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PENNSYLVANIA LAYS A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWNNS



Laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington, VA on May 6th was (from l to r) Dept Commander, Col Justin C. Bailey; JrPPRA Deborah J. Tufts; Grand Patriarch Charles E. Danihel and Grand Master David A. Young. Also participating in assisting the General Military Council for the wreath laying ceremony were BG's Michael H. Duminiak and George R. Tufts.

CASSVILLE DEDICATES NEW HALL

On April 29th, the new Hall to Mt. Hor Lodge #736, Lady Evelyn Rebekah Lodge #22 and Genesis Encampment #15 was formally dedicated for strengthening Odd Fellowship in the Cassville Area. Cassville had a very nice hall, but aside from the large meeting room, their social room was very cramped, and the parking left a lot to be desired. In 1958, a church was moved board by board from Mt. Union, and operated until around 2013-14 when it closed its doors.



Officers and members of the branches along with the NG of Mt Hor, Michael D. Drenning and PDDGM George Clapper (both seated).

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PLACES TO GO ... PEOPLE TO SEE

* denotes furnished by Planning Board + denotes details to follow

2017

JUNE

- 3 / Grand Encampment Brd Mtg & Degree Rally, Johnstown*
- 4 / 9th Ann'l Clover Lodge Golf Outing, Beaver Falls
- 17 - 21 / Unified Session
- 24 / Odd Fellows Golf Open, Coopersburg

JULY

- 15 / Fun Day, Knoebel's Grove, Elysburg*

AUGUST

- 5 / State College #1032 125th Anniv., State College, PA*+ (pg4)

SEPTEMBER

- 23 / PPRA Mansberry Testimonial, Uniontown, PA *+

OCTOBER

- 21 / PGM Young Testimonial, Somerset, PA*+

** On the second Sunday of each month, at 1:00PM, year round, Centre Lodge #153 of Bellefonte is still conducting their Music Jams!

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

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74, York

Andrew Strausbaugh – initiated February 20th

Donald Coho – initiated March 20th

Donald Free

Jamison Lodge No. 447

Tom Appleton – initiated February 20th

Wysox Lodge No. 1152

Joseph P. Biancarelli – initiated April 4th

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Joseph W. Campbell, #2
David T. Onraet, #447

30 YEARS

John C. Molchany, #192

40 YEARS

Harry M. Howell, Jr., #712

45 YEARS

Gerald W. Guscott, Sr., #86
John A. Roman, Sr., #306

50 YEARS

Robert Q. Golden, #601
Warren C. Golden, #601
Stanley E. Palmer, #601
Clair W. Hawkins, #773

65 YEARS

John E. McFadden, #957

70 YEARS

Paul L. Burger, Jr., #307
George D. Achenbach, #380
Robert T. Reed, #551

105 YEARS

Bowmansdale Lodge #1179

115 YEARS

Fallowfield Lodge #1128

125 YEARS

Lititz Lodge #1050

135 YEARS

Smethport Lodge #389

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND MASTER

WOW! This is my last article as your Grand Master. It has been a great year. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Master for the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. I know that I haven't been to all of the lodges in the state. But, I did my best to visit as many as I could, while maintaining my day job. I have driven many miles these last three years; this last year being the most. I have met so many great brothers and sisters in this jurisdiction; and I was truly amazed at so many of the beautiful lodge halls that are out there.

The internet is a great thing; and Facebook is a great way of reaching people. I have tried to place as many things on our facebook page as I can. During my travels I urged everyone to replace themselves. It would be great for each of us to be able to bring in a group of new members. However we have to be realistic. If every member would try to replace themselves, our order would grow. We had two successful rallies this past year, one in the West and one in the East. These rallies can only be a success if we all go out and support them. I urge everyone to get out and support your lodge. Get out and support the lodges in your district. If you can, go out and visit other lodges in this great jurisdiction and make new friends. Above all let's support our rallies.

If you have one of my gavels, or know where either is, please bring them to session, or see that they make it to session with someone else. I can't wait to tell every one of the exploits of my traveling gavels.

Thank you all for your help and support this past year.

Fraternally,

David A. Young, Grand Master

REMINDER: Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania 2017 Scholarship Award

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania is again offering \$3,000 scholarship awards to a maximum of four (4) students who fulfill the specified requirements of the Award. This will be the 12th consecutive year of the Award since its inauguration back in 2006. Award committee chairman, Robert Grant, wants to remind those considering applying or those considering potential applicants, of three requirements in particular:

1. The applicant or living family relative must be a member of the I.O.O.F. or Rebekahs of Western Pennsylvania.
2. The applicant must be a full-time student majoring in one of the three eligible areas: music, education, or a health related field.
3. The applicant must have also completed at least one year of full-time college.

The Awards, of course are being made to not only defray some of the cost associated with higher education, but also to help increase public awareness of Odd Fellowship and in turn, hopefully receiving petitions for membership to promote our great Order.

