \$20,000 to \$30,000 Level. Charles Danihel, Chair of the IOOF Arthritis Committee and a Board Member of the Eastern PA Arthritis Foundation Chapter and members of the Arthritis Committee, Jane Danihel, Robert and Nancy Tucker and Charles and Dolores Shorten were there to accept the award.

A few years ago the Eastern Chapter renamed one of the awards to recognize the efforts of the IOOF and the award, now known as The IOOF Community Development Award is presented annually to the individual, corporation or group that has done the most to help fund the activities of the Chapter. This year's award was presented to Janssen, a division of Johnson & Johnson. Charles is pictured with the Janssen representative and Jack Williams, also an EPA Chapter Board member.



Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2014 Scholarship Award

The *Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania* will once again offer \$3,000 scholarship awards to a maximum of four (4) students who fulfill the specified requirements of the Award. This will be the 9th consecutive year of the Award since the inception back in 2006. Award committee chairman, Robert Grant, wants to remind those considering potential applicants of three requirements in particular:

- 1) The applicant or a family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F. or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania.
- 2) The applicant must be a full-time student majoring in one of the three eligible areas: music, education, or health related.
- 3) The applicant must have completed **at least** one year of college.

The Awards, of course are being made to not only defray some of the cost associated with higher education, but also to help increase public awareness of Odd Fellowship and in turn, hopefully receiving petitions for membership to perpetuate our great Order.

As in previous years, a copy of the "Rules" and an "Award Application" are sent to all the lodges representing the Western District in early/mid-May. The 2014 Awards Committee requests that all lodge secretaries and scribes relay this forthcoming information to their respective membership and make copies necessary for distribution. The deadline date for submitting applications will be **July 19, 2014**. The committee also asks that the public be made aware of our Award by informing schools, colleges, newspapers, churches, etc. in your respective areas. Your cooperation and assistance in relaying this information will be very much appreciated. Hopefully, we will continue to be honored in announcing the Awards to four qualified and worthy recipients this coming August.

GM Justin saw this in an old publication & asked to re-run since it is so true!!!

Who Killed the Lodge?

It's Lodge meeting night, said Brother Brown,
But I don't believe that I'll go down.

I'm tired, and it's pretty cold tonight,
And everything will go all right

If I am not there, so he sat and read
The paper awhile, then went to bed,
Having stayed at home from the meeting.

It's Lodge night, say Brother O'Day,

But I guess I had better stay away,
I don't like the way some members take

Things into their hands and try to make
The Degrees of the Order all jokes and fun,
Instead of Beautiful and Impressive as they should
be done.

And he stayed away from the meeting.

Thus one and another made excuse,

And said as long as they paid their dues
And assessments promptly, they couldn't see

What difference was if they should be
Away from the Lodge room on meeting night,
And argued to prove that they were right
In staying away from the meeting.

And the earnest officers of the Lodge,

And the faithful few who didn't dodge
Around their duties and try to shirk

But did their own and others work,
Grew discouraged at last and in dismay
The Grand Lodge took their charter away.
Because all stayed away from the meeting.

Ask yourself, "How would my Lodge be, if all members
were just like me?"

A GATHERING OF THE MINDS



On March 8th, Orchard Manor hosted the District Deputy Grand Master Association spring meeting in Grove City. Roughly 15 District Deputies, DDGM Assoc. Officers and Grand Lodge Officers were in attendance. Again, President Sherman F. Wooden had a full agenda where the DDGM's discussed school of instruction packets and fall installations as well as the increase in membership within the Jurisdiction as a whole. As the DDGM Assoc. is growing again, the membership spoke on having weekends surrounding the meeting full of schools of instruction and/or rallies, as well as raising funds for work within the Association. It truly has been a long time since we've had a year as well attended as this for the Association. Nominations were held for the ensuing year and the same slate of officers was kept: Sherman F. Wooden, President; Arthur R. Moyer, Vice President; George R. Tufts, Secretary; Thomas J. McHugh, Treasurer. We would like to graciously thank Orchard Manor for providing such a nice spread for us and look forward to our next meeting at Unified Session Tuesday, June 24th.

MARDI GRAS AT THE MIDDLETOWN HOME



OBITUARIES

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

RUTH G. SMELTZ

Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
January 6, 2014

Sister Ruth G. (Kissinger) Smeltz, 78, of Lykens, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on June 9, 1976 where she became a Past Noble Grand.

She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church of Erdman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lester, and one grandson. Surviving is one son, two daughters, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in St. Paul's Cemetery, Sacramento, PA.

