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BOB BOSWELL AWARD

Brother Bob Boswell grew up in NE Philly and attended Lincoln High School. The day after graduating, he enlisted in the US Marines and served 2 tours in Vietnam. After his duty for his country he came back and settled in California. With major medical problems from his tour in Vietnam, he returned to Philly and came to work with Brother Don Lapinson, his best friend since they were 13 years old and Don introduced him to Odd Fellowship and Variety Lodge #37.

Bob had been a 32 degree Mason but soon became a true Odd Fellow in every way. Going through the chairs of Variety Lodge and becoming a Past Grand, then became our Chaplain until his passing. He also headed our charity committee and was instrumental in setting up our different charities as we still have today. Active in Vietnam Veterans motorcycle group, he was revered by many of his friends.

Passing at an early age from the Agent Orange he was exposed to in the Vietnam War. We all miss his friendship and guidance along with his deep bass voice when we are singing our opening and closing songs. We present this award to honor his memory to a member who has been committed to the charity principles Bob had devoted himself to.

VARIETY LODGE #37 ANNOUNCES RECIPIENT OF THE FIRST ANNUAL ROBERT C. BOSWELL AWARD

The first annual Robert C. Boswell Memorial Award was presented to Brother Lanny Blyweiss (pictured left), for his tireless efforts in promoting the newly formed "Good Works Committee". Since, April 16th, 2013, the "Good Works" committee of Variety Lodge # 37 under the leadership of Brother Blyweiss, has performed a community volunteer effort by preparing 160 dinners, one evening every month, that are part of the over 1000 meals served to community Senior shut-ins each month, by the "Cook for a Friend" program run by the Klein branch of the Philadelphia area JCC'S. These meals are delivered to seniors who are not able to get out of their homes for a hot meal, and are not capable of preparing their own meals. The lodge members were surprised that they were able to prepare the total dinner from scratch to final packaged meal in two hours. The staff members help make the task easy and enjoyable. The committee's efforts include creating a meal of meat or fish and two sides, filling aluminum platters with the finished product, followed by sealing, bagging and storing the 160 finished meals for freezing until delivery by other volunteers. Each month, the menu changes. As of September 3rd, 2014, we have prepared over 2800 meals for the shut-ins. Each month, Brother Blyweiss calls, emails and cajoles lodge members to show up for the evening's work. It is a daunting task that has, thankfully, brought recognition to the Odd Fellows organization. Many of the seniors receiving the meals prepared by the Brothers of Variety Lodge; request that their future meals be made specifically by the Lodge volunteers. The director of the Program, John Eskate, has lauded Brother Blyweiss' efforts in organizing and maintaining participation in the monthly event. He states that the members bring a positive energy to the activity, and that he looks forward to their time in the kitchen, each month.

The Boswell Award will be presented each year to the Lodge member who performs outstanding service to Variety Lodge and upholds the highest of the noble values of Benevolence and Charity. The award is funded by Brother Don Lapinson, in memory of his lifelong friend and Variety Lodge Brother, Bob Boswell; who is remembered for his many charitable efforts on behalf of Odd Fellowship. In accepting the award, Brother Blyweiss stated that the award belonged to all of the volunteers who have participated in the Good works committee.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

Corrections to roster. Save changes
with your September Magazine!

Dornsife – IDELLA REBEKAH LODGE #58 –
Change Secretary address from 4531 SR 225 to 2675
SR 225

Gastonville – MON VALLEY REBEKAH LODGE
#82 – Lodge address is on Finleyville-Elrama Road in
Finleyville. Meeting time is 1:30PM, not 7:30PM

