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CONNOQUENESSING LODGE #278 IN BUTLER IMPRESSES THE GRAND LODGE AND THEIR COMMUNITY

On August 10, 2015 our Grand Master, Emilie J. Cupp along with her staff, visited Connoquenessing Lodge #278 in Butler, Pa. It was a great visit each lodge that I, as Grand Chaplain, visit I feel the warmth of friendship. According to Grand Master Cupp, you must be able to spell "Connoquenessing" to join!

After the meeting we found the Odd Fellows pavilion in Alameda Park. It is a great place for a picnic with the swimming pool within walking distance. The shelter reminded us of the old carousel building that housed the merry-go-round in years passed. With the steel picnic tables, the pavilion could seat approx. 150 people. The second picture is one of the Odd Fellow Circle, which is the way to the picnic area.



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Places to Go ... People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board + denotes details to follow

2015 OCTOBER

- 3 / Western Degree Rally, Unified #2, Pittsburgh*
- 4 / Orchard Manor Memorial Service, Grove City, * 2:00PM
- 10 / Jessie Holzapfel Testimonial, Grove City, PA*
- 11 / Centre Lodge #153 Music Jam, Bellefonte, 1:00PM*
- 17 / Grand Encampment Rally, Philadelphia, 10:30AM*
- 23 / RA Board mtg, Middletown, PA, 12:30PM
- 24 / Joseph Giebel Testimonial, State College, PA *

NOVEMBER

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

DECEMBER

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

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

Connoquenessing Lodge #278, Butler
Ellen Hurd – initiated August 19th

Foster Lodge #333, Rew
Reed J. Renshaw – initiated August 4th
Kyle B. Milliron

Nucleus Lodge #377, Finleyville
Dalton Smitley – initiated August 10th

Smethport Lodge #389
Deborah J. Tufts – initiated August 12th

Victory Lodge #658, Sellersville
Cody Schaffer – initiated August 12th

Tunkhannock Lodge #699
Jehiel D. Boner – initiated August 12th

Bowmansdale Lodge #1179
Dustin T. O'Brien – initiated August 12th

Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, Leesport
David Ruth – initiated June 6th
Debra Haines

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 1 – Warfordsburg #601 - 7:30PM
- 3 – Western Degree Rally, Pittsburgh – 9:00AM
- 4 – Orchard Manor Memorial Services – 2:00PM
- 6 – Vienna #847 – 7:00PM
- 8 – Lewisburg #96 – 7:30PM
- 10 – PPRA Holzapfel Testimonial, Grove City – 6:00PM
- 12 – Malvern-Pocahontas #201 – 8:00PM
- 15 – WV Session
- 17 – Grand Encampment Rally, Philadelphia – 10:30AM
- 19 – Lewistown #97 – 7:30PM
- 21 – Brady #116 – 7:30PM
- 22 – Latrobe #541 Installation – 8:00PM
- 24 – PGM Giebel Testimonial, State College – 6:00PM
- 26 – Fallowfield #1128 – 7:00PM
- 28 – Variety #37 – 7:30PM

COME VISIT THE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

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

- 4 – Orchard Manor Memorial Service – 2:00PM
- 8 – Regina Rebekah #230 – 2:00PM
- 9 – Ernestine Rebekah #548 – 7:00PM
- 10 – PPRA Holzapfel Testimonial, Grove City – 6:00PM
- 13 – Lady Sellers Rebekah #558 – 7:30PM
- 22 – Red Rose #586 & Salome Rebekah #30 Install – 7:30PM (@ York)
- 23 – RA Board Meeting, Middletown – 12:30PM
- 24 – PGM Giebel Testimonial, State College – 6:00PM

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

- 1 – Scott Encampment #132 OV – 7:00PM
- 3 – Western Degree Rally, Pittsburgh – 9:00AM
- 4 – Orchard Manor Memorial Service – 2:00PM
- 10 – PPRA Holzapfel Testimonial, Grove City – 6:00PM
- 12 – Uncas Encampment #144 OV – 8:30PM
- 17 – GE Board Mtg, Philadelphia – 9:00AM
- 17 – GE Rally, Philadelphia – 10:30AM
- 24 – PGM Giebel Testimonial, State College – 6:00PM
- 26 – Ridgely Encampment #26 – 7:30PM
- 29 – Possible Surprise Visit????????