WILLIAM R. HEIDELBAUGH, JR.

Strasburg Lodge No. 361
December 12, 2013



Brother William R. Heidelbaugh, Jr., 76, of Quarryville, PA, was initiated into Strasburg Lodge #361, on November 7, 1955 where he became a Past Grand.

He was a member of the New Providence Church of God.

Surviving is his wife, the former Grace O'Donnell, two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Burial was held in New Providence Church of God Cemetery, New Providence, PA.

ALBERT E. CARSON

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
January 28, 2014



Brother Albert E. Carson, 74, of Franklin, PA, was initiated into Oil City Lodge #589 on May 24, 1966 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, through consolidation on August 7, 1996 and finally Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a Protestant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Freda Bly and one son. Surviving is one son, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bethel Cemetery.

MARY E. TOLBERT

Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443
March 1, 2014

Sister Mary E. (MacNeal) Tolbert, 93, of Sayre, PA, was initiated into Lady Griffin Rebekah Lodge #268, Athens, on March 4, 1946 where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 23, 1978. She then became a member of Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 through consolidation on September 17, 1984. She was the last surviving member of Lady Griffin Rebekah Lodge #268 still affiliated with the Order.

She was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church, Athens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Merle, one son and one daughter. Surviving are two children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

MARY L. FINK

Past District Deputy President
Salome Rebekah Lodge No. 30
March 3, 2014



Sister Mary L. Fink, 83, of York, PA, was initiated into Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, York, on September 8, 1966 where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree June 15, 1970. She later left the Lodge and reinstated September 26, 2002 where she maintained active membership and served as District Deputy President from 2009-2010. Sister Mary looked forward to attending the Unified Session and recently helped with registration. She was part of an Odd Fellow/Rebekah family, with her parents and brother all being Members. At the time of her death, she was Salome Rebekah Lodge #30's current Noble Grand. She was also a Lady of Leesport LAPM #2, having joined October 16, 2006 and was in the process of transferring as a charter member of York Auxiliary #14, York, PA.

She was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church, Starview.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis. Surviving are four sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of her Lodge, with RAPres Landes and Col. Keller, DC, both present and burial was held in Quickel Church Cemetery, Zion's View, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to Salome Rebekah Lodge #30, c/o Beverly Bowers, 1228 Edison Street, York, PA, 17403.

JOHN E. PRATT
Walker Lodge No. 306
March 4, 2014



Brother John E. Pratt, 82, of Trenton, GA, was initiated into Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia, on November 7, 1949.

Surviving is his wife, the former Debbie Smyth, stepdaughters, and stepgranddaughters. Memorial services were held in Trenton, GA.

ELMER E. BOLINGER
Mount Hor Lodge No. 736
March 4, 2014

Brother Elmer E. Bolinger, 82, of Mapleton, PA, was initiated into Mount Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, on June 12, 1982 where he became a Past Grand on October 23, 1998.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran and a member of the Cornelius Chapel United Methodist Church, Mapleton.

Surviving is a daughter.

Services were conducted by the Members of his Lodge and burial was held in Cornelius Chapel Cemetery, Mapleton, PA.

DONALD W. MAINHART
Freeport Lodge No. 379
March 5, 2014



Brother Donald W. Mainhart, 86, of Brackenridge, PA, was initiated into Tarentum Lodge #587, Natrona Heights, on April 17, 1962 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Freeport Lodge #379 through consolidation on January 5, 1983 where he maintained active membership.

He served many years ago on the Orchard Manor Board, Grove City, PA.

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

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Emma M. Rogers. Surviving are four children, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Prospect Cemetery, Brackenridge, PA.

JANE E. REISINGER
Past District Deputy President
Lois Elmore Jurisdictional Rebekah Lodge No. 11
March 11, 2014



Sister Jane E. (White) Martin Reisinger, 92, of The Middletown Home, was initiated into Susannah Rebekah Lodge #247, Harrisburg, on September 4, 1962 where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree May 7, 1968. She then became a member of Lois

Elmore Jurisdictional Rebekah Lodge #11 when her Lodge went defunct on May 28, 2011. She retired from the Grand Lodge after 29 years as accountant and then worked as part time bookkeeper for the Rebekah Assembly for many years, also serving many years as assistant Secretary for the Rebekah Assembly Session. She was a past Secretary of Susannah and served as District Deputy President for many years. She was also the first woman in Pennsylvania to receive the Meritorious Service Award in 1978. She was a former member of Dauphin LEA #10, Harrisburg Auxiliary LAPM #10 and the Middletown Home Auxiliary, all defunct.