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

Leesport Lodge #141

David W. Ruth – initiated
September 16th
John Stricker
Robert E. Jackson

Foster Lodge #333, Rew

Gary L. Mahon – initiated
September 20th
Edward H. Chrisman

Rush Lodge #471, Lawton

Donald M. Cunningham – initiated
September 26th

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573

Jessica E. Brown-Bence – initiated
September 20th

Shillington Lodge No. 1175

Glenn Buchter – initiated August 5th

THE TREASURER'S TALES - NOVEMBER 2014

Breeding turkeys was a hard thing in captivity. Between the lack of a successful method of artificial insemination (Toms are bashful about mating in captivity) and the lack of antibiotics to combat diseases that reside in chickens, but do not harm them, while they kill turkeys. The late 1930's marked the end for both problems. In 1919, it was still rough to raise a turkey. Barney's father and uncle were on the board of the Odd Fellows Home for New Jersey and had decided they would obtain turkeys for the 1919 Thanksgiving dinner. Since Barney was young and energetic, they drafted him into helping them.

Barney learned from his recent experiences in World War I, that planning is essential. In early June he was assigned the task of ordering turkeys for the Home for Thanksgiving. With just under 100 residents, he estimated a dozen turkeys would be needed. He scoured all the breeders in Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, found the best deal and had the turkeys ordered by the fourth of July. Barney had been in too many actions that turned out poorly because of lack of planning, or so he thought.

The Friday before Thanksgiving, Barney assigned a paper to his English classes. Eleventh grade English was when students were to blossom. After all, high school had only been a four-year experience for a few years and the expanded time allowed for the students to experience literature and complex writing methods. Barney found that the opportunities opened for him to shape the minds of our youth were as disturbing as the opportunities given him through advancement at the conclusion of World War I.

November 1918 was the month of the great Armistice. Barney had been called into battalion headquarters on November 12, 1918. They were promoting him to captain and making him company commander. He would only have to serve till spring and then he would be sent home. It was a great responsibility. The company commander had been sent home early because of important affairs. Barney felt honored. He celebrated the evening of November 12, 1918 with the other Odd Fellows he could locate. The tragic weight of promotion fell on his shoulders squarely on November 13, 1918. The company first sergeant brought in a box of files and identification tags; as Company Commander, Barney had to write letters to the families of those killed in action. It was the worst November Barney would ever have. 1919 would come in second.

Barney thought he should have the students write a paper on Thanksgiving and submit it the day before the Thanksgiving recess. He received numerous papers. All were somewhat less than he expected. Barney believed that his turkeys arrived early, he was not so lucky. On Tuesday he came home from school and left a pile of papers on his desk. He was on vacation.

The first thing Wednesday morning, he got a call from the IOOF Home, no turkeys had been delivered. In 1898 the Nelson Act had expanded and codified federal bankruptcy procedures. The packing house that agreed to sell the turkeys to the IOOF Home had read this Act and was well into the process. Barney was more than upset. He knew there was no way he could find a dozen turkeys in one day. Barney's father called a special meeting of the Home Board. It was decided the residents would have to

settle on chicken for Thanksgiving, but it would take at least three dozen chickens. No butcher in Grover's Mill would be able to meet the order. Barney remembered the Vice Grand of a lodge he had visited in Pennsylvania was a chicken farmer named Ed Mooney. He climbed in to his Model T truck and drove to Pennsylvania with his father. The farmer didn't have a telephone and he needed help immediately. He got to the farm shortly before noon. His friend Ed was cleaning a wagon to move hay. The air was crisp, on Wednesday, November 27, 1918. The high that day was 44° so not much ice would be needed to transport chickens. Ed had lots of chickens. He could butcher them and have them ready in a short time but he did not have enough help to pluck them. Barney decided he would take the chickens back, live. He asked Ed where the closest phone was. Ed told him at the drug store, a mile and a half away. While Ed and Barney's father got the chickens ready, Barney went back to the drug store and called his uncle. "We are bringing back the chickens, live. Can you get the Board of the Odd Fellows Home together? We need to have a chicken plucking party." Barney's uncle agreed and by the time Barney and his father were back in Grover's Mill, a dozen Odd Fellows were waiting. They all shared the same expression his student's had when he assigned the pre-Thanksgiving paper. Barney had the same look he had when he started to read the papers.

