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PAST PRESIDENT OF THE LAPM, MYRA FAYE ADAMS ANSWERS FINAL CALL

Sister Myra Faye (Taldo) Adams, 85, of Shoemakersville, PA, was initiated into Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport, PA on November 17, 1973, where she became a Past Noble Grand on October 18, 1982 and received the Rebekah Assembly Degree. She served as District Deputy President for many years, as well as appointed officers on several RA President's staffs. She was mustered as a Lady into Leesport LAPM #2, where she served several elected and appointed offices. She served as Association President for the LAPM from 2002-2004, alongside her husband, Nevin, who was also serving as Department Commander. She went on to serve on committees of the IALAPM. She became a member of Grand Jurisdictional LAPM #0, when Leesport LAPM #2 went defunct. She was a former Matriarch and charter member of Dauphin LEA #10 in Middletown, until they went defunct. Myra served on the Board of Directors to the Odd Fellows Home at Middletown and the Orphans Home of Philadelphia, as well as being active with the PA Arthritis Committee.

She was a member of St. John's Church, Ontelaunee Twp.

Surviving is her husband, Nevin, PGM of Leesport #141.

Services will be conducted by the members of her Rebekah Lodge on November 8th, at the Leibensperger Funeral Home, 223 Peach Street, Leesport, PA, at 12:00PM with the Rebekah Service at 12:45. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to: Pennsylvania Arthritis Foundation Camp JRA, c/o Nevin Adams, 951 Shoemakersville Road, Shoemakersville, PA 19555.



MYRA F. ADAMS

LAPM Association Past President
Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182
Grand Jurisdictional LAPM No. 0
September 22, 2015

PLACES TO GO ... PEOPLE TO SEE

* denotes furnished by Planning Board + denotes details to follow

2015
NOVEMBER

7 / Grand Lodge Board mtg, Middletown, PA, 1:00PM
7 / Roger Calhoun Testimonial, Shartlesville, PA, 6:00PM
8 / Centre Lodge #153 Music Jam, Bellefonte, 1:00PM*
14 PM/LAPM Rally, York, PA 12:00PM

DECEMBER

12 / Philadelphia Home for Orphans Meeting, 11:00AM *
13 / Centre Lodge #153 Music Jam, Bellefonte, 1:00PM*

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

Unified Lodge No. 2, Pittsburgh

Nicholas Vaccarello – initiated September 24

Rita Vaccarello

Jo Ann Flamgletti – initiated October 3rd

Majorie E. Norton

Chyrel A. Klaas

Freeport Lodge No. 379

Ronald T. Mailki – initiated October 3rd

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville

Dodie M. Price – initiated October 3rd

Samantha Ramsey

COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

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

- 4 – Lady Lillie Best Rebekah #222 – 7:30PM
- 5 – Lady Hall Rebekah #202 – 7:30PM
- 10 – Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah #15 – 7:30PM
- 11 – Idella Rebekah #58 – 7:30PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

- 6 – Grand Lodge Board Meeting, Middletown – 1:00PM
- 6 – PGP Calhoon Testimonial, Shartlesville – 6:00PM
- 16 – Chosen Friends Encampment #88 – 7:30PM

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Allen Fox, #712
Harry E. Worke, #899

35 YEARS

William R. Bair, #361

40 YEARS

Harold L. Empet, #207
Louis T. Corchiolo, Sr., #306
Joseph S. Graci, #306
Joseph E. Johnson, #306
Douglas B. Eaby, #361

50 YEARS

Gerald A. Epting, #141
William F. Fluke, #562

55 YEARS

Allen S. Van Sant, Jr., #8
Ronald C. Becker, #523
Joe A. Steele, #523

65 YEARS

Herman M. Breuninger, #290
Hugh F. Shields, #1128

80 YEARS

Theodore C. Heim, #573

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 2 – Henry Disston #8 - 8:00PM
- 5 – Kingwood #1010 – 7:00PM
- 7 – Grand Lodge Board meeting, Middletown – 1:00PM
- 7 – PGP Calhoon Testimonial, Shartlesville – 6:00PM
- 9 – Strasburg #361 – 7:30PM
- 11 – Osage #712 – 7:30PM
- 14 – PM/LAPM Rally, York – 12:00PM
- 16 – Thistle #512 – 7:30PM
- 18 – Freedom #88 – 7:00PM
- 19 – Charleroi #1030 – 7:00PM
- 20 – General Worth Enc. #188 Installation – 7:30PM