As in previous years, a copy of the "Rules" and an "Award Application" was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District in mid/late-May. The 2017 Awards Committee requested that all lodge secretaries and scribes relay that information to their respective membership and make copies as necessary for distribution. Information regarding the 2017 Scholarship may also be found on our website: glpaioof.org. The deadline date for submitting applications will be July 31, 2017. The committee also asks that the public be made aware of our Award by informing schools, colleges, newspapers, churches, etc. in your respective areas. Your cooperation and assistance in relaying this information will be very much appreciated. Hopefully, we will once again be honored in announcing the Awards to four qualified and worthy recipients this coming August.

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

3 – GE Degree Rally, Johnstown – 10:30AM
7 – Mon Valley #82 OV – 1:30PM
12 – Smethport #389 – 8:00PM
17 – GL Board Meeting, Harrisburg Red Lion – 10:00AM
19 – 21 – Unified Session
21-23 – NJ Session

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

1 – Scott Enc. #132 OV – 7:00PM
3 – GE Rally & Brd mtg, Johnstown – 9:00AM

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CASSVILLE DEDICATES NEW HALL

This past year, Mt. Hor Lodge #736 decided to purchase the old church and use it for their hall. It has a full basement, two bathrooms, an office, a kitchen and a large meeting room.

All five branches were present and put on a Temple Dedication ceremony, which hasn't been seen or conducted in many years, with the Temple Altar being used, that is housed at the Grand Lodge Headquarters. Grand Lodge was represented by JrPGM Emilie Cupp, Rebekah Assembly was represented by PRA Lee Etta Mansberry. Charles Danihel, Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, and Col Justin Bailey, Department Commander of the Patriarchs Militant, also were in attendance, along with a wide array of elected and appointed officers of all the Branches. It was our

pleasure to also have LAPM Adjutant of WV, Lady Elaine Weekley in attendance to represent the LAPM Branch of our Order.

Following the ceremony, Emilie had the esteemed pleasure of presenting PDDGM George Clapper with his 70 year pin. George is the oldest living member of Mt. Hor Lodge, by age and tenure, having been initiated into Saxton Lodge #594 on April 11, 1947. They then consolidated with Mt. Union Lodge #677 and finally Mt. Hor Lodge #736. He is the last surviving member of both #594 and #677 still affiliated with the Order. It was a wonderful day of Odd Fellowship and a very progressive day. Best wishes to all three Lodges and if you're in the area, stop by and visit! Their new address is 17257 Trough Creek Valley Pike, Cassville, PA 16623.



JrPGM Emilie Cupp presents Brother Clapper with his 70 year pin.

MAHANOEY LODGE NO. 551 INSTALLS OFFICERS

Mahanoy Lodge #551, of Dornsife, was installed by DDGM Michael Wallis, along with assistance from Lewisburg Lodge #96.

Back Row L to R – John Kerstetter, Chaplain; Bryan Mattern, Left supporter; Terry Snyder, VG Right supporter; Don Wendt, Noble Grand; Maynard Schreffler, Treasurer; Jonathan Brightbill, Secretary; Paul Koch (Lewisburg Lodge 96)

Front Row – Dean Oxenrider, Warden; Clair Williard Inside Guardian; Kerry Eyster, NG Right Supporter; Luke Rebeck, Financial Secretary; Mike Wallis (DDGM)



Photo by Scott Robinson, #96.

State College Lodge #1032 Anniversary

Brothers and Sisters in Odd Fellowship,

The members of State College Lodge #1032 cordially invite you to join with us to celebrate our One Hundred and Twenty Fifth Anniversary. The Celebration will take place on August 5, 2017 at the Ramada Inn, on 1450 South Atherton Street, here in State College. Rooms have been set aside for those wishing to stay the night; the room rate for this celebration is seventy nine dollars (\$79.00) plus tax. Reservations must be made directly with the hotel. Their phone number is 814-238-7521.

Celebrants have a Choice of Meals: Chicken Cordon Bleu or Baked Cod, with Sweet Potato Crust and Herbed Butter. The meal will begin with Baked Potato soup followed by tossed green salad (assorted dressings.) Whichever Dinner Entree you choose the meal will include Baked Potato, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots. To end the meal, there will be Apple Crumb Cake. Tickets to dinner are Thirty dollars. (\$30.00) The festivities begin at six thirty (6:30 PM)

*For Dinner reservations please contact Laura Homan at 115 Wynwood drive
Centre Hall, PA 16828
814-364-1674*

*Those wishing to speak at this Celebration,
Please Contact Mackie Levine
164 Birchtree Court
State College, PA 16801
at 814-867-8308*

*Yours in F L & T
The Brothers and Sisters of Lodge #1032*

MIDDLETOWN HOME EASTER AND COFFEE HOUR



Getting ready to find some Easter eggs!