She was a member of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James. Surviving are four children, 8 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in East Harrisburg Cemetery.

GORDON J. WELDON, SR.
Mackinaw Lodge No. 380
March 12, 2014

Brother Gordon J. "Jake" Weldon, Sr., 89, of Mechanicsburg, PA, was initiated into Mackinaw Lodge #380, New Bloomfield, on April 15, 1948 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge degree November 19, 1956.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Grace. Surviving are three daughters, one son, 9 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Delville United Methodist Church Cemetery, Duncannon, PA.

ISAAC L. IAMS
Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
March 18, 2014



Brother Isaac "Ike" Lindsey Iams, 80, of Amity, PA, was initiated into Beallsville Lodge #832 on February 6, 1958 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Triad Lodge #1064, Clarksville, through consolidation on August 31, 1987, then a member of Brownsville Lodge #51 through consolidation on April 2, 1992. He finally became a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 through consolidation on April 6, 2004.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the North Ten Mile Baptist Church, Amity.

He was preceded in death by one son and one great-granddaughter. Surviving is his wife, the former Ruth Hand, three sons, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in North Ten Mile Cemetery, Amity, PA.

CHESTER C. LAHR

Aluta Lodge No. 488
March 25, 2014



Chester C. Lahr, 89, of Hecktown, PA, was initiated into Confident Lodge #1133, Hecktown, on February 2, 1946 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on October 23, 1950. He then became a member of Aluta Lodge #488, Bushkill Center, through consolidation on June 8, 2001.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran having received two Purple Hearts and a member of the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hecktown.

He was preceded in death by a daughter. Surviving is his wife, the former Hilda Siegfried, two sons, five grandsons and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Hope Cemetery, Lower Nazareth Township, PA.

IRENE M. REBUCK

Past District Deputy President
Idella Rebekah Lodge No. 58
March 28, 2014



Sister Irene M. (Daniel) Rebuck, 77, of Dornsife, PA, was initiated into Idella Rebekah Lodge #58, Dornsife, on June 23, 1971 where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree May 15, 1982. She also served as District Deputy President and was active in her Lodge, serving as Soloist.

She was a member of Himmel's Church, Rebuck.

Surviving are two sons, two grandsons and one granddaughter.

Services were conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge and burial was held in Himmel's Cemetery, Rebuck, PA.

MARTHA J. BARBER

Past RA Left Herald
Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge No. 15
March 29, 2014



Sister Martha J. Barber, 75, of Mifflinburg, PA, was initiated into Crimson Rebekah Lodge #312, Lewisburg, on February 19, 1990. She then transferred to Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15, Mifflinburg, as a Charter Member on October 12, 1991. She became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on June 19, 1995. She then served as Left Herald to PPRA Marcia LaVan from 1997-1998. She held many offices in her Rebekah Lodge and was a regular attendee to Unified Session.

She was a member of the Dreisbach United Church of Christ, Lewisburg.

Surviving is her husband, Grayden of Lewisburg Lodge #96, two sons, her caregiver and daughter, Kathy, who is also a Past RA Appointive Officer, four grandchildren and two adopted grandchildren.

Burial was held in the Lewisburg Cemetery.



WALTER ENTZ TRANSFERRED TO A HIGHER DEGREE

The Brothers of Brady Lodge No. 116 conferred the Draping of the Charter in memory of Brother Walter Entz at the stated lodge meeting on March 19, 2014.

The charter was draped to express our bereavement in the departure of Brother Walter. A memorial Flag (USA) was placed on our charter to represent the loyalty and faithfulness of Brother Walter. A sprig of evergreen was placed near the charter to represent that we should keep forever fresh in our minds the good deeds which have been done by Walter.

This ceremony stands in truth for all Odd Fellow Brother / Sisters who are transferred to a higher degree. We all upon meeting Our Father want Him to say, "Well done good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of thy Lord." This He said to Walter.

Attending our meeting and taking part in the charter draping were: Roy Ziesloft Noble Grand, DDGM Mike Wallis Chaplain, Robert Hardisty, Frank Fenstermaker, Steve McPhail and Bill Smedley.

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

Fraternal Greetings! I hope this article is finding you all in good health. Well Brothers and Sisters, the light is being seen at the end of the tunnel and things should start to be winding down...SHOULD BE. However, this is not the case for me; I do not want to jinx it, but it looks like before my year is up, a Lodge will be reinstituted with all new members. It's an exciting time for Odd Fellowship and you should all be proud to be part of it. Fraternity is really increasing throughout the Jurisdiction.

