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# BEST WISHES TO OUR LEADERS FOR HARMONIOUS SESSIONS AS WE GATHER IN HARRISBURG



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# Places to Go ... People to See

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# JUNE

6 / Grand Encampment Rally, Johnstown, 10:30AM 13/ Phila Home for Orphans Meeting, 11:00AM \* 14 / Centre Lodge #153 Music Jam, Bellefonte, 1:00PM 22-24/ Unified Session, Harrisburg, PA

12 / Centre Lodge #153 Music Jam, Bellefonte, 1:00PM 18/ Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove, Elysburg, PA \*+

### OCTOBER

12 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans Meeting, 11:00AM \* 24 / Joseph Giebel Testimonial, State College, PA \*+

## **NOVEMBER**

7 / Roger Calhoon Testimonial, Sharlesville, PA \*+ 14 PM/LAPM Rally, York, PA 12:00PM+

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

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. mcgiebel@msn.com.

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## **PLEASE TAKE NOTE!**

PGM ERNEST L. NELSON HAS MOVED!

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## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

It's the 2015 IOOF and Rebekah Picnic at KNOEBELS!

Join us Saturday, July 18th at 1 PM at Pavilion J

New Food Choices It's New!



New Door Prizes It's Bigger!

## It's so big we can't fit all the information here!

Check your local lodges for a special informational mailing!
Or email IOOF Planning Board secretary Mary Giebel for the order form:
mcgiebel@msn.com

(814) 305-2011

Information, order forms and tickets will also be available at Session

# **COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER**

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

2 - Triune #307 @ Middletown Home - 7:30PM 5 – Port Matilda #733 – 7:30PM

6 - Encampment Degree Rally, Johnstown - 10:30AM 17 – 19 – New Jersey Session

20 - GL Board Meeting, Harrisburg - 10:00AM

21 – 23 – Unified Session, Harrisburg

22 - Earl #413 - 7:30PM

# JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

## **30 YEARS**

Harold W. Gray #306 George I. Gardner #380 Donald L. Wendt #551

55 YEARS

Walter K. Reeher #573

# COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

6 – Encampment Degree Rally, Johnstown – 10:30AM 10 - Ambridge #259 - 7:30PM

21 - Unified Session Memorial Service & Banquet, Harrisburg – 4:30PM

24 – Grand Encampment Session, Harrisburg – 1:30PM

# THE RESULTS ARE IN FOR THE **GRAND LODGE ELECTION**

Sherman F. Wooden, PG#471 - 189 Michael H. Duminiak, PG#733 - 51



## ALLENTOWN RALLY WELL ATTENDED

We welcome those numerous Brothers and Sisters who are welcomed into this wonderful Order! We had 11 for the Initiatory degree, 29 for the 1-3 degrees, 7 for the Grand Lodge Degree and one for the Rebekah Degree. May the obligations you took and the lessons you learned

remain with you throughout your life, so we can make the world a better place!

Thank you all for attending! Again, we ran out of seats in the hall and had to bring more in. Always a GOOD problem."