Middletown Home celebrated a very Happy Easter this year! Among the many activities residents especially enjoyed: making peanut butter eggs, coloring and decorating eggs, making Easter cards, and of course preparing for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! Saturday afternoon around 40 kids came with baskets and bags ready to hunt for candy-filled Easter eggs. Residents watched as the kids searched the lobby, chapel, and outside terrace for over 600 eggs. Later, residents, kids, and staff members enjoyed root beer floats and springtime music. On Easter Sunday many residents attended an Easter Church Service. Family members visited with many of the residents and shared laughter and love while celebrating the joys of Easter and the promise of spring!



Anna McCarthy and Andy Lutzkanin pose next to the Penn State Lion

When it comes to special outings, our residents are always on board! Bus trips are something that many residents look forward to and are quick to sign up for. Trips have included: bowling, puppy hugging, casino trips, scenic drives, baseball games, shopping trips and many more! Recently we were invited to attend special International Coffee Hours at Penn State. Residents traveled to Penn State campus and joined the students for an afternoon of coffee and conversations. The first event featured food, singing, and students speaking about different Asian cultures. Residents enjoyed the unique cuisine and the coffee samples. The second event was Easter themed so the students talked about how different counties celebrate. International Coffee Hours will be put on hold as the school year ends. But our residents look forward to them resuming come the start of the fall semester!

BLAIR 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!

BLAIR COUNTY:

Altoona – Archie Maxwell Lodge #145 – defunct 1951

Altoona – George R. McFarlane Lodge #279 – defunct 1943

Altoona – Altoona Lodge #473 – consolidated 1923

Altoona – Verandah Lodge #532 – consolidated 1928

Altoona – Mountain City Lodge #837 – consolidated 1968

Altoona – Logan Lodge #1059 – consolidated 1950

Altoona – B. S. Davis Lodge #1069 – consolidated 1978

Bellwood – Bellwood Lodge #819 – consolidated 1942

Claysburg – Claysburg Lodge #713 – defunct 1991

East Freedom – East Freedom Lodge #1131 – defunct 1928

Hollidaysburg – Hollidaysburg Lodge #119 – defunct 1959

Hollidaysburg – Wanita Lodge #1142 – closed post 1900

Juniata – Bellview Lodge #497 – consolidated 1962

Martinsburg – Roaring Spring Lodge #445 – defunct 1939 (aka Martinsburg Lodge #445)

Roaring Spring – Model Lodge #856 – consolidated 1955

Tyrone – Tyrone Lodge #152 – consolidated 1982

Tyrone – Allegheny Gateway Lodge #187 – consolidated 1949

Williamsburg – Orphans Home Lodge #315 – defunct 1951

18 Lodges with 0 active. 1st Lodge Hollidaysburg Lodge #119 in 1845

Next month – Union & Clinton Counties – Get your pictures and articles in now!



In the middle of the picture, you can see the hall of the former Tyrone Lodge #152. Photo Credit: Tyrone-Snyder Public Library

ON THE ROAD WITH GRAND MASTER YOUNG

On Thursday, April 20th, the Grand Master and Grand Marshal visited the members of Paoli # 290. We had a great meal and great fellowship. Thank you for the special flag and holder. Grand Marshal Dzyak is again not in the picture, because he had to be the photographer.



SPRING RALLY A CONTINUED SUCCESS



The Spring Degree Rally was held on April 8, in Vienna Hall, Allentown, PA. It was a great day of Odd Fellowship. We had a great class of candidates for all of the degrees. There was a special session held to admit 10 Past Grands to the Grand Lodge. There were over 90 people in attendance. A special thank you goes out to Grand Secretary Justin Bailey for organizing a great rally. Keep up the good work. Special thanks also go out to Vienna Lodge #847 for again allowing us to use their beautiful temple, Victory Lodge #658 of Sellersville for opening & closing, Lancaster County for conferring the initiatory degree, Schuylkill County for conferring the first degree, Grand Lodge for conferring the third degree, and all those others who helped to make this rally a success by taking the parts that needed to be filled.

FREEDOM LODGE #88

Freedom Lodge #88 of Honesdale would like to congratulate Eric DeYoung and Nadine Hager on completing their three degrees at the Vienna Hall in Allentown! Check our Facebook page at [Freedomlodge88](https://www.facebook.com/Freedomlodge88) for updates.



FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

To all, please view the three link plan shown here, and what this Lodge has accomplished so far. Be advised this isn't a Lodge of 50 – 60 members. This Lodge has less than 15 members, with getting around 8 to a meeting. If they can do it, there's no reason any other Lodge can't do it. Scott Robinson was recently in the magazine, as a new member. He saw this Order and liked what he seen. Why is it working so far? The Lodge is SUPPORTING HIM. Too often this isn't done. I have seen Lodges bring in new members, with new ideas, and find them getting suspended a year later. I ask what happened, and they tell me, "we're not allowed to do anything. It's no, we can't do this because....". Let's work together! Celebrate your Lodge; celebrate your members! Celebrate what is right with this Order and work together to accomplish something good. There is nothing as a Lodge we can't do. Sometimes we need to step outside our comfort zone, but good things happen. Work with your community, let them know you're here and give them a reason to get to know us and know Odd Fellowship. Be a good example of it and they will work closely with you. Until then, please, every Lodge, someone who goes, bring this article to your meeting and discuss it. What can we do to make this plan work? Main problem.... We need to work together! I hope to see you soon on the road of Odd Fellowship and let's make it work!