I have placed several articles in the magazine throughout the year where I hope you learned something. So this month, I just want to summarize some things I have seen during my travels that I want to touch on again, because I am still seeing them. I will begin with saying I am not pointing a finger at one or two Lodges; I have seen this in many Lodges and if you do fall in one of these categories, please adjust your standard operating procedures to abide by the Code of Laws:

1. Charter drapes are NOT a clever way of keeping dust off the charter. The only time you should drape your charter is upon notification of death of one of your Members, or if Grand Lodge or SGL require you to. This is supposed to be done for 30 days.
2. Your meeting hall's windows must have curtains and be covered during meeting times. Blinds/curtains should not remain open during a meeting; no one should be able to see in.
3. The five Offices you must have to hold a legal meeting are: NG, VG, Warden, Secretary and Inside Guardian. You might have to move people around, but this is how it must be held. Your VG, or Right Supporter to the VG cannot hold the office of Guard. Each member should only have one office for the meeting.

4. Keep your SGL and GL Code of Laws updated. Many Lodges I ask to see them, and either they don't know where they are anymore, or they show me their Code with the updates stacked neatly next to the code. Your Lodge gets these for free. Make sure they stay updated.

5. If you do degree work, or have a meeting on an "off meeting night," a dispensation must be granted in order for it to be legal. If you have a picnic in lieu of a meeting, also get a dispensation in case your DDGM drops by your Lodge hall that night.

6. If you have gone through the chairs in an Odd Fellow Lodge, you are considered a Past Grand. If you went through the chairs in a Rebekah Lodge, you are considered a Past Noble Grand.

Other than that, this is a great year. In March, as you see, I helped in three initiatory degrees. Congratulations to all these teams for stepping up and working together to accomplish what we all hope to be life changing experiences for these new Brothers and Sisters. Remember, even if you do not have a full slate of officers for the degree, conduct it with dignity and pride! The degrees are not to be taken for as jokes. When your Lodge sells it as that, what is it conveying to the candidate??? Yes you can have fun, but there's time to be serious, and our lessons should be conducted appropriately.

I am a proud Odd Fellow. I am proud to have seen such a rebirth among the Jurisdiction. Remember, Session is quickly approaching. Is your Lodge part of it? Does your Representative attend? What is your Lodge missing out on by not having a Representative there? Keep up the good work Pennsylvania and see you on the road of Odd Fellowship!

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

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

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| 1 – Centre #153 – 7:30 PM | 14 – Pine Grove #148 – 7:30 PM |
| 4 – Pilgrimage to Tomb of Unknowns | 15 – York Springs #211 – 7:30 PM |
| 5 – Phoebe RL #123 – 7:30 PM | 17 – Gen. Worth #386 – 7:30 PM |
| 6 – Wysox #1152 – 7:30 PM | 19 – East Brunswick #802 – 7:30 PM |
| 7 – Freedom #88 – 7 PM | 20 – Shillington #1175 – 7:30 PM |
| 10 – Warren #339 Initiatory Degree – 1 PM | |

EARL R. LEIBY ENCAMPMENT HOLDS ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT

Widows of four former members of Earl R. Leiby Encampment No. 106, Leesport, were guests at the unit's annual Lady's Night dinner in the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Shartlesville, on March 14.

The guests were: Susan, widow of Allen H. Dreibelbis; Mary D., widow of Harold DeLong; Susan, widow of John Allmendinger, and Mary Ellen, widow of Ronald Gerhart.

Grand Patriarch James Sellers was also a guest at the affair. He introduced members of his staff who were attending.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Mark Twain (Roger Mallon) who recalled amusing times in his life along the Mississippi and as a writer.

Grand Scribe Craig Reinhart was chairman of the dinner committee. He distributed Easter plants to all of the women present.



GP James Sellers welcome Mark Twain, speaker at the annual Lady's Night dinner of Earl R. Leiby Encampment. Looking on is John Lesh, chief patriarch of the encampment.



Widows of former active members of Earl R. Leiby Encampment who were guests at the dinner meet Mark Twain. Left to right are Susan Dreiblebis, Susan Allmendinger, Twain, Mary D. DeLong and Mary Ellen Gerhart.

FAYETTE 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!