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

Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22, Cassville

\*Samantha Ramsey – April 18th

Triune Lodge No. 307

\*Michael Oliveira – initiated April 18th

\* Justin Pozoic

Warren Lodge No. 339

William Lindstrom – initiated March 17th Taylor Hendrickson

Oneida Lodge No. 371, Dallas

\*John Wright – initiated April 18th

White Haven Lodge No. 457

Joseph Wychock – initiated March 11th

Thistle Lodge No. 512, Pittston

Niklas Lingott – initiated

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

\*Samuel A. Cohenour – initiated April 18th

Vienna Lodge No. 847, Allentown

Wanda Cummings – initiated March 21st

\*Judy Torres – initiated April 18th

Alert Lodge No. 936, Rochester Mills

Joel Doty - initiated April 23rd

Gary Bowers

Michael Pardee

Shillington Lodge No. 1175

Fortunato Camporeale – initiated February 24th

\*Richard Esposito – initiated April 18th

\*Laudine Stamm

Rush Lodge No. 471

Dale Shotwell, initiated May 9th

\* indicates initiated at rallv

# PENNSYLVANIA SHINES AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNS





Laying the wreath, GM Giebel, Pres Holzapfel, GP Calhoon and DC Dzyak

The weather proved to be the best in many years as a soft breeze went through the budding trees in Arlington National Cemetery. The 82nd Annual Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was not only a solemn day, but a day to be proud to have attended. Pennsylvania laid a wreath and several Chevaliers were present to help stand guard. Carrying the Canadian Flag was Chev George R. Tufts of Canton Ridgely No. 8, State College, and the IOOF Flag was CPT Justin C. Bailey of Canton Allentown No. 39. There were two squads of Chevaliers to stand guard over the wreath laying ceremony. The one squad was all Pennsylvania, lead by BrigGen Michael H. Duminiak, of Canton No. 8, with the squad comprising (from left to right of picture) of PDC John Cupp, Lt Ray "Bull" Boulanger, Lt Nicole Inama, and CPT Justin Bailey. One of the largest delegations present was a very large contingent from Iceland. We must try and make this event a yearly pilgrimage, or we will end up losing this privelege. It is truly a day worth attending!

# MID ATLANTIC STATES CONCLAVE



Pennsylvania 5 performance at the Mid-Atlantic States Conclave, March 27-29 in Swedesboro, NJ



Shown left to right: JrPPRA Mary Landes, GP Roger Calhoon, PPRA Carolyn Barger & GW David Young

## GRAND MASTER GIEBEL VISITS WALKER LODGE NO. 306

A District Visit was called for the purpose of the Grand Master and staff visiting Walker Lodge. Present were Grand Master Joseph J. Giebel Jr., Grand Secretary Justin C. Bailey, Grand Representative Charles M. Shorten & DDGM of District #4 Michael J. Mitchell.

A large delegation of Members of Walker Lodge #306

were present, numbering roughly 30. There were also several members from Mystic Lodge #270. GM Giebel presented his project and gave a motivating speech to the delegation. Walker Lodge presented him with a check in thanks for him coming and refreshments were provided following the meeting.





# IOOF - 2015 SESSION (FINAL)

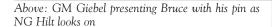
### DAILY FORMAT TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2015 SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2015 10:00-2:00 Board Meeting - Grand Lodge Hershey Suite 7:00-8:00 Registration Main Lobby Board Meeting - Rebekahs Rebekah Credentials 2:00-5:00 Susquehanna 7:30-8:00 Main Lobby 1:00-4:00 Registration Main Lobby 7:30-9:00 Grand Lodge Credential Harrisburg Amphitheater 4:00PM HOTEL CHECK-IN BEGINS Main Lobby 8:00-12:00 Rebekah Assembly Session Pennsylvania Ballroom 7:00-10:00 Fun Night Capitol Ballroom 8:30-12:00 Grand Lodge Session Harrisburg Amphitheater 12:15-1:00 Past President Luncheon LAPM Seasons Loft **SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015** 1:00-3:00 Registration Main Lobby Main Lobby 8:00-3:30 Registration 1:30-5:00 Department Association Session West Derry Rebekah Assembly President's Buffet Seasons Loft 9:00-10:30 1:30-5:00 Department Council Session East Derry 12:30-2:00 Past Grand Masters/Wives Luncheon East Derry 4:30-5:30 Deputy Grand Master Assoc. Meeting Hershey Suite 2:00-3:30 Grand Lodge/Rebekah Credentials Main Lobby 5:00-7:00 Past Presidents' Dinner Susquehanna 3:00-4:30 Current President's Officers Meeting Pennsylvania Ballroom 7:00-10:00 FREE NIGHT - HAVE FUN IN HERSHEY!!! 4:30-5:30 Religious and Memorial Service Capital Ballroom WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2015 6:30-6:45 Dignitary Line Up Dauphin Ballroom 7:00-11:00 Banquet for all Branches Dauphin Ballroom 7:00-8:00 Registration Main Lobby 7:30-8:00 Rebekah Credentials Main Lobby **MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2015** 7:30-9:00 Grand Lodge Credentials Harrisburg Amphitheater 7:00-8:00 Registration Main Lobby 8:00-12:00 Rebekah Assembly Session Pennsylvania Ballroom 7:30-7:45 Rebekah Delegates Orientation Pennsylvania Ballroom 8:30-12:00 Grand Lodge Session Harrisburg Amphitheater 7:30-8:00 Rebekah Credentials Main Lobby 1:00-1:30 Grand Encampment Credentials Harrisburg Amphitheatre 7:30-9:00 Grand Lodge Credentials Harrisburg Amphitheater 1:00-2:30 Rebekah Secretaries/DDP Luncheon Harrisburg Suite Rebekah Assembly Session Pennsylvania Ballroom 8:00-12:00 1:30-4:00 Grand Encampment Session Harrisburg Amphitheater 8:30-12:00 Grand Lodge Session Harrisburg Amphitheater 3:30-5:00 Installing Officers' Rehearsal Dauphin Ballroom 1:00-3:00 Registration Main Lobby 7:30-8:00 Participants for Installation Line Up Harrisburg Amphitheater 1:30-4:00 Department Association Session West Derry 8:00-9:00 Joint Installation - GL/Rebekah/GE Dauphin Ballroom 1:30-5:00 Department Council Session East Derry 9:00-11:00 Installation Reception Dauphin Ballroom 4:00-4:30 Incoming Dist. Deputy Pres. Meeting Susquehanna THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 4:30-5:00 Incoming Rebekah Staff Meeting Susquehanna 8:00-12:00 Rebekah Assembly Session 7:00-10:00 Game Night (Come as you are) Capitol Ballroom Pennsylvania Ballroom