Fratemally, Justin C. Bailey, Grand Secretary

Here is a list of the things that we have accomplished (so far) under our 3-Link Revitalization Plan:

- 2017 Accomplishments (3-Link Plan)
 - o Length of Service/Membership Certificates – Styled on 1800's certificate
 - o Website
 - o Include Rebekahs
 - o Business cards
 - o Banner for Events (includes website address)
 - o Updated Recruitment Brochure
 - o Recruitment Program
 - 3 New Members so far
 - New Member Process
 - "Now That You've Joined" brochure (attached)
 - Letter of Acceptance – Styled on original letter
 - o 1874 Bible Returned
 - o Arts Festival booth and fund-raiser
 - o Event Reminder Post Cards
 - o T-shirts for sale to public
 - o Spotting Scope Raffle
 - o Gun Raffle
 - o Establish PR Committee
 - o We are excited and having fun!

Scott Robinson, #96

WEDDING DAY

June 1922 was the month in which Warren Harding became the first President to give a radio address. Brother Harding is reputed to have been a member of our Order, see <http://ioofphilippines.yolasite.com/notable-members.php> Clearly the most important event, however, was the marriage of Barney Wells to his beloved Elizabeth. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs were astir with preparations. The Patriarchs' Militant was preparing an arch of steel for the recessional after the ceremony.

There were three fine churches in Grover's Mill. There was a Lutheran Church, a Presbyterian Church and a Roman Catholic Church. Barney belonged to a different church in a different town. Elizabeth belonged to the Presbyterian Church, so that would be the site of the wedding. The reception would take place at the largest and most accessible building in town, the Odd Fellows Hall.

The ceremony was to take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 17, 1922. The weather was warm and sunny. The birds were singing and the bees were buzzing. Several Rebekah sisters spent hours pouring over the 1922 Emily Post guide for a wedding, see <http://www.bartleby.com/95/22.html> The bride arrived at the church exactly one minute late, as etiquette directs. The ceremony went off with no surprises and everything went well as the couple moved toward the IOOF Hall for the reception. Here I must digress and tell you that the careful observer would have seen an image sitting outside the front window of the church. The image looked like a raccoon named Melchizedek.

Barney Wells' father drove him to the church in his 1918 Model T Touring Car. Vic had a 1920 Model T Touring Car that he used to take Elizabeth and his family to the church. It took Vic and his wife Alice over an hour to clean all the smells of animal medicine from the inside of the car, so the wedding would not have a foul smell. Vic and Alice had six children and they all fit in the car. Alice's older brother Woodrow was an usher at the wedding. Her older sister Alberta was a bridesmaid. Barney had an older sister who was busy with a small child so she attended the wedding but did not take part in the ceremony.

Barney asked his platoon sergeant from World War I to be his best man. Mason Browning had been a good soldier and saved Barney's bacon once or twice in the trenches in World War I. He was also a loyal Odd Fellow and Elizabeth's uncle. Elizabeth chose her sister Alberta to be her maid of honor. Alberta was a school teacher and was planning her own wedding the next year and looked at this as a dry run.

Upon leaving the church, there was an arch of steel formed by the Patriarchs' Militant and a creative individual had dressed Warden and Conductor (Barney's dogs) in PM uniforms and had them sitting at the end of the line. The couple rode in Barney's Model T with his father driving. Upon arrival at the Odd Fellows Hall, Barney and Elizabeth met the musicians and asked them to play a few of the popular tunes of the day while the guests were being served. There was no photographer at the wedding. Barney and Elizabeth had arranged to go to the photographer's studio the following week

for photographs. Remember, photography was still young in 1922, many of the guests had Brownie cameras, see <http://www.brownie-camera.com/list.shtml> but the higher quality cameras were too large to take to a wedding. Woodrow took a number of impromptu photos, as did other members of the lodge. The album did not get made till the following Monday.

The meal began with an appetizer of deviled eggs and meat stuffed olives. The main course was a baked ham with mashed potatoes and vegetables. The cake was the center of the celebration. The Rebekahs had a three-tiered cake with white top and bottom layers and a chocolate center layer. The top decoration was a pair of raccoons, dressed as bride and groom. Everyone in the Odd Fellows knew the entire raccoon story, parts of it too well.