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

30 YEARS

Ronald M. Tamecki, #125
Randy Gross, #192

35 YEARS

William H. Oshall, #55
James F. Blatt, #141
Glenn H. Cockerham, #201
James R. Logan, #348
Kenneth W. Altemose, #488
Ross G. Walker, III, #1004
Robert L. Willison, #1004

40 YEARS

Willis Ide, #371
James R. Kuntz, Jr., #523
Daniel J. Murton, #523
Thomas V. Rogers, #712

45 YEARS

Gary L. Compton, #1010
Ralph Henry, Jr., #1010
John W. Kreger, Jr., #1010
Eugene Sechler, #1010

50 YEARS

David E. Mensch, #96

55 YEARS

Rolland J. Hawk, #207
Sherril E. Smith, #211
Robert A. Harris, #290

60 YEARS

Boyd A. McInay, #541

65 YEARS

George E. Butterworth, II, #254
Warren M. Early, #254
Charles W. Anchors, #1107

70 YEARS

Walter L. Jordan, #762

GRAND MASTER'S COLUMN

I told you before. time restraints require the writing of this article at the end of August. In August, I traveled with the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Representative and his girlfriend to Fort Worth, Texas, to the annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. It was quite a trip, with new things to see and do. The Sovereign Grand Lodge elected John Miller, from Connecticut, as the new Sovereign Grand Warden. At this time we do not know which Sovereign Grand Lodge Officer will be visiting our session next June, but I am certain we will have a visitor. In addition to my Texas trip, I was also able to visit several lodges in Pennsylvania during August. I am thoroughly enjoying the friendship and fellowship.

By now, everyone should be preparing for the installation of new officers for the ensuing term. If your lodge has any problem with the installation of new officers, please contact me either by telephone or by email. My telephone number is (724) 438-9001 and my email address is ecupp@verizon.net.

Please support your new officers; listen and promote their ideas. We are all different and have different ideas, please keep an open mind when someone presents something new to your lodge. You never know until you try something. We need new members, and once we have new members we need to be sure they attend meetings; encourage them to participate in lodge activities. New members sometimes bring a different perspective, be sure to listen. New members need a reason to come to your meeting, be sure to give them a reason.

Remember the Degree Rally scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd at Unified Lodge # 2 in Pittsburgh, PA. If you have any members needing Degrees, please plan on attending. I look forward to the Rally being a wonderful day for Odd Fellows across Pennsylvania.

The new website should be up and running by now. Everyone should go to the new website and check it out www.glpaioof.org/. The graphics are amazing. The website is very impressive and I hope it will bring new members to our Order. There is something for everyone on the site; history, a membership application, prior magazines, programs, benefits, charities, etc. Be sure to check out the "shop" showcasing items available for sale from the Grand Lodge Office. After browsing through the new website, I am sure you will agree with me that we are on the right track. We have to make the public aware the Odd Fellows are alive and well. Once we get them to our new website, I am sure they will learn who we are.

*Fraternally,
Emilie J. Cupp, Grand Master*

Story continued from front cover.

CONNOQUENESSING LODGE #278 IN BUTLER IMPRESSES THE GRAND LODGE AND THEIR COMMUNITY

We found in front of the Odd Fellow's pavilion, a beautifully engraved stone, and it is engraved on both sides. It was amazing!!! The first attached picture shows all this lodge is involved with, such as the Nursing Homes, UN Pilgrimage, Arthritis Foundation to name a few. The second picture show the front side of the stone, the side which you see as you start on Odd Fellow Circle, the amazing 3 links carved in stone. It

was an honor to have our picture taken. Again, the visit is one I will always remember in my Odd Fellow journey which our Grand Master, Emilie J. Cupp. Hats off to Connoquenessing Lodge for promoting Odd Fellowship in the community of Butler Pa.

Shirley J. Whitlinger, Grand Chaplain.



MEET YOUR GRAND LODGE APPOINTED OFFICERS

William Shannon Mooney, Grand Conductor of the Grand Lodge of PA, I.O.O.F., was initiated into the Order at Leesport Lodge #141 on May 22, 1993, where he became a Past Grand and received the Grand Lodge Degree November 16, 1996. He continues to be active with his Lodge, serving in numerous Elected and Appointed Offices. Though he never served as DDGM, he was active on the installation teams. He is more likely to be known on the Patriarchal side, having been initiated into Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106, of Leesport, on November 12, 1994 and can be seen as the candidate in the Encampment DVDs. He excelled through the chairs and served as Grand Patriarch from 2009-2010 and held several terms as an appointed officer in the Grand Encampment. He is a Chevalier of Canton Leesport #2, having been mustered December 1, 1995, and reinstating November 30, 2010, currently holding the rank of Lieutenant. He is a Rebekah of Lady Colfax Rebekah Lodge #182, having joined August 27, 2009 and holds associate membership in Strasburg Lodge #361.