Barney's father went home and brought the hard cider left from Halloween, Barney killed the chickens. The feathers were flying and the cider was being drunk for the next two hours. Thanksgiving wasn't what they hoped, but a fine dinner was still presented to all the Home residents. Barney awakened Thanksgiving morn with a disdain for poultry, that would only partly subside by evening. The St. Louis World's Fair of 1904 had given birth to, or inspired, many things. Chief among these was the hamburger sandwich. Despite the availability of a wonderful dinner prepared by Barney's mother, he made himself a hamburger sandwich for dinner. He tasted the roast chicken his mother prepared, shortly before retiring later that evening. What started as a grand plan to celebrate the holiday had been a bust.

Barney looked at his stack of papers. He began the task of grading. He prepared a model to compare the individual efforts. This was impossible. As he sat in his chair, he fell into a deep sleep. He was walking in the woods and a turkey came out of the brush. It was ten feet tall and began to chase Barney. He was running for his life when his chair fell over and he awakened. Barney put the papers back in his brief case and decided he should have the same break as the students. They would grade the papers in class the following Monday.

Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at jcupp@verizon.net or conventional mail at 2 West Main Street, Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401-3403.

WYSOX ODD FELLOWS #1152 CONTINUE THEIR GOAL TO EDUCATE

The Odd Fellows Award is an award that honors academic excellence. The Odd Fellows presented awards for academic honors at the Practical Nursing Graduation on August 14, 2014. PG Nelson Silverstrim, current NG and representative of Wysox Lodge #1152 presented the following awards:

First Academic Honors: Brittany Young

Second Academic Honors: Christine Henfling

Third Academic Honors: Mellisa Blas

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA, is in its 32nd year. It is a one-year program that qualifies graduates to apply for licensure in Practical Nursing. Practical nurses work in nursing homes, doctors' offices, hospitals and home health care as well as in other areas of health care.



MONTGOMERY-CURTIS-NORRIS LODGE #57 OF NORRISTOWN SENDS GREETINGS ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO OUR "WISEST" ODD FELLOW!



It is said, the older you are, the wiser you become. This is a great way to say hi to Calvin Quier of Lodge #57. You will find a picture of Calvin Quier taken September 11, 2014. He was 108 years young in February 2014. He has been an Odd Fellow since March 2, 1925. He and his brothers Curtis and George (who died in February 2012 at 102 years of age) were all raised in the Odd Fellows Orphanage in Philadelphia.

We all here in chilly Pennsylvania wish Brother Calvin our best and are glad to see he's in such good company!

In F, L & T

Bill Wurtz, Sect. Lodge #57

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GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND PATRIARCH

My year has got off to a good start. With several visits under my belt, I feel good about our Encampments.

In the letter sent out, my project is the "Big 33 Cheer Buddy" program. This project is near and dear to my heart. If you can donate it will be greatly appreciated.

Remember to get members in the Encampment we must first help our subordinate Lodge to get members. Think who you can ask to join.

*Thank you for your support,
Yours Fraternally,
Roger A. Calhoon,
Grand Patriarch*

**To help support Roger's endeavor, send all checks payable to Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, 1001 West Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057 with "Big 33" in the memo.*



Successful visits to both Ridgley #217 (Strasburg) and Valley #34 (Newburg) Encampments by Grand Patriarch Roger. If you look closely you will see the Jr Grand Patriarch in the pictures.

TRIUNE LODGE #307 PAYS A VISIT TO ODD FELLOWS HOME OF PA (MIDDLETOWN) RESIDENTS

August 19th – Triune Lodge #307, of Middletown, had a Lodge meeting for those Odd Fellows at the Home. This came about after a visit to one of our Lodge Brothers who resides at the Home. He always asked about the Lodge and the other Brothers and Sisters. We thought, "Wouldn't it be great to have a meeting at the Home for those Odd Fellows there?" We spoke with staff at the Home and got it all set up.