The dinner was followed by dancing. Barney was not a dancer. He tried, but failed. He tripped more than once, but caught himself. The fox trot was the most popular dance. This was the era of prohibition and no legal liquor was available. The punch tasted like it had been spiked, but the concoction poured in it left a bad taste in one's mouth. Barney drank a cup of punch and became an even poorer dancer. He slipped on the floor and tore a hole in the seat of his trousers. This grounded him for the remainder of the evening. Elizabeth danced with Vic and a number of the other guests. When she returned to the table, Barney wasn't feeling particularly well, so the party drew to a close. As they left the IOOF Hall, they were showered with enormous amounts of rice, which would prove to excite the local turkey flock in the following days. Barney's father drove them to his home. Barney and Elizabeth would live on the Wells farm, where they would build their own house over the following years.

The plan was simple, they would stay in town for a couple days to get the photographs taken and arrange the house a bit and then leave on Wednesday for a trip to the Starkey House on the Finger Lakes in New York. It seemed to be working until Barney's father had a problem with the tractor on Tuesday afternoon and Barney broke his left hand while helping fix the tractor. Elizabeth would not be outdone, when she became aware they would not be able to leave on Wednesday, she accompanied her father on a call to help him give a physic ball to a horse that morning. The horse stepped on her right foot and broke it.

A comedy of errors ensued and the 1922 wedding would not be followed by a honeymoon. When their youngest child graduated from High School in 1947, they would take a honeymoon. This is the subject for another story.

Next month will be July. I will be writing the story just after the Memorial Day holiday and hope to be able to entertain you with a fable surrounding our nation's birth.

Comments and questions are always welcomed by the Grand Treasurer. You can contact him by email at jcupp275@gmail.com or conventional mail at P.O. Box 275, Hopwood, PA 15445.

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PA 2016 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD RECOGNITION

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania recognized one of the two 2016 Scholarship Award Recipients at their Annual Meeting held this past April at Orchard Manor in Grove City.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert Grant introduced and presented Abby Moffit with a plaque as remembrance of receiving the Award. Abby is the daughter of Cathy and Ron Celaschi (Charleroi) and the granddaughter of Dr. & Mrs. Donald Celaschi, he being a member of Charleroi Lodge #1030. She graciously and enthusiastically updated those in attendance with her present and future goals. A \$3,000 check was sent to her designated university at the start of the 2017 Spring Semester when she transferred her enrollment from Slippery Rock University of PA. Health and Physical Education continues as her major field of study.

Note: The other recipient of the 2016 Scholarship Award, Jessica Roche, Was regrettably unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to weekend work commitments related to her field of study, that being Nursing. A plaque was also sent to Jessica as a memento of this prestigious award.



Standing L-R: Robert Grant, Cathy Moffit, Abby, John S. Cupp (PGM & Board President)

OBITUARIES

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

HARRY H. STAMBAUGH

Mackinaw Lodge No. 380
March 2, 2017



Brother Harry H. Stambaugh, 84, of Green Park, PA, was initiated into Mt. Dempsey Lodge #172, Landisburg, PA, on April 11, 1959. He then became a member of Mackinaw Lodge #380, New Bloomfield, through consolidation on July 22, 1996.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Tressler Memorial Free Lutheran Church in Loysville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Nona Evans. Surviving are two children, two grandsons and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in Bloomfield Cemetery, New Bloomfield, PA.

ALVIN C. SHEETZ, JR.

General Worth Lodge No. 386
March 7, 2017

Brother Alvin C. Sheetz, Jr., 88, of Hellertown, PA, was initiated into General Worth Lodge #386, Connellsville, PA, on April 24, 1971.

He was a U.S. Marine Corps and Naval Air Reserves Veteran and a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Connellsville.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Carol, and one daughter. Surviving is his second wife, the former Joanne Mihulec, three sons, one stepson, one stepdaughter, five grandchildren and one step-grandson.

Burial was held in Bowerman Cemetery, Halifax, PA.

WILLIAM O. HARRISON, JR.

Edinboro Lodge No. 510
April 7, 2017



Brother William O. Harrison, Jr., 98, of Cincinnati, OH, was initiated into Oil City Lodge #589, on January 15, 1963. He left the Lodge on March 27, 1973 and reinstated on October 1, 1980, where he became a Past Grand on November 13, 1984. He became a member of Queen City Lodge #304, Titusville, through consolidation on August 7, 1996, and finally Edinboro Lodge #510 through consolidation on September 9, 2010.

He was a WWII U.S. Air Force Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Hope Davis, and one son. Surviving is one daughter.

JOSEPH BUFALINI

Clover Lodge No. 348
Ambridge Encampment No. 259
April 8, 2017

Brother Joseph Bufalini, 95, of Wilmington, DE, was initiated into Clover Lodge #348, Ambridge, PA, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree September 29, 1967. He was also a Patriarch of Ambridge Encampment #259, becoming a Past Chief Patriarch September 29, 1967. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U. S. Army WWII Veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Anna. Surviving is one son, one granddaughter and one great-granddaughter.