# GRAND MASTER VISITS VICTORY LODGE #658 BRUCE TORRENCE HONORED FOR SERVICE

Members of Victory Lodge #658, of Sellersville, entertained the Grand Master during his official visitation. Also in attendance were GS Bailey and PG's Wurtz and Bramble out of Montgomery-Curtis-Norris #57 in Norristown. Bruce was presented with a pin for 45 years of dedicated service, along with a cake honoring him.



Above: From left to right sitting—Bob Raffensberger, Warden#658, Frank Hilt, NG#658. Standing—Bucky Bramble, PG#57; Ken Knapp, Secy #658, Bill Wurtz, Secy #57; GM Giebel, DDGM Torrence, GS Bailey and Bro Viola #658





# Congratulations

# TO BETTY ELDER - 30 YEARS AS SECRETARY OF ORCHARD MANOR

After Betty Elder's term as Rebekah Assembly President was over, she assumed the position of Secretary for Orchard Manor. A position which she proudly held up until her "retirement" at their annual meeting. Sally Walter now assumed the position and we wish her best of luck also as she has some big shoes to fill! Best Wishes Betty and thanks for all the hard work!







President Ron Reudiger, #573 presents Betty with a plaque from the Board.

# REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PA AWARD

Leonard Santini presents the plaque to Emily Redfoot; one of the four winners of the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western PA Award for 2014. Emily is the daughter of Michele and Gerald Redfoot of Sandy Lake, PA. Her grandfather, John Redfoot, is a member of Falllowfield Lodge #1128. Emily is in her senior year at Slippery Rock University majoring in Secondary Education-English (7-12) and minoring in Exceptionalities. Emily hopes to obtain an English teaching position and possibly work with students requiring special accommodations.

- Linda C. Dickson, Secy



# **OBITUARIES**

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

## GERALDINE S. LAIN

Past District Deputy President Wysox Rebekah Lodge No. 443 March 1, 2015

Sister Geraldine S. "Gerry" (Miller) Lain, 91, of Ulster, PA, was initiated into Lady Sheshequin Rebekah Lodge #300, Ulster, on November 13, 1969, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1973. During this time, she also served as District Deputy President. She later left the Lodge and reinstated into Wysox Rebekah Lodge #443 on June 7, 2004.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Russell Seymour and Richard Lain. Surviving are three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Burial was held in Tioga Point Cemetery, Athens, PA.

## CATHERINE R. BARKEY

Lois Elmore Jurisdictional Rebekah Lodge No. 11 March 6, 2015



Sister Catherine R. (Bachner) Barkey, 86, of Sandy Lake, PA, was initiated into Queen Elizabeth Rebekah Lodge #463, Butler, on November 17, 1977. She then became a member of West Sunbury Rebekah Lodge #19, Butler, through consolidation on July 23, 1998. West Sunbury #19 then went defunct on June 25, 2012, and she transferred membership to Lois Elmore Jurisdictional #11. Formerly, she was employed as housekeeping supervisor at Orchard Manor.

She was a member of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Slippery Rock. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald. Surviving are six children, sixteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

## VIRGINIA A. WALKER

Edinboro Lodge No. 510 March 31, 2015



Sister Virginia A. "Sue" (Schruers) Walker, 90, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510 on December 13, 2007. She played piano at Lodge meetings for several years and attended Lodge regularly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip. Surviving are two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Edinboro Cemetery.