CLOVER ASSISTS DISTRICT LODGE

In an effort to help initiate a new member, Clover Lodge #348 of Ambridge conferred the initiatory degree on Connoquenessing Lodge #278's first Sister, Ellen Hurd. Her father, Rex E. Hurd, Jr., (standing aside her) was proud to bring her in and continue another generation in this Order. Also assisting were Gr. Chaplain Shirley, and PG David Whitlinger, of Hampton Lodge #1004, Allison Park, PA. It was an honor to take part in the degree work and great to wear the robes that have been part of our fraternal organization for many years.

~Shirley J. Whitlinger, GChap



GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

Have you looked at our new website yet? If not, please do. I am sure you will be impressed. Go to www.glpaoof.org and browse through the site. There may be some information there you did not know. I hope you will be pleased with the website, and I am sure it will be appealing to anyone who happens to go there. There is a link to "shop" that lists items for sale from the Grand Lodge Office. You may be unaware that some of the items are available for purchase. Please be sure to look in the "shop" and contact the Grand Lodge Office to purchase any item you have an interest.

September was a busy month and October looks to be even busier. October is always the season for installations, degree rallies, and testimonials.

The Degree Rally held in Pittsburgh October 3, 2015, was a huge success. I want to thank Unified Lodge No. 2 for hosting the event and for its conferral of the Initiatory Degree. Unified Lodge conferred the Initiatory Degree on six (6) new members, and we now have 15 new Third Degree members. A huge welcome to all. As Grand Master, I thank Unified Lodge for all of the courtesies extended to all of the members. After the conferral of the Degrees, there were eight (8) members who received their Grand Lodge Degree. I welcome all of them to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. A special thanks to the Grand Treasurer for organizing the First, Second and Third Degrees and tolerating with the Grand Master. I appreciate everyone attending the Degree Rally, and I want to thank everyone who participated in the degrees. The rally was a great day for Odd Fellowship and friendship. My special thanks to all who made the rally a success.

I want to thank my Grand Chaplain, Shirley Whitlinger, and David Whitlinger for their participation and organization of the Memorial Service on Sunday, October 4, 2015 at Orchard Manor in Grove City, PA. It was a wonderful tribute to our departed brothers and sisters.

November is a time for reflecting and giving thanks for our many blessings. I am thankful for the many friendships I made during my travels through Odd Fellowship. Friendship is a wonderful gift and giving makes friendship even stronger.

I am asking all lodges to look in their communities for a needy family, a local food bank, or someone who may be in need of food, clothing or shelter. Reach out to those people and help where you can. Remember our vow to relieve the distressed. Please try to help people who may be hungry this Thanksgiving. We should count our many blessings and be Thankful. May all your treasured traditions of Thanksgiving combine with the warmth of family and friends to make your holiday an enjoyable one. Happy Thanksgiving.

~Emilie J. Cupp, Grand Master



BACK TO SCHOOL

Continued from last month's magazine

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade of the Degree of Brotherly Love. Here was illustrated before you a drama which has won the plaudits of the world for ages. The spirit of Brotherly Love triumphed over the most intense hatred, jealousy, religious, prejudice and selfishness as could be found in the heart of any man, even that between the Jew and the Samaritan. Mutual Aid you learned was the central link in our chain of fraternity. With these essential truths indelibly impressed on your mind and with the command "Go thou and do likewise" ringing in your ears, you were ready to be promoted into the Fourth Grade or the degree of Truth.

More to follow next month as we close out 2015 with the Fourth Grade or the Degree of Truth.

~ Justin C. Bailey

GRAND MASTER EMILIE'S TRIPS OUT WEST PROVE TO BE VERY MEMORABLE ONES!



One more item off the Grand Master's Bucket List. The Grand Master always wanted to drive an 18 wheeler - but a ride was just as awesome.



Officers, members and family of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment gather at Kingwood Lodge #1010's annual picnic for a fun filled day.