Brother Mooney is a retired Army Reserve Veteran, having served 24 years with 6 years of active duty, serving in Desert Storm. He worked at Carpenter Technology Corporation, retiring in 2010 with 36 years of service. He is active within his community, being a member of the Calvary Methodist Church in Mohnton. He is the charter President of the Sinking Spring Area Jaycees, Past President of the Concerned Citizens, Past Republican Committee Man, Cubmaster of the Cub Scouts and retired Volunteer Firefighter, all of Sinking Springs. Currently, is a ham radio operator, and served as an Army Mars Operator for many years, which delivers messages from men and women overseas to their loved ones back home. He is also a member and volunteer with the Berks County Emergency Management Agency. He states that "Odd Fellowship to him is a Journey. The lessons and teachings are a guide for that journey. The Friendship, Love and Truth that we have and show to one another is very precious in today's society. It supports my Faith, Gives me Hope, and Encourages my Charity. It is an honor and privilege to serve as Grand Conductor and I am humbled to have been asked to serve."



THE TREASURER'S TALES - OCTOBER 2015

October is most notably identified with Halloween. Trick or treat and spooky parties are standard for October. In 1920 Halloween had more "tricks" than it does today. A fair picture of Halloween 100 years ago can be found in the movie "Meet me in St. Louis" with Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien. The period of the movie was the 1890's but the movie was done in 1944. You can watch it on some movie channels or get a DVD. The War of Worlds radio broadcast was the backdrop for a story I wrote on the Orson Welles broadcast of 1938, which you can listen to here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xs0K4ApWl4g>.

Barney was in charge of punch for the lodge Halloween party. His budding relationship with Elizabeth was on hold since she was away at college. Barney had thought of the various members of the lodge and their position on alcohol since prohibition began in January 1920. He also remembered the fiasco with the homemade root beer. This was going to be cider and fruit juice the whole way. His mother was one of a dozen Rebekahs who were making cookies and other folk had been assigned the duty of fixing the other refreshments. Melchizedek and the other Raccoons were going to be present for their last lodge function, all the littler raccoons would soon be driven to a park 50 miles away and left to fend for themselves, with Rebekah staying to amuse the lodge members.

Barney had a number of apple trees on his farm. He did not want to waste the lodge's money, so he was going to squeeze his own cider. His cider press was old and it needed a bit of repair, so he spent three straight nights after school working on it and getting it sparkling clean. Barney used a mix of different apple varieties to make cider, Jonagold, Gala, McIntosh, Winesap, Cortland and Newtown. He had a fair sized orchard his father and grandfather had planted years before and he was planning on producing the best cider. His father and Vic came to help him at the press, two days before the party. He had picked the apples the evening before and washed them. He used a chopper to get them ready for the press and was working hard to produce cider.

Apple cider contains natural sugars. There is a sweetness that can be tasted in good cider. The mix of apples and the care Barney had taken were represented in the cider mix. As we all know, the sweet fragrance from the apple juice attracted things. Things like honey bees. While Barney was dumping the last bucket of chopped apples into the press, he was trying to shoo away a half dozen or more bees. As he began to turn the handle on the press for the last squeeze, a bee executed a suicide mission on Barney's nose. Barney recalled all the off-color remarks he had heard while in the trenches in France during World War I, and repeated several of them. Barney's father and Vic

finished filling the jugs for the party the next evening while Barney chipped a small piece of ice off the block in the ice box and held it against his nose.

Halloween was on Sunday in 1920, so the party was set for Saturday. The great bee attack was on Thursday evening so Barney had to go to school Friday with an enlarged nose. All the students at Grover's Mill High School spread stories about Mr. Wells getting into a fight at a speak easy. The rumors were so rampant, Barney had to explain his condition to the principal, who was an Odd Fellow as well. The principal laughed so hard the glass in his door shook when Barney explained the situation. This did not make Barney feel better.

Barney had planned on wearing a raccoon costume to the party, but the mask wouldn't fit on his nose without causing great pain. He switched to a civil war outfit, wearing his grandfather's uniform. This was probably a wise decision, since no fewer than ten lodge members or their wives dressed as raccoons. The party was fairly uneventful, except for the number of people who told Barney he looked different somehow. One member asked if he had a sinus operation. Barney was reluctant to drink the cider, despite all the work he put in it, and stuck to the other punch bowl that had pineapple juice and ginger ale in it. The little raccoons were kept in a cage but put on quite a show and were fed way too many cookies by the party goers.

Barney went outside to look at the moon and get some air, when Vic came out. "Moon is soothing, isn't it?" Vic commented.

Barney replied, "Yeah, but I just can't quite get in the mood. How is Elizabeth doing?"

Vic said, "She is doing well at school, I think she took the train home today for a couple days off. Why don't you stop at the house to see if she made it yet."

Barney perked up and couldn't wait for the party to end. He drove his Model T straight over to Vic's house, walked up on the porch in his civil war uniform and knocked on the door. Elizabeth answered the door. She was in a bee costume. Barney's spirits soared and he couldn't stop laughing.

Next month will be November and we will have a Thanksgiving 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.

NORRISTOWN CELEBRATES SUMMER

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 picnic held 8/17 at Matt Dupee's home for the Lodge and Encampment. DDGP Charlie Danihel, and DDGM Bruce Torrence with 4 members from Victory Lodge were also present.