All Odd Fellow residents were invited. We had three Brothers in attendance: Bro Herb Swank, Bro Harold Shaak and Bro Leon Daily. After the meeting, the Brothers from the Home thanked us for having the meeting at the Home.

We are hoping to continue having meetings at the Home for the Brothers there, and maybe we can interest others to join the Odd Fellows.

Submitted by Roger Calhoon, #307

****In appreciation of award granted by the Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania:***

I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for choosing me as one of the scholarship recipients for the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2014 Award. I greatly appreciate the praise that has been extended my way on behalf of my performance at Slippery Rock University and in the community/church. The scholarship is a blessing that has taken away much of my financial worries for the upcoming school year.

I plan to use this scholarship funding to completely cover my rent. The generous amount ensures that I will not have to pay out of pocket for my room and board this entire school year.

I graciously acknowledge that without my grandpa, John Redfoot, I would not have been given the opportunity to apply for your scholarship. He has been a faithful member of the Odd Fellows for over fifty years. I am sure that the valuable morals he has learned as a Brother of the Odd Fellows has attributed to his love and support our family.

Again, thank you so much for choosing me as a recipient of this generous scholarship. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association is truly amazing for supporting the education of college students. Your kind efforts are greatly appreciated!

With sincere thanks, Emily L. Redfoot

COME VISIT THE PRESIDENT

Rebekah Assembly President Jessie has scheduled the following visits for November. I am sure she would appreciate seeing you there.

18 – Lady Esther #74 – 6:30 PM
19 – Nakomis #497 – Dinner 6 PM, Meeting 7 PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Grand Patriarch Roger has scheduled the following visits for November. I am sure he would appreciate seeing you there.

1 – PGP Sellers Testimonial, 6 PM
8 – PM/LAPM Rally, 1 PM
10 – Uncas #144 – 8:30 PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

1 – PGP Sellers Testimonial – 6 PM
3 – Henry Disston #8 – 8 PM
8 – PM/LAPM Rally – 1 PM
10 – Somerset #438 – 7:30 PM
13 – Alert #936 – 7 PM
15 – Jt. Youth/Planning Brd. mtg. – 1 PM
21 – Ridgway #969 – 8 PM
24 – Fred R. Korman #55 – 7:30 PM

THOUGHTS FROM THE GRAND MASTER

November is a busy month, full of notable days. November 4th is Election Day. Don't forget to vote! You are only one person but your vote matters. Many people feel their one vote doesn't count. Your one vote does count. There have been many local elections decided by one vote. There have been cases where an election was tied and the winner was decided by a coin toss. Your single vote could avoid an official being in office as the result of a coin toss. Vote so that you are involved in the selection of your local officials.

November 11th is Veteran's Day. It is set aside to honor and thank all those who have served in our military in war and peace. Thank all those veterans you come in contact with for their service. "Thank you for your service", is a simple phrase that conveys a large message. That phrase acknowledges the contribution of our veterans have made to our country and our national security.

November 27th is Thanksgiving Day. Many treat Thanksgiving Day as the start of the Christmas season, or as a time to spend a long weekend eating good food and watching lots of football games. Thanksgiving is a time to recognize the good deeds of our Brothers and Sisters, friends and family. Let's give thanks for our families, friends and for all that we have.

Special note, during late October some of our IOOF billboards will be going up. They will be on the Pa turnpike in the Bedford county area and on Route 22/322 between Thompsontown and Harrisburg. There will be more going up as soon as we locate affordable billboards in good locations.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

*Fraternally yours,
Joe Giebel*

CENTRE 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!