## THOMAS SEVERCOOL

Past Grand Appointed Officer/ PDDGM Tunkhannock Lodge No. 699 Lady Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 74 April 3, 2015



Brother Thomas Severcool, 83, of Tunkhannock, PA, was initiated into Tunkhannock Lodge #699 in March of 1994 where he became a Past Grand in 1996 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on June 24, 1996. He became active in the Grand Lodge, serving as Grand Marshal for PGM Arnold 1998-1999 and Grand Herald for PGM Schlott 2003-2004. He served as DDGM from 1998-2005, and formerly held associate memberships within his District – Rush Lodge

#471, Ernestine Rebekah Lodge #548 and the former Lady Milford Rebekah Lodge #189. He was a Rebekah of Lady Esther #74 also in Tunkhannock. He was active in the Ben L. Jenkins Welfare Bureau and the Tri-County Picnic Association and attended Unified Session for many years. He continued to remain active in both Tunkhannock Lodge and Lady Esther, up until the time of his death, holding offices in both Lodges.

He was a member of the Lemon United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Joan Lewis and Barbara McKinney, one son and two daughters. Surviving is his wife, the former Shirley J. Harvey, also of both Lodges, three sons, one daughter, six step-sons, one who is Charles, Secretary of Tunkhannock #699, five step-daughters, one who is Arline Sands, also of both Lodges, numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were done by the members of his Rebekah Lodge.

## GLENN E. BERGER

Past District Deputy Grand Master Mt. Tabor Lodge No. 125 April 13, 2015



Brother Glenn E. Berger, 91, of Northumberland, PA, was initiated into Shamokin Valley Lodge #527, Snydertown, on June 1, 1944, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He then became a member of Elysburg Lodge #548 through consolidation on September 27, 1979. He held the position of DDGM from 1960 – 64 and 1985 – 87. He finally became a member of Mt. Tabor Lodge #125, Shamokin, through consolidation on January

13, 2003, in which he was Elysburg's Treasurer. He held active membership in his Lodge and was active on both consolidation committees. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member and the last surviving member of both Shamokin Valley Lodge #527 and Elysburg Lodge #548 still affiliated with the Order.

He was a member of Miller's Crossroads United Methodist Church in Stonington.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, the former Emma Delp, and one son. Surviving is his second wife, the former Ruth Sigafoos, of Regina Rebekah Lodge #230, Shamokin.

Burial was held in Miller's Crossroads Church Cemetery.

## JAMES H. HAUGER

Somerset Lodge No. 438 April 13, 2015

Brother James H. Hauger, 83, of Somerset, PA, was initiated into Somerset Lodge No. 438 on March 10, 1952, where he became a Past Grand.

He was a member of First Christian Church. Surviving is his wife, the former Loretta Colbert. Burial was held in Husband Cemetery, Somerset, PA.

## ARLAN R. MOSER

Jordan Lodge No. 192 April 15, 2015

Brother Arlan R. Moser, 95, of Coplay, PA, was initiated into Jordan Lodge #192, Schnecksville, on June 6, 1950. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Whitehall.

He was preceded in death to his wife, the former Vivian Weaver. Surviving are three sons, two daughters, 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Egypt Cemetery, Whitehall Township.

## THOMAS C. GLENWRIGHT

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57 Norristown Encampment No. 37 May 1, 2015

Brother Thomas C. Glenwright, 77, of Plymouth Meeting, PA, was initiated into Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Norristown, on February 2, 1959, where he became a Past Grand. He was also a Patriarch of Norristown Encampment #37, having been initiated December 17, 1964.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran.

Surviving is his wife, the former Elaine Psichos, two daughters and five grandchildren.

Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

# THE TREASURER'S TALES - JUNE 2015

June is the month in which we celebrate Flag Day. Flag Day was proclaimed by President Wilson in 1916. It did not become official until 1949, when it was established by an act of Congress. Patriotic organizations hold picnics and other celebrations to honor Flag Day and banks may close, depending on the bank and the era.

Barney was mindful of the actions of the government and noted that the 18th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed in 1919 and became effective in January 1920. For those readers who are not constitutional scholars, the 18th Amendment follows:

Section 1. After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all the territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

<u>Section 2.</u> The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. <u>Section 3.</u> This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission here to the States by the Congress."

The effect of the foregoing amendment would change the behavior of many Odd Fellow picnics until 1933 when the 21st Amendment repealed the 18th Amendment. The lodge planned on holding a members only picnic the second Saturday in June. Normally, hard cider and other refreshments were made available. Things had changed by Constitutional Amendment.