GRAND PATRIARCH BILL RAMSEY VISITS PERSEVERANCE ENCAMPMENT NO. 135

On August 6, 2015 Grand Patriarch Bill Ramsey made an official visit to Perseverance Encampment No. 135. The meeting was held at a regularly scheduled meeting of Perseverance Encampment (held at Walker Lodge No. 306).

Accompanying Grand Patriarch Bill were several of his staff. Among them were: Grand Senior Warden Charles Danihel – who is also District Deputy of the Encampment District No. 1; Grand Junior Warden Dorothea Oertel – who is also the Chief Patriarch of Perseverance Encampment No. 135 and Grand Inside Sentinel Laura Huchel. Also visiting was Patriarch Craig Reinhart – Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment and Bill's daughter Samantha Ramsey.

During a controlled recess, Samantha Ramsey gave thanks to Perseverance for help sponsoring her on her High school cheerleading competition held at Orlando Florida. She mentioned that her school won the competition which gave her school the opportunity to cheerlead at the New Year day football game between Missouri and Minnesota. After her words of thanks and a video presentation of the experience, she also mentioned about having a great time at this year's UN tour.

Grand Patriarch Ramsey spoke about his goals and his targets while in office which include communicating information about Odd Fellowship in order to increase membership. He noted that Perseverance No. 135 is one of the largest Encampments in Pennsylvania and we should be proud of that ranking. His bottom line message was one of need to increase membership to ensure Odd Fellowship continues to be a living viable fraternal organization that strives to provide support to the community through works of good will as Odd Fellowship has successfully done for almost two centuries.

Chief Patriarch Dorothea Oertel presented Grand Patriarch Ramsey an Honorarium which he mentioned will go to his charity – the "Wounded Warriors" Project. He cited that Wounded Warriors is a veterans organization that offers a variety of programs, service and events for wounded veterans of the military actions following the events of September 11, 2001. Displayed are pictures taken at the meeting including one of the membership in attendance.

In FL&T, Bob Smedley



Past Grand Patriarch Roger A. Calhoon Testimonial

To all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons, and Auxiliaries

Greetings:

You are invited to attend a Testimonial dinner to honor Past Grand Patriarch Roger A. Calhoon on Saturday, November 7th., 2015, at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant, Exit 23 off I-78 at Shartlesville, Pennsylvania. Telephone 610-488-0353.

Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the cost is \$25 per person. The dinner will be family style, with entrees of Roast Pork w/ Gravy, Baked Meat Loaf w/ Mushroom Sauce, and Fried Haddock. Reservations with remittance are to be sent by **October 24, 2015**, and checks made payable to: Craig R. Reinhart, 1615 Locust Street, Reading, PA 19604. Please note "Roger A. Calhoon Testimonial" in the memo portion of the check.

There will be a souvenir program booklet for you to show your support with ads and booster names, priced as follows:
Full Page - \$30.00, Half Page - \$20.00, Quarter Page - \$10.00, Booster Names - \$1.00

Deadline for ads is **October 24, 2015**, and sent to John S. Cupp, Jr., 2 West Main Street, Suite 517, Uniontown, PA 15401. All ads must be typed or neatly hand printed, and checks made payable to John S. Cupp, Jr., with "Roger A. Calhoon Testimonial" in the memo portion of the check.

Motels in the area: Microtel Inns & Suites (800) 771-7171, The Dutch Motel (610) 488-1479, and Comfort Inn (717) 933-8888.
We look forward to having you join us to honor PGP Roger A. Calhoon.

Yours in F. H. & C., The Testimonial Committee

PGP William S. Mooney, Past Grand Marshal, Chairman

HISTORY MADE IN TAMAQUA AS FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE REBEKAH ASSEMBLY BECOMES AN ODD FELLOW

Roughly 30 Brothers, Sisters and fraternal friends gathered in Harmony Hall, Tamaqua, PA to initiate 4 members. There were a total of 12 Lodges represented from as far north as Montrose to West at Smethport and South at York Springs. New members were initiated into Smethport Lodge #389, Victory Lodge #658, Tunkhannock Lodge #699 and Bowmansdale Lodge #1179.

The highlight of the evening was having our President of the Rebekah Assembly ride around the cemetery on the Army Donkey... I mean be initiated into the Odd Fellows. By her side was her husband, George Tufts, Grand Marshal from Foster Lodge #333. Deborah was initiated into Smethport Lodge #389 and joins the short list of Past Presidents/Presidents who are now also Odd Fellows. The 2 other PPRA's are Leola J. Madigan of Edinboro #510 and Carolyn G. Barger of Nucleus #377.

There was a mix of members introduced, from all different branches, along with our two old crotchety "has beens" Charlie Bailey and Keith Harvey. It was a great night though, and I hope there will be more to come. Thanks to all the lodges for their support and help and thanks to Harmony for allowing us to host this degree!