FAYETTE COUNTY:

Belle Vernon – Belle Vernon Lodge #656 – consolidated 1976

Bloomington – Bloomington Lodge #728 – defunct 1941

Brownfield – Pine Knob Lodge #559 – consolidated 1954

Brownsville – Brownsville Lodge #51 – consolidated 2004

Triumph Lodge #613 – defunct 1901

Connellsville – William McKinley Lodge #136

– consolidated 1929

General Worth Lodge #386

Dunbar – King David Lodge #826 – consolidated 1977

Fairchance – Ridgely Lodge #995 – defunct 1950

Fayette – Fayette City Lodge #511 – consolidated 1952

Flatwoods – Col. A. L. Hawkins Lodge #336 – consolidated 1947

Masontown – Colfax Lodge #565 – defunct 1934

Merrittstown – Merrittstown Lodge #772 – defunct prior 1900s

Moyer – Friendship Lodge #23 – defunct 1940

New Salem – New Salem Lodge #559 – consolidated prior 1900s

Normalville – Normalville Lodge #424 – defunct 1943

Ohiopyle – Ohiopyle Lodge #499 – defunct 1956

Point Marion – Point Marion Lodge #1173 – consolidated 2011

Smithfield – Gallatin Lodge #517 – consolidated 1981

Uniontown – Fort Necessity Lodge #254 – consolidated 1976

Tonnaleuka Lodge #365 – consolidated 1929

Upper Middleton – Redstone Lodge #499 – defunct prior 1900s

Waltersburg – Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254

Nathan Lewis Lodge #1159 – defunct prior 1900s

Nathan Lewis Lodge #1188 – consolidated 1976

= 25 total Lodges with two active.

1st Lodge – Brownsville #51 in 1832

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Raymond Wood - #348
Brian Shaub - #361

35 YEARS

Clair Beaver - #192

40 YEARS

Robert Rhodes - #348

45 YEARS

David Wright - #562
Vernon Crispell - #712
Allen Long - #773

50 YEARS

James Dockey - #74
Don Hunsinger - #86
Daniel Albright - #523
Harold Corle - #523
Patrick Minahan - #523
Joseph Suter - #523

60 YEARS

Harold Wiker - #361
Merle Wood - #510
Lamar Schreffler - #551
Percy Troutman - #551

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VISUAL RESEARCH PROCLAMATION

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

Fraternal Greetings,

Whereas, the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Visual Research Foundation organized in 1958 supports a Research Chair at the Wilmer Institute of John Hopkins University and Hospital which is working to find ways to enable many to have better vision, and

Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has been assisting Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and their families for years with help for glasses and examinations.

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 MAY as Visual Research Month throughout Odd Fellowship

Further, this program needs our support through Fund Raising Campaigns, Treasury Donations, Memorial Donations and Publicity. This program supported by contributions from Odd Fellows and Rebekahs open eyes that many may see! Remember, many have sight Only a few have vision.

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

Yours in Friendship, Love & Truth,

Justin C. Bailey
Justin C. Bailey, Grand Master

Attest,

Charles H. Bailey
Charles H. Bailey, Grand Secretary

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

Checks should be made payable to "Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F." and send to 1001 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057

_____ Lodge No. _____ is pleased to contribute _____ to this program.
Please credit our donations to (Please check one of the Funds below).

_____ PA Special Visual Fund - This is used to assist PA members and families who need assistance in the purchase of glasses or for examinations.

_____ IOOF Visual Research Fund - 10% of the contributions are forwarded to the SGL. The balance is distributed by our Joint Committee to various Eye-Banks throughout PA

Periodicals

March Donations

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

2	Unified	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
R82	Mon Valley	50.00
699	Tunkhannock	25.00
		175.00

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

523	Alma	200.00
762	Vincent	100.00
1152	Wysox	50.00
573	Sandy Lake	25.00
R303	Lady Landis	25.00
		400.00

SGL EDUCATION FUND

R82	Mon Valley	50.00
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EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

2	Unified	50.00
86	Harmony <i>In Memory of Bro. J. Uscavage</i>	50.00
R86	Lady Harmony	25.00
E132	Scott	
	<i>In Memory of PCP Scherer & GR Trulick</i>	25.00
		150.00

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

573	Sandy Lake	50.00
R15	Faith, Hope & Charity	25.00
		75.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

2	Unified	50.00
R222	Lady Lillie Best	25.00
		75.00

CRB – 1 FUND

116	Brady	1,000.00
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116	Brady	1,000.00
523	Alma	500.00
E135	Perseverance	200.00
306	Walker	150.00
8	Henry Disston	140.00
270	Mystic	100.00
708	Boyertown	100.00
762	Vincent	100.00
1152	Wysox	100.00
413	Earl	50.00
2	Unified	25.00
R182	Lady Colfax	25.00
R202	Lady Hall	10.00
		2,500.00

UNITED NATIONS PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH

348	Clover	100.00
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