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## ENCAMPMENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Perseverance Encampment #135 held its annual Memorial Service and Holiday Party on Thursday, December 18, 2014. While the weather outside was anything but warm, the temperature and atmosphere inside was certainly full of the holiday spirit. This year we remembered two Patriarchs at the Service and as the names were read, Perseverance Encampment members placed a carnation on the front table. Those remembered were:



| <u>Members</u>                         | <u>Joined</u>    | <u>Deceased</u> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Jane B. Danihel                        | May 21, 2007     | 9/3/2014        |
| (Currently Grand Junior Warden)        |                  |                 |
| William W.K. Hilt                      | October 29, 1984 | 11/20/2014      |
| (Past District Deputy Grand Patriarch) |                  |                 |

After the Service, we all enjoyed a delicious dinner and fellowship with our members and families.

Once everyone had enjoyed the evening, we all bundled up and went on our way with a warm heart filled with the holiday spirit. Also in attendance was GP Calhoon and family, PGP Neil Thomas and PSGMusician Paul Miller.



## *Places to Go ... People to See*

\* denotes furnished by Planning Board  
+ denotes details to follow

### 2015

#### MARCH

7 / Grand Lodge Board Meeting, 10:00AM  
14 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans  
meeting, Williamson's Restaurant, 6:00PM  
21 / Grand Encampment Board Meeting  
27 - 29 / Mid-Atlantic States Conclave,  
Swedesboro, NJ+

#### APRIL

18 / All State Rally, Allentown, PA+

#### MAY

1-3 / Pilgrimage to the Tomb of  
the Unknowns+

#### JUNE

13 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans  
Meeting, 11:00AM \*  
22-24 / Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA

#### JULY

18 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove,  
Elysburg, PA \*+

#### SEPTEMBER

12 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans  
Meeting, 11:00AM \*

#### OCTOBER

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

#### DECEMBER

12 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans  
Meeting, 11:00AM \*

All Lodges are reminded when planning  
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## THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

### Variety Lodge No. 37, Philadelphia

Max Buher – initiated November 12th  
Brandon Storie – initiated December 10th  
Walter Blomquist  
Neil H. Shapiro

### Clover Lodge No. 348, Ambridge

Frederick A. Retsch – initiated January 7th

### Shillington Lodge No. 1175

Kyle Frey - Initiated December 9th

### Leesport Lodge No. 141

Donald A. Stewart – initiated December 9th

## FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY



Fraternal Greetings Brothers & Sisters! "We're working on it." You can't imagine how many times I have heard this sentence during my travels. Whether it be by-laws, new members, finances, etc, I always get the "We're working on it."

Some Lodges have been working on their by-laws the past 2 to 3 years. Some Lodges have enough members they just "need to sign up" to over triple their active membership. Make 2015 the year to DO! Get these items passed and cleared so you and your Lodge can advance more! We got a great rally coming up that I hope each Lodge supports. You have seen in the past rally articles that members are travelling many many hours to make it to this. The Conclave and Tomb are also coming up. Have fun as Odd Fellows and come out and support these! I know many Lodges are growing, and changes like initiating new members or updating by-laws can be overwhelming. I am paid out of the Grand Lodge funds to be in this office 40 hours a week. Yes I am busy, but it is YOUR dues that pay my salary. Take advantage of that! Never hesitate to call or email and I will do everything I can to help you achieve your goals. I will tell you after receiving the reports that I was able to come up with our final figures for the year. As you know, we are still in a decline, but as always, it's a matter of perspective. In 2011, we had a loss of 135, 2012 a loss of 101, 2013 a loss of 167... total loss from 2013-2014...TEN. Brothers, Sisters, CELEBRATE! That is something to be proud of! Keep up the good work and keep the Lodge room open!

*In Friendship, Love & Truth,  
Justin C. Bailey*

## COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

2 - Jamison #447 - 8:00PM

3 - Jordan #192 - 7:30PM

9 - Mount Tabor - 7:30PM

26 - Unified #2 - 7:30PM

27 - Alma #523 - 7:30PM

REMEMBER: All meetings are weather permitting. For more information, stay tuned to our website, or contact the Grand Master or Grand Secretary.