~Fraternally,
Justin C. Bailey, Secy#86



Adding to a long generation list for Victory Lodge #658 of Sellersville, DDGM#2 Bruce Torrence, acted as Vice Grand to have the honor of giving the obligation to his Grandson, Cody Schaffer



NUCLEUS LODGE HOLDS INITIATION

Congratulations to Dalton Smitley and Brothers and Sisters of Odd Fellowship. On Monday, August 10, 2015, we at the Nucleus Lodge 377, Gastonville, PA are proud of Dalton Smitley, age 17 completed the Traditional Initiatory Degree (no DVD'S). Dalton is a quadruplet, from Charleroi, PA and is a Boy Scout Eagle Candidate.

Dalton is a very Bright Young Man with huge aspirations. He has been working at a local Restaurant and just received "EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH AWARD". Brothers and Sisters, we are very sure Dalton's Parents are proud of all their Children

After the Degree work was completed, DGM, David A. Young presented Dalton Smitley with Grand Masters Emilie Cupp's Pin

~Jim Lewis, Secy #377



Kneeling: George Tufts, Grand Marshal; 1st row Left Jim Barnhart, Right, John Cramer; 2nd row Left David Metz, Carolyn Barger, PPRA, Brother Ed Metz, Godfather of Dalton Smitley, Dalton Smitley, Honoree, David A. Young, DGM, Blanche Corey Grand Guardan, Alan Cushey; 3rd row left John Dyzak, DDGM, Jim Martis #386, Paul Beatty, Right Les Salzman - Photographer: James, C. Lewis, Sec.

GRAND MASTER CUPP VISITATIONS



Official Visit with all of my friends at Unified #2. Don't forget the Degree Rally on Saturday, October 3rd.



Official Visit Nucleus Lodge # 377; the lodge where the Grand Master was initiated 14 years ago.



Grand Master, Emilie Cupp, made her Official Visit to her home lodge, General Worth # 386 on Saturday, August 1, 2015. The Grand Treasurer, the Grand Marshal, the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Musician and of course the Grand Chauffeur were all there. She was welcomed by the members of her lodge along with her Grand Guardian, Blanche Corey, who is currently serving as Noble Grand. It was a wonderful evening with the reception area decorated in the Grand Master's color of turquoise. A fine meal and a special cake for the Grand Master.



Falls Creek Official Visit. We sang that night didn't we thanks to Grand Musician Shawn.



Official Visit Leesport Lodge # 141; even though we didn't have chicken (ha ha) we had a good time.



Waterfall Lodge #773 Official Visit. We also tried to sing at this meeting and did; good job guys. A great place to meet with friends; quiet and out of the way; a truly enjoyable evening.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM THE CURING RETINAL BLINDNESS FOUNDATION

To all Brothers, Sisters and friends of Odd Fellowship, I am Bob Smedley, a 49 year member in Walker Lodge No. 306 in a family that has been in Odd Fellowship well over the century mark. There is a situation in our Order that needs to be brought to your attention for help. Kristin Smedley, my Daughter-in-law and my Son Michael (also a member of the Order) have two blind sons of their three children – the third being a girl with no sight problem.

Here's some background on The Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation (CRBF). Kristin Smedley (President of CRBF) and Michael (VP of CRBF) formed the foundation several years ago to proactively address the boys' blindness and seek a resolve. Fifteen years ago the doctors at the University of Penn and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) gave the Smedley family the shock of a lifetime when they told us Michael (the oldest of our two blind grandsons was blind. We were told he had Leber's Congenital Amaurosis (LCA), the most severe form of Retinitis Pigmentosa. They told us our baby could not see and probably be totally blind early in life. Recently, technology has advanced enough to finally determine via testing the boys that the defective gene causing the boys' LCA blindness is a defective CRB1 gene.

Kristin found other families in the United States and Europe with kids having a defective CRB1 gene and engaged their support for fundraising efforts in the time involved process and costly undertaking for the gene replacement therapy stages of: (1) Research, (2) FDA approval and (3) Clinical trials. Thus The Curing Retinal Blindness Foundation (a 501-C3 federal tax entity) was established to raise funds to seek a cure for those afflicted with a deficient CRB1 gene.

Given Odd Fellowship has been a regular contributor to Visual Research, there is an excellent opportunity for Odd Fellowship to be on the forefront of donations to the CRBF. Several Grand Masters in our Pennsylvania Order have chosen CRBF as their charity for their term in office as has Grand Master Emilie Cupp. On Monday July 27th Grand Master Emilie made an official visit to Walker Lodge No. 306 located in Philadelphia where she reminded the membership of her charity for her term in office is the "CRBF." See the September issue of the Odd Fellow Magazine for an article on her visit which includes the following picture of Grand Master Emilie & John Cupp along with Michael Smedley.