The question of obtaining hard cider was easily answered. Several members other than Barney were farmers with orchards. Cider would be there. There were two members of the lodge who were assistant United States Attorneys, but their actions at prior picnics did not indicate they would be adverse to hard cider.

The question remained, what would they do for beer. The lodge members did not want to go too far from the law and risk enforcement. Most of the local home brew had achieved a bad reputation and was too expensive. Since root beer was legal, the lodge decided that it would have a committee make homemade root beer. Vic and Clancey were designated the brewers. Clancey had worked in a distillery in his youth and Vic had a large basement. The picnic was usually frequented by about fifty men. Since there was always lemonade and cider available, the amount of root beer would not need to be much more than one bottle per person. A bottle of syrup made twenty-eight bottles of root beer. Three bottles of syrup were purchased in mid-May. It took Vic and Clancey three hours to make the batch. For the reader's interest, a similar recipe is here: http://www.mccormick.com/Recipes/Beverages-Cocktails/Homemade-Root-Beer.

Root beer needs to cure and there was just long enough for it to cure. The morning of the picnic, Clancey and Barney went to Vic's house around 11:00 a.m. to help load the bottles on Vic's 1916 Hupmobile for the journey to the park. The Hupmobile was a grand vehicle for the time. There weren't very many motor

vehicles registered in 1920 by modern standards with 204,125 in New Jersey, compared to 3,603,866 in 2013. As a consequence of the smaller number of vehicles, the roads weren't as good, with lots of ruts and potholes. The vehicle was fairly well packed with wooden boxes holding 24 bottles each. Barney went home to get the hamburger and condiments, while Vic and Clancey drove to the park.

On the way to the park, Vic and Clancey heard one or two pops, but thought nothing of it. The day was getting warmer as time progressed and the Hupmobile was getting warm inside. Vic and Clancey parked in the shade and went to help Barney unload the hamburger. Vic thought he heard a couple pops while helping make the burgers, but he didn't think too much about it.

When the members arrived around 4:30 p.m. Vic grabbed a couple volunteers and went to the Hupmobile to get the root beer. The inside of the Hupmobile was a mess. At least ten bottles had exploded, most blowing their caps. A couple bottles shattered. The rear seat area was soaked with root beer. Jiggling the bottles when taking them out of the car, caused three more to explode. Clancey shaved a little ice into a glass and tried to open a bottle. The root beer shot out and covered him. The brothers carefully put the bottles on ice and concentrated on the cider and lemonade.

After the food had been served and members seated, Clancey made another attempt to open a bottle. It foamed out, but he was able to capture a glass. After drinking about half the glass, he concluded the root beer was as potent as anything they had in a prior year. After much care was taken in the opening process, all the root beer was drunk by the various members.

The picnic cleanup crew was dispatched to Vic's Hupmobile. It took longer to clean up the Hupmobile than to do anything else. The members roasted a few marshmallows around the campfire, sang the closing ode and went home. When Clancey got home, his Pomeranian Rebekah wanted to jump on his lap and lick his shirt. The sweet smell of the root beer required clean clothes and a bath.

When Barney got home, Warden and Conductor were sitting by the back porch, waiting for the leftovers. No food that fell to the ground was wasted that day.

The virtue and values of Prohibition are still debated. The unique flavor and kick of homemade root beer are still enjoyed. Go to the web site above. Get a bottle of syrup and a cake of yeast and make your own. There is a different taste, a little alcohol and a kick to homemade root beer. Relive your youth and introduce it to your younger members.

Our July story will try to follow a July 4th theme. Remember the June picnic was a members picnic, but the July picnic will be a family affair.

Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at jcupp275@gmail. com or conventional mail at 2 West Main Street, Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401-3403.