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### 25 YEARS

Robert Jacobs #306

### 30 YEARS

William Ehmann, Jr. #1004

William Ellison #1128

### 35 YEARS

Tim Osborn #1128

### 40 YEARS

Edward O'Hanlon, Sr. #306

Earl Johnson #488

Gary Kratzer #488

### 45 YEARS

PGM Ernest L. Nelson #510

### 50 YEARS

William Huntsinger #361

James Melcher #1175

### 55 YEARS

James Hallock #1152

### 60 YEARS

Francis Pyle #290

J. Forest Taylor #290

### 65 YEARS

Ray Balthaser #141

Ray Lewellen #254

Richard Rohm #380

Frederick Funk #447

## LEBANON 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!

### LEBANON COUNTY:

Annvile - Quittapahilla Lodge #335 - defunct 1968

Fredericksburg - Fredericksburg Lodge #353 - consolidated 1967

Jonestown - Swatara Lodge #406 - defunct 1865

Jonestown - Swatara Lodge #1164 - defunct 1958

Kleinfeltersville - Albright Lodge #1181 - consolidated 1941

Lebanon - Lebanon Lodge #121 - consolidated 2003

Lebanon - Mohegan Lodge #288 - consolidated 1950

Lebanon - Lebanon Valley Lodge #636 - defunct prior 1900s

Myerstown - Myerstown Lodge #358 - consolidated 1967

Palmyra - Palmyra Lodge #1132 - consolidated 1954

**= 10 total Lodges with 0 active. 1st Lodge - Lebanon #121 in 1845**

Next month - Sullivan County - Get your pictures and articles in now!



The accompanying sign up/registration sheets have been mailed to your Lodge in the January mailing or may be found on our website. If you do not have internet access, for hard copies, please contact the Grand Lodge office. Thank you!

## Eighty-second I.O.O.F. Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns May 1-3, 2015, Arlington, Virginia



### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Alexandria Mark Center  
5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22311  
1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667)

**Reservations are now being accepted and should be made as soon as possible.**

The **Hilton Alexandria Mark Center** is the headquarters hotel for the 2015 Independent Order of Odd Fellows Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknowns. To receive the special rate of \$114.00 plus hotel tax, available for the nights of May 1-3, reservations must be made **no later than March 27, 2015**. You must mention the **"ODD FELLOWS PILGRIMAGE"** when making your reservation in order to receive this rate and to obtain the specially reduced parking rate. The hotel will accept reservations **on a space available basis after March 27, 2015, but not at this reduced price**. Only telephone reservations are accepted 1-703-845-1010 or 1-800-HILTONS (1-800-445-8667).

**It is imperative that reservations are made as early as possible.** Although the deadline to place a reservation is **March 27, 2015**, occasionally in past years the hotel has sold all the rooms set aside for the IOOF Pilgrimage at the reduced rate **BEFORE** the deadline. So, although a person may call to place a reservation before March 27, if there are no more rooms available **AT THAT RATE**, the person will be faced with a choice of **reserving a room at a higher rate**, if any are available, or seeking a room at another hotel. **If you have any problems with hotel reservations, please call Chuck Renninger at 301-350-4495 or Jennie Sue Pearson at 301-662-0749.**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Friday, May 1, 2015

3:00-8:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

#### Saturday, May 2, 2015

8:00 AM-4:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

8:00-8:45 AM Check in with Pilgrimage Committee Tour Guide for Mount Vernon Tour (Hotel Front Lobby)

9:00-3:00 **MOUNT VERNON TOUR**, includes round trip charter bus transportation from the hotel lobby and self-guided tour of the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens and Ford Orientation Center and the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center; lunch will be on your own at the Mount Vernon Inn or the Mount Vernon Food Court.