Special Recognition:

In that the CRBF is determined to fund a solution for curing retinal blindness and has received extraordinary financial support from only several lodges in Pennsylvania, e.g., Walker Lodge No. 306; Perseverance Encampment No. 135; Brady Lodge No. 116; The Philadelphia Home for Orphans; Mystic Lodge No. 270; and Variety Lodge No. 37; when a final cure is found and recognition is appreciatively mentioned in the press, hopefully your lodge will be on that list of major donors from Odd Fellowship.

For more information about the CRBF please visit CRB1.org where you will find more about the families behind the name including their sponsored fundraising events. Note, by the time you receive this article Kristin and Mike will have already held their annual fundraising events of "Bike the Basin" held September 20th and "Four Sight Classic Golf Tournament" held on October 5th. FYI, here's a link to a TV news spot that came on Philadelphia CBS Channel 3 on September 2nd featuring news caster Ukee Washington with my two grandsons announcing the "Bike the Basin" event for September 20th:

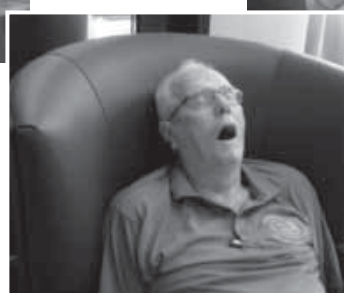
<http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/09/02/brotherly-love-blind-brothers-reach-for-a-cure/>

Finally, please share his information with your friends and family and thanks for all your help in finding a cure. If you are unable to contribute financially, we ask that you keep our families and the researchers in your prayers. God listens, we have proof.

*In FL&T, Bob Smedley
CRBF Director and Member of
Pa Grand Lodge Visual Committee*



VIENNA LODGE'S BASEBALL NIGHT OUT AT COCA-COLA PARK ALLENTOWN



Proud of our Grand Representative Charlie Shorten well at work at Sovereign Grand lodge Session!

OBITUARIES

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

WILLIAM M. CULBERTSON

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
August 12, 2015



Brother William M. "Bill" Culbertson, 91, of Edinboro, PA, was initiated into Edinboro Lodge #510 on October 26, 1944 where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge degree on June 9, 1947. He held active membership up until the time of his illness, and was active on the Installation Team.

He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Drakes Mills and the Mill Village United Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Laura McGinnett. Surviving are four children, twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Venango Cemetery.

ROBERT M. HUSTON

Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
August 15, 2015



Brother Robert M. Huston, 83, of Vanderbilt, PA, was initiated into Brownsville Lodge #51 on May 10, 1951, where he became a Past Grand in 1992 and received his Grand Lodge Degree October 13, 1995. He then became a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030 through consolidation on April 6, 2004. At the time of the consolidation, he

was Brownsville Lodge's Noble Grand, a position he held for several years prior. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's conductor, an office he held for several years.

He was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and a member of the Vanderbilt United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Elizabeth Simon. Surviving are two daughters and one grandson.

Burial was held in Bowman-Flatwoods Cemetery, Flatwoods, PA.

JAMES F. DAYTON, SR.

Jamison Lodge No. 447
August 24, 2015



Brother James F. Dayton, Sr., 84, of Doylestown, PA, was initiated into Aquetong Lodge #193, Doylestown, on November 15, 1966, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on May 17, 1975. He then became a member of Jamison

Lodge #447 through consolidation on September 12, 1983.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the Chalfont United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Eleanor Keller and one son. Surviving is a daughter, three sons, six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

Burial was held in Beulah Cemetery, New Britain, PA.

CALVIN K. QUIER

Pennsylvania's Oldest Member
Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57
Norristown Encampment No. 37
August 27, 2015



Brother Calvin K. Quier, 109, Scottsdale, AZ, formerly of Norristown, PA, was initiated into Montgomery Lodge #57, Norristown, PA on March 2, 1925, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 17, 1930. In 1954, the three local Lodges consolidated to form Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, still working under Montgomery's Charter. He was an

85 year Patriarch, having been initiated into Norristown Encampment #37 on March 31, 1930 and receiving the Grand Encampment Degree December 18, 1941. He continued through the branches, and held the rank of Major for Canton Pottstown #6, having received the Decoration of Chivalry on June 20, 1972. He later left the Patriarchs Militant. He was also an associate member to Triumph Lodge #16, Bel Air, MD and was a Past President of the Past Grand's Association of South Eastern PA.

Celebrated 90 years as an Odd Fellow, his story did not just begin here. He was raised in the Philadelphia Home for Orphans and actually paraded with the Odd Fellows in Baltimore, MD during the Centennial Celebration of American Odd Fellowship in 1919. At the time of his death, he was Pennsylvania's oldest member, by age and tenure, and the last member of Pennsylvania who was initiated during the 1920's, the end of an era.