Past Grand Nelson Brown of Mt. Hor Lodge #736 shows our Grand Master how to properly "stir the pot" during Mt. Hor's annual Oktoberfest.



The horse drawn wagon at Kingwood - The horse was draped in links of red white and blue, even the horses were decked out as Odd Fellows for the event.

THE TREASURER'S TALES - NOVEMBER 2015

November is most notably identified with Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is often associated with a large turkey, family gatherings and community celebrations of both a religious and secular nature. There are many resources that talk about Thanksgiving, see Wikipedia for a long article, <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thanksgiving>. In 1920 Thanksgiving was set by Presidential Proclamation as November 25, 1920, see <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=72446>.

Barney and his father, as well as many of the other members, had a frugal streak that ran deep in their subconscious. There were quite a few pumpkins sitting around the lodge hall after the Halloween party. The lodge was holding a Thanksgiving dinner the Sunday evening before Thanksgiving, November 21, 1920. Barney's mother was going to do the pies for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Barney was supposed to take the pumpkins from the Halloween Party and prepare a suitable pumpkin puree for pies. Barney pulled out the copper kettle he used to make apple butter and polished it for an hour before setting up the tripod and getting ready to cook the pumpkin. Big pumpkins are showy and nice for a party. Small pumpkins are sweeter and better for pies. After selecting the best small pumpkins, Barney cut the pumpkins in half, discarded the stringy insides, peeled the pumpkins and cut them into chunks, filled the kettle with the chunks, covered with fresh spring water, brought to a boil and cooked until the pumpkin chunks were tender. He let the chunks cool, then filled enamel pans in the kitchen and mashed them with a potato masher till they were the consistency his mother wanted.

Barney's mother was never stingy with her pie recipe, she made the filling using the following recipe for each pie:

- 2 cups pumpkin
- 1 ½ cups heavy cream
- ½ cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/3 cup white sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs plus the yolk from a third
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- ½ teaspoon lemon juice

It took Barney from the time he got home from school on Friday, November 19, 1920, till way after dark to cook all the pumpkin. Barney's mother was going to bake the pies on the next day, Saturday, and they would be ready for Sunday's dinner at 6:00 p.m. While Barney's mother worked on the pies, Barney read *The Red Planet*, by William J. Locke, to see if it would be suitable to assign to his students for reading over Thanksgiving. The World

War I theme appealed to Barney but there may have been too many adult situations. He decided to assign *Pollyanna*, by Eleanor H. Porter. It was a bit juvenile for 10th graders but it wouldn't get any parental resistance. He felt that reading would do more for his students than playing pranks on each other. Life for a teenager in the 1920's was somewhat different from today, for some background, see http://teens.lovetoknow.com/Teenagers_in_the_1920s.

A messenger came over to Barney's house. He was sent by Joe, the Noble Grand from the lodge, to summon Barney to come over and help pluck turkeys. Recall that in 1920 there weren't a lot of telephones and, although Barney had a phone in his home, there wasn't one at the lodge hall. Barney fired up his Model T and went over to the lodge hall. Seven turkeys had been beheaded and were hanging from a line outside the lodge hall. Two more were being plucked in the yard. Barney scalded a turkey and began to pluck. Feathers were flying everywhere and there were a couple tubs of ice to put the turkeys on once they had been plucked. It didn't seem as much fun to pluck a turkey as to read, but someone had to do it. After an hour helping Joe and Vic with the turkeys, Barney was ready to go home for lunch.

Vic asked Barney to give him a ride home, he had been dropped off and didn't have a car with him. It was on the way, so Barney drove Vic home and Elizabeth was standing in the doorway. She came home for the Thanksgiving holiday. Barney was happy to see her and completely surprised. She was going to the lodge dinner the next day.

Barney managed to sit across from Elizabeth at the lodge dinner and her mother, Alice, invited Barney to come their house for Thanksgiving. Barney's mother invited Elizabeth to come over to her house as well. This problem was resolved by Vic, they would eat Thanksgiving dinner at two, as they normally did. Vic knew Barney's family always ate at five. While this seemed like a great solution and a way for Barney to spend more time with Elizabeth, it didn't quite work out. As Barney was driving Elizabeth home at 8:00 p.m., they were both so full that every bump in the road caused gastric distress. Barney would have normally wanted to spend more of the evening with Elizabeth and vice versa, but not this night. After a hasty goodbye at her door, Barney went home to mix some baking soda in water and drink the tonic before things got out of hand. Barney didn't have school till the following Monday, so he got to spend more time with Elizabeth on Friday, Saturday and till he took her to the train on Sunday evening. She would continue to take up more of his time.