5:45-6:45 PM **CASH-BAR SOCIAL HOUR**, hotel lower level

7:00 PM **PILGRIMAGE BANQUET**, hotel lower level. **Prepaid reservations required.** (See attached pre-registration form) Open seating. **Dress code for men** - business suit, military uniform, or black tie; **Dress code for women** - street-length dress, dress suit, or formal dress.

#### Sunday, May 3, 2015

Please note earlier times for all events

8:30-10:30 AM **PILGRIMAGE REGISTRATION DESK** open in the upper lobby foyer of the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center

10:30 AM **BUSES LOAD-DEPART 10:45 AM** promptly from the hotel lobby entrance. No cars will be allowed in the cemetery. Commercial parking lot available.

All buses must leave from the hotel and be escorted into the cemetery. No exceptions.

11:45 AM The **PARADE** forms at the mast of the USS Maine, with the Memorial Service and Wreath Laying to follow.

**NO FORMAL ATTIRE FOR MEN OR WOMEN IS PERMITTED FOR WREATH LAYING.**

Department of the Army **Dress code:**

**for men:** business suit or military uniform

**for women:** street-length dress, dress suit or Lady's military uniform

**No sandals, flip-flops, sneakers, etc.—no exceptions—per the department of the Army**



## WALTERSBURG HELPS THE NEEDY DURING THE WINTER SEASON

Members of Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge #254 and Ellen Rebekah Lodge #233, both of Waltersburg, PA, collected scarfs, hats, mittens, etc and donated them to the Salvation Army. Pictured from left to right are John Dugan, LSNG of #254, Lt's Larry and Ashley Fulmer of the Salvation Army, Steve Slavic, PG of #254 and Beverly Sabatula DDP.

## TREASURER'S TALES - FEBRUARY 2015

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at February 1920. The big thing in February is St. Valentine's Day. Grover's Mill, like all good high schools, had a Valentine's Day Dance. The teachers who were lowest on the seniority list, were assigned the job of chaperone. Barney was in his first year, so he was stuck. He was in charge of monitoring the ninth graders, also because of his lack of seniority.

The dance was somewhat boring for the chaperones. Aside from guarding the punch bowl and trying to discourage the students from getting too friendly, he just wandered around the gym. Every fifteen minutes, he had to look in the boys room to make sure there weren't any smokers in there. He didn't know any of the other teachers very well since he was new and had only half a year under his belt.

While watching the punch bowl, to make sure one of the students didn't pour liquor in it, he saw a familiar face on the other side of the room. George Baker taught biology at the same high school, but Barney didn't know how long. George had received his initiatory degree in October and finally got all three degrees by Christmas. Barney didn't know George any better than any of the other teachers, but he thought he would do better in striking up a conversation.

Barney walked over and began, "I believe you are Brother Baker."

George looked thoughtfully at Barney and replied, "Are you looking for me?" grasping his lapel.

Barney was taken aback and began laughing, "You have been well indoctrinated. I should have stuck to the rules better. How did you get so lucky as to pull this assignment?"

George replied, "I am in my first year teaching. The old hands won't do it and I assume you don't have much seniority either."

Barney said he was a newcomer as well. He taught English and farmed a little on the side. His father was a teacher and farmer and the family seemed to stay in the same groove.

George went on, "I was lucky enough to go to Princeton, because my father taught there. I was planning on going to dental school, but I got side-tracked by the war. After a tour in France, I decided I didn't want to pull teeth or see any more blood than necessary, so I got this job teaching."

Barney was surprised and quite pleased. He replied, "I was in the war too. I was in France and saw action in the Argonne forest campaign."

George became a bit fidgety, "I was in the Argonne forest. I was in the 77th division. I was part of the unit known as the lost battalion."

Barney thought for a moment, he knew about the lost battalion, that was cut off from the remainder of the American forces, based on poor information. Two-thirds had been killed or taken prisoner before they were relieved. He went on to ask George, "Weren't most of the men in the unit from New York City?"

George replied, "I was from New Jersey, just like you. I graduated from college and a friend of mine, who went to Columbia, asked me to enlist with him. We were both platoon leaders. The last I saw him was in the Argonne forest. I think he was killed, but no one knows."