## **WESTMORELAND 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!

## **WESTMORELAND COUNTY:**

Adamsburg - Anchor Lodge #251 - consolidated 1999

Delmont - Carmel Lodge #542 - defunct 1944

Derry Station – Home Lodge #942 – defunct 1960

Export - Export Lodge #1198 - consolidated 1944

Greensburg – Greensburg Lodge #50 – defunct 1848

Greensburg – Westmoreland Lodge #840 – consolidated 1951

Irwin – North Huntingdon Lodge #539 – consolidated 1950

Jeanette – Jeanette Lodge #701 – consolidated 2008

## Latrobe - Latrobe Lodge #541 - instituted 1858

Ligonier - Ligonier Lodge #964 - consolidated 1969

Lone Pine – Lone Pine Lodge #693 – defunct prior 1900

Madison – Three Graces Lodge #934 – consolidated 1952

Manor Station – Manor Valley Lodge #879 – consolidated 1952

Monessen - Monessen Lodge #1130 - defunct 1942

Mt. Pleasant - Moss Rose Lodge #350 - consolidated 2000

Murraysville - Transit Lodge #526 - defunct 1865

New Alexandria – New Alexandria Lodge #127 – consolidated 1949

New Florence - New Florence Lodge #558 - defunct 1936

New Kensington – Parnasscus Lodge #804 – consolidated 1921

New Kensington – New Kensington Lodge #804 – consolidated 2006

New Kensington – New Kensington Lodge #1048 – consolidated 1921

Penns Station – Resolution aka Monitor Lodge #609 – defunct

Pleasant Unity - Pleasant Unity Lodge #896 - defunct 1937

Ruffsdale - Eunice Lodge #869 - defunct 1937

Scottdale – Scottdale Lodge #885 – consolidated 1976

Shaner's Station – Riverside Lodge #769 – defunct prior 1900s

Smithton – Smithton Lodge #978 – consolidated 1980

Suterville - Suterville Lodge #1070 - defunct 1937

Traffor – Trafford City Lodge #1146 – consolidated 1966

Vandergrift - Vandergrift Lodge #1116 - consolidated 2004

Webster - Blackmore Lodge #701 - defunct prior 1890

West Newton – West Newton Lodge #440 – consolidated 1969

Youngwood – Youngwood Lodge #667 – consolidated 1996

= 33 total Lodges with 1 active. 1st Lodge – Greensburg #50 in 1832

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The former home to Anchor Lodge #251 in Adamsburg. Consolidated 1999 with Latrobe #541.



The former IOOF Hall for Latrobe, before they moved to Bowser Hall on Depot Street.

# DONATIONS MADE TO PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

Name	Amount
Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows Phila	\$7,000.00
Chosen Fiends Enc. #88 in memory of Jane Danihel	\$100.00
Canawacta Lodge #207	\$25.00
Mystic Lodge #270 in memory of Jane Danihel	\$200.00
Tunkhannock Lodge #699	\$25.00
Mary Landes PPRA Program Camp JRA	\$2,780.00
Mary Landes PPDA Program Camp JRA	\$454.23
Barbara Walters in memory of Elizabeth Krout	\$100.00
Edinboro Lodge #510	\$100.00
Jordan Lodge #192	\$50.00
Mystic Lodge #270	\$200.00
Rush Lodge #471	\$25.00
Earl R. Leiby Enc. #106	\$100.00
Lady Lillie Best Reb. #222	\$25.00
Red Rose Reb. #586	\$25.00
Perseverance Enc. #135	\$10,000.00
Idella Reb. #58	\$100.00
Askam Lodge #899	\$500.00
	\$21,809.23

Nevin W. Adams, PGM#141, Treasurer

# GRAND MASTER JOE VISITS HIS HOME LODGE, MT. HOR #736 OF CASSVILLE



# LADY HALL REBEKAH LODGE NO. 202

Premier Designs Jewelry party that was held at the Lodge for our Fundraiser.







Respectfully submitted; Patricia Faustner RA IG #202

Periodicals

### April Donations ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION 1128 Fallowfield 53.40 Unified 50.00 96 50.00 Lewisburg 153.40 **ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE** R428 Mahoney Camp JRA 25.00 **EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND** 1128 Fallowfield 133.49 Unified 50.00 183.49 **EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS** 50.00 96 PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW & REBEKAH MAGAZINE E135 500.00 Perseverance VISUAL RESEARCH 1128 Fallowfield 53.40 1004 Hampton 50.00 Unified 25.00 128.40 **CURING RETINAL BLINDNESS FOUNDATION** 270 Mystic 500.00 PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE 270 Mystic 200.00 762 Vincent 100.00 371 50.00 Oneida 573 Sandy Lake 35.00 Unified 25.00

# ENCAMPMENT #135 CRBF DONATION

In the May 7, 2015 meeting of Perseverance Encampment No. 135, a \$6,000.00 donation to the "Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation" (CRBF) has been approved and that amount was sent directly to them, according to the Grand Lodge Visual Research Proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Visual Research" month.

Sincerely,

410.00

Charles Danihel – Trustee - Mary I. Clay Fund of Perseverance Encampment No. 135