WILLIAM MOORE

Hopkins Lodge No. 87
April 11, 2017



Brother William Moore, 92, of Bristol, PA, was initiated into Hopkins Lodge #87, Bristol, PA, on March 13, 2000. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a U.S. WWII Marine and a member of St. Mark Church, Bristol.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth, and one son. Surviving are five children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was held in St. Mark Cemetery, Bristol.

GRAYDEN W. BARBER

Lewisburg Lodge No. 96
April 20, 2017



Brother Grayden W. Barber, 79, of Mifflinburg, PA, was initiated into Lewisburg Lodge #96 on November 11, 1991, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree November 16, 1996.

He was a member of the Dreisbach United Church of Christ, Lewisburg.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Martha Erdley. Surviving are two sons, one daughter, Kathy, of Faith, Hope & Charity Rebekah Lodge #15, Mifflinburg, four grandchildren and two adopted grandchildren.

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

MICHAEL T. STOYKO

Nathan Lewis-Fort Necessity Lodge No. 254
April 27, 2017



Brother Michael T. Stoyko, 81, of Uniontown, PA, was initiated into Nathan Lewis - Fort Necessity Lodge #254, Waltersburg, PA, on October 30, 1976.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Surviving is his wife, the former Jean Tucker, two sons, one step-son and two grandchildren.

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

HAROLD A. GENNARIA

Vincent Lodge No. 762
April 29, 2017



Brother Harold A. Gennaria, 92, of Barto, PA, was initiated into Economy Lodge #397, Collegeville, PA, on April 20, 1947, where he became a Past Grand on October 3, 1967. He then became a member of Vincent Lodge #762, Spring City, through consolidation on February 26, 2004. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest tenured member.

He was a U.S. Navy WWII Veteran and a member of Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ in Collegeville.

He was preceded in death by one son and one daughter. Surviving is his wife, Lois, three sons, four step-children, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Burial was private.

ROBERT K. MOWRY

Alma Lodge No. 523
William F. Packer Encampment No. 127
April 30, 2017

Brother Robert K. Mowry, 94, of Mason, OH, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, PA, on April 9, 1960. He was then initiated a Patriarch into William F. Packer Encampment #127, Johnstown, PA, on April 4, 1961.

He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Betty Johnson. Surviving are three children, nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren.

THREE LINK PLAN PROGRESS – THE CERTIFICATE LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96

One of the “Links” of our *Three Link Plan* is to embrace our rich history and heritage that guide our purpose.

In order to reach back to our roots, our history, and heritage, we examined an original blank membership certificate that we have that was attached to our 1844 charter. If one examines IOOF documents from the Victorian period, you will see that they were very busy, ornate, and gaudy by today’s standards.

In today’s world, certificates are simple, not elegant, and really have no personalty. But, in the 1700’s and 1800’s they were very ornate and elegant. This was actually done, not only to impress the viewer, but to showcase the engraver’s talent. Remember, no Photoshop or Adobe Illustrator in those days! Engravings were done meticulously by hand on a lead lithograph plate, or other media to be printed. Much like an ornate tattoo today, it not only captures meaning, it display’s the artist’s talent.

If one examines our original membership certificate, you can see the symbols of the order, elaborate and varied fonts, and elements. The new member is also “caused” to sign the certificate in the margin...which was also common for Victorian times.



Now, transport yourself back to those days. Ceremonies were very formal, gentlemen and ladies attended in their finest attire. It was an “event”, something to look forward to, something to be reveled, something to be an honor to be a part of. Something that was meticulously planned and executed. Something mysterious and exciting. It captured the excitement and the honor of being an Odd Fellow. It was an *event*.

With all that said, our Lodge has decided, as part of our *Three-Link Plan*, to return to our roots, to make our initiations an *event*. How are we going to do that? It’s easy!

But first, we must consider the new member who is being initiated. We are making a first impression on them. We only get ONE chance to do that. But, more important, we are creating a *memory* for them. Yes, a memory. Something that will be with them for life, and that’s what it’s all about. A memory.

We are in the process of partnering with a neighboring Lodge to perform initiations. This was not uncommon, back in the day. We have an advertisement from an Odd Fellows magazine in the early 1900’s where a local Lodge “specializes in the initiatory degree”. Our neighboring Lodge is beautiful, historic, and has the proper furnishings and regalia for the initiation. Additionally, this strengthens our alliance between Brothers and Sisters, and there will be more people at the initiation! Our members will attend the initiation in their suit jackets...not jeans. This adds formality and reverence to the occasion. We are returning to our roots.

We are also adding a very special and personal dramatic element to close the ceremony, and give the new member a token to cherish and display, and to remind them of that evening...a memory.

Now, back to the discussion about our history and heritage...the Membership Certificate.