He was of the Episcopalian Faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Agnes (Heinz) Rink, two brothers, also members who lived quite a long time, Curtis and George. Surviving is his step-daughter, Lavinia Asay.

Services were private at the convenience of the family.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Continued from last month's magazine

SECOND GRADE

Second Grade or the Degree of Friendship. If one word might be used to define this degree, that word would be "OTHERS." Your mind was now centered on the duty you owe to your brother and his family. The baneful and blighting influences of the spirit of envy and jealousy were vividly brought before you and paralleled with them, were the blessings of Friendship as illustrated in the most wonderful example of man's devotion to another that has even been pictured to humanity. With the picture of the friendship of the Prince and the Shepherd lad in your mind, and a vivid recollection of the consequences of the spirit of jealousy, you were next promoted to the Third Grad or the Degree of Brotherly Love.

More to follow next month with the Third Grade or the Degree of Love.

~ Justin C. Bailey

ALLEGHENY 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!

ALLEGHENY COUNTY - PITTSBURGH:

Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh Lodge #2 – consolidated 1954

Pittsburgh – Unified Lodge #2 – instituted 1977

Pittsburgh – East Liberty Lodge #3 – consolidated 1968

Pittsburgh – Mechanics Lodge #9 – consolidated 1924

Pittsburgh – Oakland Lodge #13 – consolidated 1954

Pittsburgh – Western Star Lodge #24 – consolidated 1946

Pittsburgh – Chosen Friends Lodge #30 – defunct 1836

Pittsburgh – Union Lodge #32 – defunct 1836

Pittsburgh – New Era Lodge #34 – consolidated 1937

Pittsburgh – William Tell Lodge #45 (German) – consolidated 1947

Pittsburgh – Birmingham Lodge #48 – consolidated 1950

Pittsburgh – Allegheny Lodge #49 – defunct 1842

Pittsburgh – Gomer Lodge #64 – consolidated 1979

Pittsburgh – Twin City Lodge #241 – consolidated 1962

Pittsburgh – Angerona Lodge #289 – consolidated 1933

Pittsburgh – Pittsburgh Lodge #336 – defunct 1902

Pittsburgh – Mount Moriah Lodge #360 – consolidated 1941

Pittsburgh – Zocco Lodge #385 – consolidated 1927

Pittsburgh – Day Spring Lodge #409 – consolidated 1905

Pittsburgh – Robert Blum Lodge #414 – consolidated 1943

Pittsburgh – Monument Lodge #421 – consolidated 1912

Pittsburgh – Rhine Lodge #424 (German) – defunct prior 1910

Pittsburgh – George S. Morris Lodge #431 – consolidated 1924

Pittsburgh – Arsenal Lodge #460 – consolidated 1957

Pittsburgh – Henry Lambert Lodge #475 – consolidated 1971

Pittsburgh – R. Biddle Roberts Lodge #530 – consolidated 1936

Pittsburgh – Elias Wildman Lodge #549 – consolidated 1912

Pittsburgh – Granite Lodge #652 (German) – consolidated 1924

Pittsburgh – Allegheny Lodge #693 – consolidated 1968

Pittsburgh – Montefiore Lodge #794 – defunct 1986

Pittsburgh – Stokes Lodge #796 – consolidated 1963

Pittsburgh – Penn Avenue Lodge #801 – consolidated 1939

Pittsburgh – Elite Lodge #842 – consolidated 1954

Pittsburgh – Our Lodge #883 – defunct prior 1900s

Pittsburgh – Fort Pitt Lodge #883 – consolidated 1946

Pittsburgh – Abraham Lincoln Lodge #906 – consolidated 1941

Pittsburgh – Mozart Lodge #971 – consolidated 1949

Pittsburgh – Park Lodge #973 – consolidated 1936

Pittsburgh – B.B. Brashear Lodge #1024 – consolidated 1967

Pittsburgh – Charles D. Freeman Lodge #1036 – consolidated 1937

Pittsburgh – Schenley Park Lodge #1037 – consolidated 1933

Pittsburgh – Garfield Lodge #1040 – consolidated 1949

Pittsburgh – Hazel Glen Lodge #1043 – consolidated 1974

Pittsburgh – Zion Lodge #1057 – consolidated 1977

**Pittsburgh – Brushton Lodge #1107 (now Brushton-Swissvale)
– instituted 1898**

Pittsburgh – Greater Pittsburgh Lodge #1159 – consolidated 1922

Pittsburgh – Thor Lodge #1171 (Swedish) – consolidated 1944

**= 117 total Lodges, 47 in Pittsburgh with 3 active. 1st Lodge –
Mechanics #9 in 1828**

Since this is so giant, I will place Pittsburgh in October's magazine, and the rest of Allegheny County in November's

Next month in honor of Unified Lodge #2 hosting the western degree rally – Allegheny County part 2 – Get your pictures and articles in now!