Barney said he thought that the fighting was rough for men who were cut off without supplies and stranded in a spot where their own artillery was hitting them. George agreed and the night seemed to pass very quickly. As the First World War was getting a replay, Barney caught something in the corner of his eye, a girl had pulled a small bottle from her handbag and was about to pour it in the punch. Barney and George ran over and stopped her. She was sent to the office for a stern lecture from Barney while George kept alert to other would-be mixologists.

That dance began a lot of things that would stick with Barney and George. A few years later, George would marry the girl who tried to spike the punch. Barney and George would both serve on the same Grand Encampment staff. The two would become charter members of the Grover's Mill post of the American Legion. And for all the good that came from it, February 1920 would be the last time Barney and George would be compelled to be chaperones, they both volunteered until they retired.

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

## LEESPORT LODGE DEGREE

Leesport Lodge #141 conferred the Initiatory Degree on two new Brothers, Donald A. Stewart, Leesport #141 and Kyle Frey, Shillington Lodge #1175. The Brothers from Leesport Lodge #144 were assisted by Brothers from Shillington lodge #1175 and Brothers from East Brunswick Lodge #802 also assisting was DDGM Michael Mitchel. Thanks for the help Brother Michael and all Brothers.



# Lodges Celebrate the Season



## TUNKHANNOCK RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON

L-R, Back Row: William Eggleston, Josh Bonner, Lyman Palmer, Charlie Smith, Don Church Jr., Gary Sands Sr., Cynthia A. Wooden, Sherman Wooden. L-R, Middle Row: Aurora Bonner, Linda Smith, Don Church Sr., Eppie Church, Theresa Mattocks. L-R, Front Row: Eleanore Palmer, Charles Thomas Smith, Arlene Sands, Tom Severcool, Shirley Severcool.



## GENERAL WORTH LODGE #386

General Worth Lodge #386 held its' annual Christmas Party Dec. 21st, at Hutch's Restaurant in Connellsville, PA. Thirty-four members and guests were in attendance. There were five Grand Lodge officers, and the Department Commander of Patriarch Militant Department Council there, as well.

Hors d'ouerves were served and a great meal followed. After dinner there was a silent auction and door prize drawings.

Shawn Lowry, Rae Ann Driscoll and Blanche Corey formed the committee for the party. Each guest was presented a Christmas stocking with his or her first name embroidered on it. These were made by Blanche Corey, N.G. of the Lodge. She donated a Gingerbread House which she also made, to be raffled off, along with other prizes.



## BOYERTOWN HONORS MEMBERS DURING CHRISTMAS PARTY

On December 16th Boyertown Lodge #708 had their annual Christmas party for members and family. During the meeting brother Harold Schoenly was presented with a 50 year pin and Brother David Lawrence a 35 year pin



by Noble Grand Patrick Maloney. Five year pins were also presented to Christopher Fontana, Patrick Maloney, Mark Hess and Josh Hess.



Br. Lawrence, NG Maloney, Br. Schoenly

## LEESPORT #141 & LADY COLFAX #182 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On Saturday Evening 12/27/14, the Brothers from Leesport #141, Sisters from Lady Colfax #182 and friends got together at the Blue Mountain Restaurant for their Annual Christmas Dinner. After enjoying a great meal Noble Grand James Blatt, assisted by DDGM Mike Mitchel, gave out Service pins to the following Brothers. Fred Baal, 30 yrs, Paul L. Miller, 60 yrs. & Rocky Santilli, 65 yrs. Brother John Kunkleman assisted by NG Blatt presented Bro. Miller with a framed photo of him in his SGL regalia, as Sovereign Grand Musician.