Our original Certificate is simply too big for modern times, and would be too expensive to reproduce and frame, so, unfortunately, it is not practical for our purposes. We need to modify it.

What our Lodge has done, is extract elements from the original 1844 Certificate, the wording, type fonts, symbols, actual elements, and made our own Membership Certificate. You will notice that, at the bottom of our Certificate, we used the actual two ladies from the original to surround our Lodge seal. How cool is that? We are continuing our rich heritage!



At the end of the Initiatory Degree Ceremony, the Noble Grand and the Lodge Secretary will approach the new member, who is standing at a podium in the middle of the room. The Secretary will be carrying a platter. The Platter will contain: The Membership Certificate, a quill pen, and an inkwell. The Noble Grand will read the certificate to the new member and will “cause” him to sign it in the margin. The Noble Grand and the Secretary will counter-sign with the quill pen and then retire to their stations where the Secretary will mount the Certificate in a frame and present to the new member.

Thus, we have added a very special and personal close to the Ceremony that carries forth our rich heritage and history, and we have given the new member a token of that evening that they can proudly display, just like in Victorian times. The return of investment is huge. But most important, we have given them a memory...every time they look at their Certificate, they will remember that evening and smile. That translates into excitement, and someone who will recruit new members. Revitalization.

For more information, please feel free to contact: Scott Robinson Lodge No. 96 Lewisburg, PA scotttr@iooflewisburg.org
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THE SENECA BUILDING HAS A RICH AND COLORFUL HISTORY WITH ODD FELLOWSHIP

~ Excerpts taken from the Bradford (Pa.) Era, Tuesday, February 28, 2017

The area of Veterans Square has always been at the center of Bradford's activity. The location of the current Seneca Building has been a prominent commercial property since the city's first days.

In 1884, only five years after Bradford was chartered as a city, the Producer's Oil Exchange was built at the site of what is now the Seneca Building. In the back of the building was the Pennsylvania National Guard's Company C Armory.

Just 15 years later, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows acquired the building and remodeled it for its use. But in 1902, the building burned to the ground. The Odd Fellows built a new brick building in 1903 on the same location.

The organization razed that building in 1931 to make way for the current Art Deco, six-story building, which was completed in 1932.

In 1983, Dr. Paul Keverline, co-owner of Seneca Eye Surgeons, purchased the building. The medical practice occupied the top floor. Keverline died in a plane crash in 2002. His business partner, Dr. Robert Weiss of Warren, and his wife, Mary, donated the building to Pitt-Bradford in 2006 in memory of Keverline, who was an alumnus of the University of Pittsburgh and its medical school.

The university used the building extensively in 2007-8 when, during the renovation of Swarts hall on campus, faculty offices and classrooms were temporarily relocated to the downtown property.

When Swarts Hall reopened, the university's Division for Continuing Education and Regional Development and the Center for Rural Health Practice remained at the Seneca Building, occupying the second floor.

In May, the university will open a 3,400-square-foot Marilyn Horne Museum and Exhibit Center, along with a gift shop, café, meeting space and new offices for the Bradford Creative and Performing Arts Center.



You can see the IOOF cornerstone is also done in an Art Deco Style



"The Pitt store, rental space for business/offices, and the café will be welcome additions to the downtown," said Chelsea Schwab, Bradford Main Street Manager.

"The Pitt store is a wonderful way to integrate the university into the downtown and create a stronger partnership between the two. The meeting space will be very useful moving forward as there is currently no large group meeting space downtown. This is important for hosting conferences and workshops downtown, which will expose more people to the area."

~ Editor's comments – Bradford was home to Tuna Lodge #411. Lodge #411 started in Smethport, as Smethport Lodge #411 on July 18, 1850. Smethport Lodge #411 went defunct in March of 1858 and the number was given to Bradford on May, 29, 1877 as they took the name Tuna Lodge #411. By the time Smethport reinstituted, the number was taken by Tuna, and they reinstituted in 1882 under #389, which was the old Lodge in Cerus, McKean County. This hall was also home to Queen Esther Rebekah Lodge #118, which ran from 1897 until it's consolidation in 1988 with Lady Eldred Rebekah Lodge #526. It also housed McKean Encampment #266, which ran from 1894 until 1976 and Canton Bradford #43, Patriarchs Militant, from 1904 until 1922. In the end, Tuna Lodge #411 consolidated with Foster Lodge #333 in 1992, which is home to our Grand Warden, George Tufts, who submitted this article.