CENTRE COUNTY:

Bellefonte – Centre Lodge #153

Blanchard – Blanchard Lodge #427 – defunct 1961
Boalsburg – Boalsburg Lodge #894 – defunct 1988
Centre Hall – Centre Hall Lodge #895 – consolidated 1982
Howard – Lick Run Lodge #311 – defunct 2007
Hublersburg – Nittany Valley Lodge #1054 – closed prior 1950s
Fleming – Lumen Lodge #639 – consolidated 1936
Lemont – Lemont Lodge #717 – defunct 1964
Millheim – Millheim Lodge #955 – defunct 1963
Nittany – Nittany Lodge #311 – defunct 1860
Philipsburg – Magnolia Lodge #602 – defunct 1964
Pine Grove Mills – Penns Valley Lodge #276 – defunct 1965

Port Matilda – Port Matilda Lodge #733

Rebersburg – Rebersburg Lodge #1031 – consolidated 1987
Snow Shoe – Snow Shoe Lodge #226 – defunct 1953
Spring Mills – Spring Mills Lodge #597 – consolidated 1968

State College – State College Lodge #1032

Stormstown – Half Moon Lodge #845 – consolidated 1963
= 18 total Lodges with 3 active.

1st Lodge – Centre #153 in 1846

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



OBITUARIES

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

CHARLES J. DOVE

York Springs Lodge No. 211
August 8, 2014



Brother Charles J. Dove, 79, of York Springs, PA, was initiated into York Springs Lodge #211 on November 25, 1956, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 13, 1965.

He was a member of Benders Evangelical Lutheran Church in Biglerville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Betty Lou Bowers. Surviving is one daughter, one son, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Benders Union Cemetery.

DAVID L. MULLIGAN

Oneida Lodge No. 371
August 10, 2014

Brother David L. Mulligan, 64, of Noxen, PA, was initiated into Oneida Lodge #371, Dallas, on May 9, 1983.

Burial was held in Orcutt's Grove Cemetery, Noxen, PA.

ADRIAN B. RUNKLE

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
September 4, 2014



Brother Adrian B. "Byrl" Runkle, 93, formerly of Grove City, PA, was initiated into Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on March 9, 1942.

He was a U.S. Army Air Corps WWII Veteran and a member of the Tower Presbyterian Church of Grove City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Dotty Mann and one great-grandson. Surviving are two daughters, one son, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

GORDON B. GARRETT

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
September 10, 2014



Brother Gordon B. Garrett, 80, of Titusville, PA, was initiated into Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, on February 7, 1962 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Titusville.

Surviving is his wife, the former Marcia Howard, four children, nine grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Burial was held in Woodlawn Cemetery.

CLIFFORD W. BOND

Paoli Lodge No. 290
September 14, 2014

Brother Clifford W. Bond, 79, of Malvern, PA, was initiated in Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, on April 20, 1998.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and was of the Methodist Faith.

Surviving is his wife, the former Kathleen Salotti, two daughters and one grandchild.

J. KENNETH ADAMS

Past Grand Herald/PDDGM
Canawacta Lodge No. 207
September 18, 2014



Brother James K. "Ken" Adams, 86, of Harford, PA, was initiated into Live Oak Lodge #635, Harford, on November 27, 1948, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served as Grand Herald for PGM Earl Longstreth from 1971-72 and served as District Deputy Grand Master from 77-78. In the past, he was a regular attendee to Grand Lodge Session and held active membership in his Lodge. He then became a member of Canawacta Lodge #207, New Milford, through consolidation on February 10, 2005. At the time of his death, he was Canawacta Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Harford Congregational Church.

He was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is his wife, the former Paula F. Wilcox, three children, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

JOHN R COREY

General Worth Lodge No. 386 (Assoc.)
General Worth Encampment No. 188
Canton Pittsburgh No. 5
September 16, 2014



Brother John R. Corey born April 23, 1946, of New Stanton, passed away on September 16, 2014.

He was initiated into Monongalia #10, WV, in 1991. He was an Associate member of Hampton Lodge #1004 where he was Noble Grand in 2008 and a former Associate member of Unified Lodge #2, becoming a PG in 2005. He transferred associate membership to General Worth #386 in 2011. He became Vice Grand in 2013.

He was also a member of General Worth Encampment #188, Canton Pittsburgh #5, and Persia Sanctorum Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans.