Next month will be December and we will have a Christmas theme.

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.

MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

Shirley J. Whitlinger, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F. was initiated into the Order at Hampton Lodge #1004 on April 26, 2011, where she became a Past Grand and received the Grand Lodge Degree on June 22, 2015. Shirley is very active in her home lodge of Hampton where she is currently serving as Secretary. She along with David, also writes the lodge's newsletter keeping its members current with lodge happenings. In June 2015 Shirley went the next step in Odd Fellowship by joining the Ambridge Encampment #259. This past April, "Team Whitlinger" was elected to serve on the Orchard Manor' Board of Directors and was appointed to the Memorial Committee.

Odd Fellowship has been rooted in my family for a very long time. Following in my Father's, Uncle's and Grandfather's footsteps. All three were members of Clover Lodge #348, with my father joining in 1957 and the Encampment in 1959. Not to be forgotten, my Grandmother was a member of the Agnes Fern Rebekah Lodge #397 in Ambridge. So I consider myself, a third generation Odd Fellow.

When I decided to retire, my goal was to "Give Back"; give back to the community for the many blessings I have received in my life. Married to David for 43 wonderful exciting years, making our home in Hampton Township with one crazy calico cat by the name of Bailey. I am very active at Parkwood United Presbyterian Church, serving currently on the board of Session.

My life is a Journey in Faith made better by Odd Fellowship, stronger with the many friends that surround me in our order. Supporting one another in Friendship, Love and Truth has helped me move forward in my Faith, with Hope and Charity of all in our World.

Thank you Emilie, for the honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Chaplain. It has been a fantastic year traveling with you and the Grand Officers. It will be a year I will always remember!



ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND MASTER



The candy cart at Mahanoy Lodge #551 of Dornsife is a great joy. Each lodge has unique ideas. The brothers from Lewisburg were also a welcome addition to the meeting. A great night of Odd Fellowship.



A great night at Port Matilda Lodge #733. My hats off to the chef for the great spaghetti we had.



What a pleasure to be with Newburg Lodge #562 on the night of the banquet honoring the UN recipient. Always a pleasure to hear from the UN students.



Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Cassville, a super night of Fellowship with members of Mt. Hor and visitors from Waterfall.



The Grand Master is so proud of the members of Alert Lodge #936 of Rochester Mills and their continued growth. This lodge was ready to fold and has been brought back to life. Look how many members there are now and they are continuing to grow.



A great welcome from the members of York Springs Lodge #211. Also present were members from Bowmansdale and Triune. A great night of Odd Fellowship.

COMMUNITY DAYS IN LEESPORT SEPTEMBER 11 – 13

Leesport Lodge – Members of Leesport Lodge No. 141, from left to right – Nevin Adams; Scott Huey; James Blatt; Wilmer Brown and Bobby Rahn. Not pictured David Ruth.



Lady Colfax Lodge – Members of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge No. 182 sold Turkey Barb BQ's and Lemonade at Community Days. Pictured: Sarah M. Baer; Lisandra; Charlene E. Grieb – Missing from the picture are Mary D. Delong, Missy Baer and Judith A. Wert.

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND PATRIARCH RAMSEY



William F. Packer #127 - Grand Patriarch William Ramsey made his official visit to William F. Packer Encampment #127 on Tuesday September 1st, 2015. Grand Encampment Officers are seated in the front row (left to right): DDGP John Grumling, Grand Patriarch William Ramsey, Grand Marshal Derrick Erwin, Grand Inside Sentinel Laura Huchel.



Ambridge Encampment #259 - Grand Patriarch, William L. Ramsey Jr., along with members of his staff, visited on September 9, 2015. John S. Cupp, D.D.G.P. and Grand Master, Emilie J. Cupp were also visiting with the Gr. Patriarch. Despite the weather (thunderstorm with some flash floods in the valley) as always, it was a great meeting with good fellowship for all.