*Submitted by PGM Nevin Adams*



NG Blatt, DDGM Mitchell, Br. Baal



NG Blatt, Br. Santilli, DDGM Mitchell



NG Blatt, PSG Musician Miller, PDC Kunkleman

## UNITED NATIONS DELEGATE RECOGNITION PROGRAM OCTOBER 4, 2014

Walker Lodge #306, Perseverance Encampment #135, Variety Lodge #37 and Mystic Lodge #270 held their Delegate Recognition Night on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The delegates and their families and Lodge members enjoyed dinner and talking with their friends. Following the dinner, prepared by Dolores & Charlie Shorten, the group went into the Lodge Hall and entertained the attendees with their trip stories. The program commenced with opening comments by Charlie Danihel who gave an overview of the evening program recognizing: Candy Bowser, 2014 "Bus Mom" and Rick Meagher, 2014 "Bus Pop;" Charlie Shorten (SGL UN Pilgrimage Committee member); our sponsored delegates; four additional delegates from other sponsor lodges; and all families in attendance. Charlie also recognized the recent passing of his wife Jane Danihel who, as Charlie stated, did all the usual behind the seen administrative work as she had done for many years.

Each delegate came to the microphone and gave some very moving, comical, informative and appreciative comments about their experiences on the trip. Also, a common theme mentioned

was that their initial apprehensions about the trip quickly evolved to one of developing lasting friendships as well as enjoying vast educational experiences.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. The eight delegates present were: Nicholas Bartlett, Benjamin Burge, Daniel Melnick, Destiny Orawsky, Andy Rivera, Liesl Roth, Meghan Solomon and Sara Whitehouse. Not able to attend were Brittany Strausser (returned to school in Hershey Pa), Hallie Thayer (lives in New Mexico), Jennifer Lidgens (lives in Virginia Beach) and Magdalena Benzenhafer but most sent letters of thanks which were read to the audience. We also had a four delegates present who were on the UN trip Pennsylvania bus that were sponsored by other lodges and organizations but interacted so much with our delegates they wanted to also attend the recognition night. Basically, they developed such a strong friendship with our sponsored delegates that they asked to attend the meeting and say a few words in thanks and recognition of having such a life changing event via the UN trip. They were: Wyatt Haupt, Logan Downes, Peyton Dean and Mary Kate Bennett.



*Pictured is Charlie Danihel leading off the program with Candy Bowser and Rick Meagher looking on; and a group picture of all the delegates with Candy and Rick. All were presented with Certificates of Recognition from the United Nations Educational Pilgrimage. We enjoyed the time with them and are looking forward to 2015.*



## HOME FOR ORPHANS OF ODD FELLOWS ENTERTAINS UN STUDENTS

On Saturday Dec. 13, 2014 the Board of Directors and Officers of the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows, entertained their UN Students and their parents for lunch. After lunch five students that we sponsored gave their report on the 2014 trip. Each year the reports are getting more interesting and all the students report that they have made friends for life with all the other kids on tour.

*Submitted by Nevin W. Adams, Secy/Treas*



*All the students and their parents.*



*Here is a picture of the five students with President Craig Reinhart, Vice President Mary Landes & Sec/Treas. Nevin Adams. The students are Wyatt Haupt, Donovan Keen, Emma Gerhart, Nathan Wiemann & David Brickey.*



**Ho! Ho! Ho!**

**Merry Christmas!**



Sr. Donna Faub, DDGM, Treasurer of Unified Lodge, saw to it that all partiers received favors and prizes.



Kids young and older lined up to chat with Santa and Mrs. Klaas and receive gifts.



The "real" Santa and Mrs. Klaas were received and welcomed by John Clark, Noble Grand of Unified.

## UNIFIED LODGE'S 2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 20,  
At The Greater Pittsburgh  
Masonic Center



Smiles were evident on many faces, as the kids and all sang "Old McDonald."



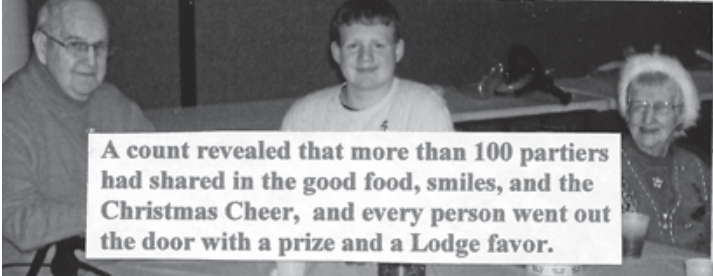
Members of six different Odd Fellows Lodges attended the party.