Old Hall of Gomer Lodge #64 and Henry Lambert Lodge #475 on West Liberty Avenue in Dormont/ Pittsburgh



Former Hall Brushton-Swissvale Lodge #1107 in Swissvale



Hall of Hazel Glen Lodge #1043 – Notice the three links front & center of the building



At the corner of Steuben and Wabash streets sits the former home of Saint Clair Lodge #362

ODD FELLOWS & REBEKAHS EDUCATION COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOUS

Thank you for choosing me as a recipient for your scholarship this year! This scholarship will be very helpful as I work toward my dream of becoming an orthopedic surgeon!

Sincerely Alison Martin

Thank you very much for picking me as a winner of the Odd Fellows scholarship. It will help me greatly with my expenses at college. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely, Ryan Springer

Thank you very much for the scholarship! This scholarship will help me in my academic journey at Drexel University. I am really looking to college and I hope to continue my academic success. Again, thank you for investing in my education.

Timothy Kutchner

I would like to thank the entire Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Fund committee for awarding me the \$500.00 scholarship toward my 2015-2016 continued education. I am entering my senior year of nursing school and your organization has helped me tremendously throughout my college experience. I have achieved the honor of being placed on the Dean's List for each semester since 2012. Once I graduate with my Bachelor's Degree in May 2016, my plan is to further my education and attend Master's Degree courses beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. I am truly grateful for your continued support and scholarships with my journey through continued education. Thank you again!

Lauren Manjardi

I was happy to learn that I was a recipient of the \$500 Pennsylvania Odd Fellow-Rebekah Education Fund Award. I am writing to thank you for your generous, financial support towards my education.

My major is computer engineering. I am looking forward to starting my sophomore year at Penn State University in a few weeks. Your financial generosity has allowed me to purchase the books that I will need for this upcoming semester.

Thank you again for your continued support to help me achieve my educational goals.

Sincerely, Christopher R. Kramer

I am honored to be a recipient of the \$500.00 award from the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges of Pennsylvania. Your generous support is helping me fulfill my dream of going to college.

I am currently getting ready to start my sophomore year at Shippensburg University, with a major in Marketing. My freshman year was both challenging and exciting. In my first year of college, I made the Dean's list for both semesters.

By awarding me this award, it will assist me in purchasing the books I will need for my courses for this coming year.

Thank you very much for making this scholarship award possible. I am touched by your generosity and your willingness to help me achieve my goals.

Sincerely, Sarah L. Kramer

Periodicals

August Donations

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	60.06
2	Unified	50.00
		110.06

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	150.14
2	Unified	50.00
1004	Hampton	50.00
		250.14

VISUAL ASSISTANCE

2	Unified	25.00
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VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	60.06
2	Unified	25.00
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PM and LAPM Rally November 14, 2015

It's that time again to call to arms! The PM and LAPM Rally will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 in the York IOOF Hall, 525 Greenwood Road. All Ladies and Chevaliers are cordially invited to attend. The Rally will begin at 1:00PM with a joint Memorial Service. Directions to the Lodge hall are available – Call Lady Beverly. We will again do this in memory of Donald Trulick, and all our departed Ladies and Chevaliers. What a better way to memorialize them but to pay tribute to them in strengthening the Order the fought so hard to keep.

Bring your candidates! Our officers – President Marcia LaVan, and Department Commander Colonel John J. Dzyak, will be pleased to muster new members. At this time, we have approximately three candidates for the PM.

A luncheon of soup, sandwich and desert will be served from 11:00AM to 12:30PM at the Lodge Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is being asked. A dinner will be held at 4:30 PM in the Lodge Hall. The menu has not yet been decided, but it will be something good (always is!). Reservations, with payment, are to be sent to Lady Beverly Bowers, 1228 Edison Street, York, PA 17403 no later than November 1st (or call 717-843-2104). There will be a charge of \$15.00 for the dinner. Please notify Captain Justin Bailey on any candidates attending at 570-449-5617 or pps562004@yahoo.com.

The rally committee business meeting will be held between the Rally and the Dinner. That way those who are not staying for the dinner can participate in the meeting. We need to have as much input as possible. After all, it is YOUR rally. We would, of course, like you to stay for the dinner and enjoy an evening of Odd Fellowship. The food is good and so is the fellowship!

Numerous hotels are available along Route 30:

Wyndham Garden – 2000 Loucks Road 846-9500

Best Western – 1415 Kenneth Road 767-6931

Super 8 – 40 Arsenal Road 852-8686

Motel 6 – 323 Arsenal Road 846-6260

Raffle tickets will be available at the Rally. Bring along a gift/prize in a brown bag for the raffle – the more you bring the more you could win!

We look forward to seeing YOU in York on November 14th and having Sisters and Brothers become Ladies and Chevaliers.

Chivalrously, The Rally Committee, Lady Beverly Bowers, APP, Secy

Justin C. Bailey, Director of Works, PM