Besides being active in Odd Fellows, John had many other organizations that he supported. John graduated from West Virginia University (WVU) and held several degrees.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche Corey, sister Bonnesue Adams, and brother Rick Corey, three children, three step-children, three grandchildren, two great grand-sons.

Service was held on September 20, 2014, at Middletown United Methodist Church and he interred in the Middletown U.M. Church Cemetery.

ELIZABETH KROUT

Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge No. 558
October 2, 2014

Sister Elizabeth (Staudenraus) Krout, 80, of Bedminster Township, PA, was initiated into Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558, Sellersville, PA, on October 16, 1982 where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 28, 1986 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She served as Representative to the Rebekah Assembly several times and traveled very often throughout the Jurisdiction with her good friend, PPRA Mary Landes. She held active membership up until the time of her death, currently serving as Treasurer.

She was a member of St. Stephen's United Church of Christ in Perkasie, PA.

Surviving is her husband, Alfred, of Victory Lodge #658, Sellersville, two sons and five granddaughters.

Burial was held in Kellers Church Cemetery, Kellers Church, PA.





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September 19, 2014

Mr. Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania
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1001 West Harrisburg Pike
Middletown, PA 17057

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of the individuals served at Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, thank you for the contribution of \$1,433.11 from the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of PA. We are grateful for your interest and support of our agency.

Your donation is 100% tax deductible and enables Blind & Vision Rehab to continue to provide programs and services to individuals who are blind, vision impaired or have other disabilities. Please keep this letter as a receipt for your tax records, verifying that no goods or services were provided to you in consideration of your contribution.

Blind & Vision Rehab is the only non-profit organization in the area that provides rehabilitative services for individuals who are blind or vision impaired. Your generosity allows the organization to fulfill its mission of building independence and strengthening individual choice through rehabilitation, screening, employment and support services. Every year, Blind & Vision Rehab serves over 900 adults and teenagers through comprehensive rehabilitation programs and 14,000 children through preschool vision screening.

If at any time you would like to tour the agency, please call Leslie Montgomery, our director of development and public relations at 412-368-4400 ext 2253. We would be happy to welcome you and let you experience firsthand how your contribution helps our clients.

Thank you again for your generous support. Your help gives people with vision loss the opportunity to regain dignity and independence.

Sincerely,


Erika Arbogast
President



Helping people who are blind and visually impaired achieve their goals.

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Dennis Blanco - #2
Gary Rebuck - #125
Samuel Lutz - #192

35 YEARS

Kenneth Strausser - #306
Vincent Bowser - #379
David Lawrence - #708

40 YEARS

Robert Gruber, Jr. - #306
Randy Browning - #523
Raymond Oaks, Jr. - #523
Roy Spidle - #773

45 YEARS

Clair Miller - #510

50 YEARS

Fred See - #541 PGM

55 YEARS

Luther Baskin - #125
Donald Bachman - #192
Richard Ellingsworth - #290
Joseph Bufalini - #348

60 YEARS

Marvin Hildebrand - #74
Robert Heaton - #278
Dwight Huster - #523

65 YEARS

Rocco Santilli - #141
Lloyd Kemmerer - #488
Emmett Wentzell - #488
William Johnson - #1030

70 YEARS

Eugene Conklin - #55
William Culbertson - #510

SANDY LAKE RALLY



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CHECK PRESENTATION TO EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION SGL

Judith A. Wert, PPRA presented a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 to SGL Educational Foundation in Memory of "ROBERT DERR" as he was a very big supporter and worked very hard on this Committee for many years. So I thought it only fitting that monies raised from the sale of my pins and collections for my year as President 2012-2013 should be given to this Committee as an appreciation of all his hard work. Bob and Dotty were very instrumental in pushing me into becoming President and I am very proud to have presented this money in Bob's Memory. Kenneth Babb and Michelle Heckart were not only co-committee members, but were personal friends of Bob's and they were very appreciative of the donation.