Shirley J. Whitlinger, Grand Chaplain, GL



Mt. Vernon Encampment #14 - The Grand Patriarch visited Mount Vernon Encampment in York on Monday September 29th. There was great food and a warm welcome. We were impressed to hear about all the initiatives they have to encourage new members and promote the value of membership in our beloved order. Grand Patriarch, Grand High Priest, and Grand Inside Sentinel were in attendance.



Scott Encampment #132 - The hall of Scott Encampment #132 of Tamaqua was packed as Grand Patriarch Ramsey and staff paid a visit. It was also installation by the new DDGP, Tyler M. Arnold, and staff from Bushkill Encampment #55 of Allentown. A great night of Patriarchal Odd Fellowship was enjoyed by all.



General Worth Encampment #188 - Grand Patriarch Ramsey visits the home of Grand Master Cupp at General Worth Encampment No. 188 in Connellsville.

ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU

I am very thankful to be a recipient of your scholarship towards my higher education. Your financial generosity is a great help for the books needed this first year.

While in high school I especially enjoyed learning about our environment and also participating in extracurricular environmental clubs. Therefore, I'm very excited in starting this new chapter of my life in pursuing a Bachelor of Liberal Arts degree with a major in Environmental Studies from Temple University.

Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.
Sincerely Ashlynn E. Young, Temple University Class of 2019 - Go Owls!

ON THE ROAD WITH PRESIDENT TUFTS



Members of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182 of Leesport entertain the president of July 20th. Also present were LeeEtta Mansberry, VP; Patricia Newman, Treas; Lazetta Sidwell, Rebekah Flag Bearer; Reba Kuhn, IG; Judy Lodwig, Soloist; and Linda Dickson, Chaplain.



Deborah Tufts, President of the Rebekah Assembly, and staff, paid a visit to Lady Harmony Rebekah Lodge #86, of Tamaqua. There was a great turnout of Brothers, Sisters and friends from all across the jurisdiction. It was a great time and over \$200.00 was turned over to Deborah for her project, Fisher House.



President Deborah J. Tufts visits the officers and members of Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge No. 22 of Cassville, PA.

CELEBRATING WHAT'S RIGHT WITH OUR ORDER *Heads of Branches Give Praise*



Grand Master Cupp presents Noble Grand of Shillington Lodge No. 1175 Michael Duley with a 2% membership increase certificate from SGL.



A Lasagne dinner with salad and desserts were enjoyed by all in attendance. All present gave a short introduction of themselves to the Grand Master. New facts were learned about each other and two organ recipient's that are lodge members talked about being a organ donor and the good it does.



Grand Patriarch Ramsey presents Chief Patriarch of General Worth Encampment No. 188, Connellsville, Robert Grant with a 2% membership increase certificate from SGL.

Grand Patriarch William Ramsey and Grand Inside Sentinel, and granddaughter, Laura L. Huchel, presents Milford "Jake" Johnson of William F. Packer Encampment #127 with a 50 year jewel for his service in the Encampment. Jake has been active in his affiliation with the encampment, serving on state appointments. Congrats on 50 years as a Patriarch!



ALLEGHENY COUNTY INTERESTING FACTS:

In Honor of the Pittsburgh Rally hosted by Unified Lodge... here we go! 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!

ALLEGHENY COUNTY:

Allegheny – McFarlane Lodge #30 – consolidated 1911
 Allegheny – Iron City Lodge #182 – consolidated 1977
 Allegheny – James L. Graham Lodge #690 – consolidated 1938
 Allegheny City – Fidelia Lodge #415 – consolidated 1911
Allison Park – Hampton Lodge #1004 – instituted 1891
 Aspinwall – Aspinwall Lodge #1135 – consolidated 1918
 Bakerstown – Scott Lodge #546 – defunct prior 1900s
 Bayerdstown – Duquesne Lodge #32 – consolidated 1910
 Bellevue – Col. T.M. Bayne Lodge #1098 – consolidated 1916
 Birmingham – Peter Fritz Lodge #486 – consolidated 2009
 Blawnox – Hoboken Lodge #1112 – defunct 1938
 Boston – Lone Star Lodge #727 – consolidated 1918
 Braddock – Braddocks Field Lodge #529 – consolidated 1976
 Bridgeville – Bridgeville Lodge #396 – consolidated 1956
 Buena Vista – Buena Vista Lodge #796 – defunct prior 1900s
 Carnegie – Trio Lodge #49 – consolidated 1977
 Carnegie – Rich Valley Lodge #616 – consolidated 1956
 Carnot – Acme Lodge #1003 – consolidated 1913
 Castle Shannon – Castle Shannon Lodge #912 – consolidated 1948
 Clairton – Clairton Lodge #750 – consolidated 1936
 Coraopolis – Coraopolis Lodge #429 – consolidated 1981
 Coulter – Youghiogheny Valley Lodge #555 – consolidated 1928
 Crafton – Crafton Lodge #1178 – consolidated 1935
 Duquesne – Eclipse Lodge #892 – consolidated 1958
 East Birmingham – Zeno Lodge #748 – consolidated 1954
 East Liberty – James B. Nicholson Lodge #585 – consolidated 1937
 Elizabeth – Old Monongahela Lodge #209 – consolidated 2011
 Emsworth – Clifton Lodge #1066 – defunct 1950
 Etna – Etna Lodge #861 (German) – consolidated 1932
 Etna (Sharpsburg) – Temperance Lodge #453 – consolidated 1932
 Federal – Heart and Hand Lodge #49 – consolidated 1935
 Frank – Pride of the Valley Lodge #1068 – defunct 1959
 Glassport – Monongahela Valley Lodge #147 – consolidated 1971
 Hays – Rescue Lodge #1002 – defunct 1947
 Homestead – Magdala Lodge #991 – consolidated 1963
 Homestead – Homestead Lodge #1049 – defunct 1978
 Homewood – Belmar Lodge #1149 – consolidated 1946
 Imperial – Montour Valley Lodge #989 – consolidated 1937
 Lawrenceville – Lawrence Lodge #460 – defunct prior 1900s
 McKees Rocks – Indian Mound Lodge #1117 – defunct 1962

McKeesport – Yohogany Lodge #364 – consolidated 1923
 McKeesport – Blucher Lodge #506 – consolidated 1921
 McKeesport – Bunola Lodge #552 – consolidated 1962
 McKeesport – Tube City Lodge #571 – consolidated 1948
 Monroeville – Monroeville Lodge #34 – consolidated 1969
 Natrona – Natrona Lodge #743 – consolidated 1971
 New Manchester – Manchester Lodge #403 – consolidated 1977
 Oakdale – Royal Oak #864 – consolidated 1948
 Oakmont – Oakmont Lodge #1176 – consolidated 1976
 Pine Run – Coal Valley Lodge #694 – consolidated 1967
 Pitcairn – Pitcairn Lodge #993 – consolidated 1957
 Port Perry – Saint Johns Lodge #487 – consolidated 1957
 Sandy Creek – Mount Hope Lodge #638 – consolidated 1961
 Sewickley – Sewickley Valley (J. Sharpe McDonald) Lodge #692 – consolidated 1919
 Sharpsburg – Sharpsburg Lodge #752 – consolidated 1932
 Sharpsburg – Sharpsburg-Etna Lodge #453 – defunct 1962
 Sheridanville – Sheradin Lodge #1137 – consolidated 1950
 Springdale – Springdale Lodge #1052 – consolidated 1955
 Stoops Ferry – Dexter Lodge #723 – consolidated 1964
 Swissvale – Swissvale Lodge #227 – consolidated 1968
 Tarentum – Tarentum Lodge #587 – consolidated 1983
 Temperanceville – Saint Clair Lodge #362 – defunct 1966
 Turtle Creek – Turtle Creek Lodge #777 – consolidated post 1900s
 Turtle Creek – Westinghouse Lodge #1177 – consolidated 1939
 Upper St. Clair – Temple Lodge #787 – consolidated 1976
 Verona – Mount Verona Lodge #863 – defunct prior 1900s
 Verona – Verona Lodge #987 – consolidated 1932
 West Elizabeth – William Youdan Lodge #647 – consolidated 1966
 Wilkinsburg – Wilkinsburg (W.H.Devore) Lodge #676 – defunct 1985
 Wilmerding – Wilmerding Lodge #1067 – defunct 1998
= 117 total Lodges, 47 in Pittsburgh with 3 active. 1st Lodge – Mechanics #9 in 1828

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



HOME FOR ORPHANS OF ODD FELLOWS, Young Avenue at Sixth Avenue, N. E., PITTSBURGH, PA.