The appetizers, including very large shrimp, pampered partiers' palates.



A number of high level dignitaries, of past and present years attended.



A count revealed that more than 100 partiers had shared in the good food, smiles, and the Christmas Cheer, and every person went out the door with a prize and a Lodge favor.

## OBITUARIES

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

**ROBERT H. MARIACHER**  
Connoquenessing Lodge No. 278  
November 29, 2014



Brother Robert H. Mariacher, 80, of Butler, PA, was initiated into Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler, on April 11, 1959, where he became a Past Grand in 1985 and received his Grand Lodge Degree June 24, 1996. He held active membership up until his sickness.

He was a Korean War Air Force and Army Reserve Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Joan Taylor, one son, one daughter and three grandchildren.

Burial was private.

**MILLARD R. SWANK**  
Somerset Lodge No. 438  
November 29, 2014



Brother Millard R. "Mike" Swank, 83, of Central City, PA, was initiated into Stoystown Lodge #372 on May 2, 1949 where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Somerset Lodge #438 through consolidation on March 9, 1987. He was the last surviving member of Stoystown Lodge #372 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a Korean War Navy Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Sarah M. Corbett, one son, one daughter and four grandchildren.

Burial was held in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Stoystown, PA.

**PAUL R. SHEFFER**  
Foster Lodge No 333  
December 7, 2014



Brother Paul R. "Bump" Sheffer, Jr., 80, of Bradford, PA, was initiated into Foster Lodge #333, Rew, on May 6, 1965, where he became a Past Grand. He held active membership up until the time of his death, currently holding the position of Warden.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Patricia Freer, PDDP of Maud Rebekah Lodge #175, Rew, two daughters, two granddaughters, one step grandson and one step granddaughter.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in McKean Memorial Park, Lafayette, PA.

**SAMUEL C. LYKENS**  
Port Matilda Lodge No. 733  
December 27, 2014



Samuel C. Lykens, Jr., Noble Grand of Port Matilda Lodge #733 passed away at age 76 on Saturday December 27, 2014 at home. He was born on May 23, 1938 in Port Matilda to the late Samuel C.

Lykens Sr. (also a member of Lodge #733) and Jessi Woodring Lykens. Sam was a graduate of Port Matilda High School and attended Penn State University. He was the retired owner and operator of Lykens Markets. In addition to Port Matilda Lodge #733, IOOF, Sam was a member of the St. Alban's Anglican Church. Prior to his many years in business, Sam was a member of the United States Coast Guard. He is survived by his wife Janet, his three sons Greg, Dave and Chris along with three sisters, one brother, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sam was instrumental in saving Port Matilda Lodge #733 from closing when he took personal initiative to invite two new members into the lodge in 2006. From those two, more came and the lodge prospered. Today only two members survive from those who belonged to the lodge prior to 2006, proof that without Sam's efforts the lodge would be long gone by now. Sam refused numerous attempts to honor him and claimed he was not a good leader. He refused advancement to Noble Grand for many years, but thankfully acquiesced in September 2014. His many contributions to Odd Fellowship have gone mostly unheralded and few outside his lodge knew of his deep dedication to the organization. He preferred to help from outside the spotlight. The lodge performed an Odd Fellow Funeral Service on December 30, 2014 and said farewell to a Brother who will be dearly missed. His mortal remains returned to the earth on December 31, 2014.

**MARGARET A. SEEBERGER**  
Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge No. 173  
Philadelphia Auxiliary No. 1  
December 29, 2014

Lady Margaret A. "Peggy" Seeberger, of the Odd Fellows Home of PA, Middletown, was initiated into Letitia Penn Rebekah Lodge #173, on November 28, 1973 where she became a Past Noble Grand and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree on October 15, 1983. She was a Past President of Philadelphia Auxiliary #1 and received the Decoration of Chivalry in 1993. For a short period of time, she was also a member of Walker Lodge #306, Philadelphia.