Pictured L to R are Mary D. DeLong, PPRA; Kenneth Babb, Executive Director; Michelle Heckart, Co-Chairperson; Judith A. Wert, PPRA and Sarah Baer, RA Secretary. It gave me Great Pleasure to present this check.



REBEKAHS TRAVEL TO VICTORIA, BC, CANADA FOR SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE AND IARA SESSION

August 15, 2014 to August 23, 2014

Pictured below L to R Sarah Baer, RA Secretary; Mary D. DeLong, PPRA and Judith A. Wert, PPRA & Representative to IARA traveled to Victoria, BC, Canada what a wonderful trip. We had a Great time both in Session and seeing the sights in the afternoon. The area was absolutely beautiful. We were all glad that we were able to attend.



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September 16, 2014

Mr. Justin C. Bailey
Grand Secretary
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Independent Order of Odd Fellows
1001 West Harrisburg Pike
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

I am delighted to thank you for the generous gift of \$1,433.11 from the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Pennsylvania to Wills Eye Hospital. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support of our research activities.

With the interest and support of caring friends like the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, our physicians are able to pursue innovative research initiatives that offer new treatment options to improve the quality of life for countless individuals and families.

On behalf of Wills Eye Hospital and the patients we serve, many thanks again for this gift and for your steadfast support.

Sincerely,

Diane Guveyian
Director of Individual Giving and Development Operations

Please retain this letter for tax purposes. For gifts over \$250, the IRS requires us to inform you that your contribution is fully tax-deductible and that no goods or services were provided to you as a result of this gift. Wills Eye Hospital is a nonprofit organization under Internal Revenue Service, Section 501(c)(3).

ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's time once again to remind you about the Odd Fellow-Rebekah of Pennsylvania Scholarship Program. Each year we have been able to provide young men and women with help toward their education.

Enclosed is one (1) nomination form for your lodge. Please copy it for your members. No nominations will be accepted if not on this form. Please make sure you complete the nomination form correctly. Members of any branch of the order who are making the nomination **MUST** be members in good standing of their lodge.

Last year we received 73 nominations, and were able to award 38 scholarships of \$500 each.

Be sure to mail the nomination to the address on the form. **DO NOT MAIL TO GRAND LODGE.** The deadline for completing and mailing the nomination form is January 30, 2015. The committee will then mail the scholarship application directly to the nominee.

Remember, only children, grandchildren and step children of members of our order are eligible. Nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends are not. But, if they really want to apply, try getting their parents to become a member and then they **WILL** be eligible.

Yours in F.L.&T.

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM, Chair



*** In appreciation of donations received through the Pennsylvania Visual Research:**

It is our pleasure and honor to receive the donation you sent to us on behalf of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of PA. Once again, it is put to good use toward corneal research at our institute. Thanks to you and all your efforts!

Sincerely, David M. Rosenwasser, Central PA Eye Institute

Editors Note: A thank you was also received from his office from the Cornea Preservation Time Study for our donation.



PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM - Chairman

NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

Student Name _____

Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____

School Presently Attending _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Relationship of Student to nominator _____

*Nominator _____

Lodge Name & # _____

*Nominator must be a member in good standing of any branch of the order

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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NOMINATIONS MUST BE MAILED BY JANUARY 30, 2015
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2014

NOVEMBER

1 / James Sellers Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA *+

8 / PM/LAPM Rally, York, PA, 1:00PM *+

15 / Jt. Youth & Planning Brd, State College, PA, 1:00PM*

2015

OCTOBER

24 / Joseph Giebel Testimonial, State College, PA *+

All Lodges are reminded when planning an activity, if you would like your state officer's support please contact the Planning Board Secy, Mary Giebel, PO Box 49, Cassville, PA 16623 or 814-305-2011.
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September Donations

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

Philadelphia Home for Orphans	5,000.00
2 Unified	50.00
	5,050.00

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Philadelphia Home for Orphans	2,500.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

Philadelphia Home for Orphans	2,000.00
2 Unified	25.00
	2,025.00

PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2 Unified	25.00
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ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

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