EXCITING NEWS IN VISION RESEARCH!

Greetings and great news!

Your support of the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation's mission has been instrumental in pushing research for CRB1 blindness forward. Thanks to the ongoing support from Odd Fellowship, we are moving faster than ever toward treatments and cures for this rare disease. And a special thanks to Grand Master Emilie Cupp for making the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation her special program.

This is the most exciting time in visual research! On October 5th, Spark Therapeutics announced the most incredible news: their clinical trial for gene therapy for another blindness very similar to CRB1, RPE65-LCA, had positive results for the patients that received the therapy! This incredible news impacts ALL inherited retinal diseases! You can read more about the news at: <http://www.cnn.com/2015/10/05/spark-therapeutics-gene-therapy-hits-goals-in-blindness-study.html>

Stay tuned for more details on the positive effects for the RPE65-LCA patients as well as collaborations between Spark and the CRBF!

Your continued support of the Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation will help us stay on a fast track to treatments and ultimately cures for CRB1 retinal disease! Coming soon:

- highlights of the upcoming CRB1 dinner & discussion at the American Society for Human Genetics conference!
- new partnerships and collaborations!
- a simple way to help raise CRBF funds during the holiday shopping season through the Amazon Smile program!

Be the first to know about our upcoming events and breaking news by following us on Facebook ([facebook.com/curingretinalblindness](https://www.facebook.com/curingretinalblindness)) and Twitter (@CureCRB1)

Sincerely, Kristin Smedley - President & Co-Founder - Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation

Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation | 267-566-9068 | curingretinalblindness@gmail.com | <http://www.crb1.org> | 35 Sienna Circle, Ivyland, PA 18974.

***** Together We Can Do So Much *****

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sherwood, and one son. Burial was in Union Church Cemetery, Neffs, PA.

SGL/IARA SESSION FORT WORTH, TEXAS AUGUST 15 – 21



The Golden Girls traveled to Fort Worth and had a wonderful time – Sarah M. Baer, Secretary; Dotty Derr; Judith A. Wert, IARA Rep and Mary D. Delong, PPRA

This is NO BULL our own Dotty Derr leading this Bull down Main Street. (Editor's note: Look out Tyler; she's good with a lasso!)



Proudly presenting the Pennsylvania Flag for the opening: SGL Representative William L. Ramsey, Jr., and IARA Representative Judith A. Wert



PENNSYLVANIA ODD FELLOW-REBEKAH SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM - Chairman

NOMINATION FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

Please Print

Student Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ - _____ E-Mail _____

School Presently Attending _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Relationship of Student to nominator _____

*Nominator _____

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

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone () _____ - _____ Lodge # and Name _____

DO NOT SEND TO GRAND LODGE.

NOMINATIONS MUST BE MAILED BY JANUARY 30, 2016

NOMINATIONS TO BE MADE ON THIS FORM ONLY

MAIL TO:

Thomas J. McHugh, PGM

PA Odd Fellow Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 594

Pittston, PA 18640-0594

(570)793-3692

COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

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WYSOX LODGE CONTINUES 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 20, 2015. Nelson Silverstrim, Noble Grand and representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows from Wysox Lodge No. 1152, presented the following awards:

First Academic Honors: Dale Maynard
Second Academic Honors: Danielle Walters
Third Academic Honors: Hannah Northrup

The Practical Nursing Program located at Northern Tier Career Center, Towanda, PA is in its 33rd 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.

For further information on the practical nursing program, contact 570-265-8113.



Periodicals

Thomas J. McHugh
Chair, IOOF Scholarship Committee
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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 79 nominations, and were able to award 53 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, 2016. 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
Chairperson

SEPTEMBER DONATIONS

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Philadelphia Home for Orphans	2,500.00
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		2,025.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

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