Burial was held in Whitmarsh Memorial Park.

**DONALD A. MANGUS**

Alma Lodge No. 523

William F. Packer Encampment No. 127

December 31, 2014



Brother Donald A. Mangus, 94, of Martinsburg, WV, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on February 6, 1987, where he became a Past Grand in 1989 and receive the Grand Lodge Degree on April 26, 1997. He was also a Patriarch of William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown, having been initiated June 2, 1990.

He was a WWII U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Homestead Avenue United Methodist Church, Johnstown.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Mary Fetter. Surviving are two daughters, 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Burial was private at convenience of the family.

## Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania Spring 2015 Rally



*Proudly held in Vienna Hall, Allentown, PA*

Greetings,

BRING YOUR CANDIDATES! It's that time of the year to start getting your plans made for the Spring Rally! Most of the format will remain the same. The location is 118N. 9th Street, Allentown. Parking is available directly behind the Lodge Hall or on the street in front of the Hall. There is also a vacant lot across the street. DO NOT park in the church parking lot next to the Hall. There are roughly 12 steps to the elevator, but there will be members out to assist if needed. There will be a registration this year of \$1.00 per person attending, including candidates. Proceeds will go to Vienna Lodge #847 to help defray expenses. A lunch will be served at 12:30 for a cost of to be determined at a later date.

Lodge will open at 9:00AM

1st Degree – 11:00AM

GL Degree – 1:30PM

2nd Degree – 1:45PM

3:45PM Introduction of Dignitaries & Closing the Lodge.

Initiatory Degree – 9:30AM

Lunch – 12:30

RA Degree – To be determined

3rd Degree – 3:00PM

Please, even if you do not have any candidates, support this by attending. I will also need several parts, speaking and non speaking, in the various degrees. If you are willing to help, please get in contact with me as soon as possible. Last year, we had two degrees with no team, but a mix of Members throughout the Jurisdiction helping, and it went great! It was nice to see everyone working together. The better we as a Jurisdiction look, the more impressed the candidates will be. Also, do not forget your "Request for Degree" slips. If your Lodge does not have any, they are available at the Grand Lodge office. Try and get there earlier so we can get the candidates signed in and start on time. Forms for bringing candidates will be mailed to your Secretary at a later date. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to call me at 570-449-5617 or email at pps562004@yahoo.com and I'll be more than glad to work with you!

Fraternally,

Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

**ATTENTION REBEKAHS!!! – I AM STILL  
LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO BE DEGREE  
LEADER TO CHOOSE REBEKAHS TO PUT  
THE DEGREE ON. IF YOU WANT TO  
CONTINUE HAVING THIS JOINT RALLY,  
I NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP!**




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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 470 students to receive \$252,000.00 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, Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., 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 fifth day of January, 2015, and in the 191<sup>st</sup> year of this Grand Body.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

  
 Joseph J. Giebel, Jr., Grand Master

Attest

  
 Justin C. 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.

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Periodicals

## Centre Lodge #153, Bellefonte Music Lovers:

Musician open jam the 2nd Sunday of every month, starts at 1:00pm, Full PA, microphones and drums provided, food & beverages provided, donations appreciated. All ages, family, friends and skill levels welcome, all types of music. Call Jeff Weaver for more information (814) 357-6954 or (814) 571-5576.

Location is 756 Axman Road in Pleasant Gap (IOOF Lodge #153). On the few months that the 2nd Sunday falls on a holiday weekend, the monthly jam will be held on the 3rd Sunday.

*Respectfully submitted in FLT,*  
Tony Tamburini

## December Donations

### EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

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| 2 | Unified | 50.00 |
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### VISUAL RESEARCH

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| 74 | Mount Zion | 200.00       |
| 2  | Unified    | 25.00        |
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### PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE

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### CURING RETINAL BLINDNESS FOUNDATION

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| 270 | Mystic | 500.00 |
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### ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

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