LODGE MEMBERS BESTOW A 70 YEAR SERVICE AWARD ON BROTHER FRED BROUSE

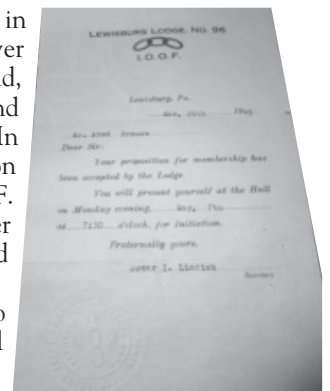


Brothers Dale Ruhl, Gary Hallock (Secretary), Fred Brouse, and Paul Koch (Vice Grand) — Photo by Scott Robinson

Fred joined the Lewisburg Lodge No. 96 in early 1945. Since that time, Fred has served over 70 dedicated years. Fred served as Noble Grand, President of the Past Grand's Association, and was awarded Odd Fellow of the Year in 1990. In typical Odd Fellow fashion, Fred's dedication to his community didn't stop with the IOOF. Fred was President of the Lewisburg Chamber of Commerce, the Builder's Association, and several other civic groups.

Fred, now in his 90's is no longer able to attend Lodge meetings, so, on April 17, several Brothers stopped by to see Fred, and honored his 70+ years of service with a plaque. Fred was quick to quiz our newest member as to the proper grip and traveling password.

Fred still proudly displays his Odd Fellow of the Year plaque and his original letter of acceptance from 1945.



LEWISBURG LODGE NO. 96 ADOPTS A REVITALIZATION PLAN

At the 13 April meeting, the Lodge adopted a Plan to revitalize. The Plan is based on the 3-link chain:

The Three-Link Chain approach. One of the symbols of Odd Fellows is the three-link chain. It traditionally stands for Friendship, Love, and Truth. For the purpose of revitalizing our Lodge, it shall also symbolize that we will embrace:

Our rich history and heritage that guide our purpose

Exciting and new fellowship activities that will draw new members

Reaching out and opening up to our community to publicize our existence, and programs, which will generate funding

For us to grow and meet the needs of our community, and the Order, we must develop a program that strengthens all links of the chain and keeps it strong and untarnished.

The ultimate goal of this Plan is to increase our membership and move to a permanent facility that will be the hub of community activity.



INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS PORT MATILDA LODGE #733



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

An article titled "Port Matilda Lodge #733 Keeps Active" was published in the April IOOF/RA Magazine. It was a great way to get our name out there and let people know what a small lodge can do. In keeping with that, enclosed is a flyer of upcoming events.

BUILDING UPDATE

As most of you know Port Matilda #733 lost the use of our meeting place, Fowler Hall, the end of December 2016. We have been granted a dispensation from Grand Lodge and are currently meeting at the Port Matilda Borough Building on our regularly scheduled night and time, the first and 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. We continue to search for a new, permanent meeting place and have several options. As we look, we are keeping Grand Lodge advised. We will let you know when the situation has been resolved.

NOTE: The April 21st meeting will take place at State College Lodge prior to the Painting Party.

JOIN US!

If you would like more information or want to join us at any of these events or have any ideas you'd like to share, please come to a meeting or contact either Carolyn Kibe 814-360-9451 or myself 814-305-2011.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,
Mary Giebel, Noble Grand
Port Matilda Lodge #733
(H) 814-305-2011 • (C) 814-599-7916

UPCOMING PORT MATILDA #733 EVENTS July 20th



Port Matilda Lodge #733 is hosting The Kelly Miller Circus to benefit local EMTs. Show times 4:30 & 7:30 PM. Please note

the date correction. Pre-order and pre-pay Adults \$12 and Children \$6. Tickets will be \$16 and \$8 at the door. Sponsor banners will also be available. Contact Mary Giebel 814-599-7916 or Carolyn Kibe 814-360-9451 for more info.

May 19th – July 20th

A raffle will benefit Troopers Helping Troopers. Some prizes will include tickets to Del Grossos (All Day Ride & Slide), the Altoona Curve, Knoebels Amusement Park, and cash prizes. Winners will be drawn at the circus on July 20th between shows. Contact Mary Giebel 814-599-7916 or Carolyn Kibe 814-360-9451 or any Port Matilda IOOF member for more info.



Saturday, July 29th



The Annual Port Matilda #733 Picnic will be held at 1 PM, rain or shine, at the Port Matilda Community Park. Food and drinks will be provided. We'd welcome any side dishes and desserts. After lunch, we'll have our Annual Kid's Duck Race! Come and join us for a good time and to cheer on the winner!

Periodicals

PA..ARTHRITIS DONATIONS

1/15/17 THROUGH 4/19/17
received through the committee

LADY COLFAX	50.00
LADY HALL REBEKAH LODGE 202	50.00
PERSERVANCE ENCAMPMENT 135	10,000.00
LADY SELLERS REBEKAH 558	25.00
PHOEBE REBEKAH LODGE 123	25.00

RESPECTFULLY,
Paul E. Miller, Treas.

**APRIL DONATIONS****ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION**

1128	Fallowfield	58.97
2	Unified	50.00
		108.97

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

8	Henry Disston	Camp JRA	1,000.00
510	Edinboro		100.00
			1,100.00

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	147.42
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PA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2	Unified	50.00
R30	Salome	25.00
		75.00

VISUAL RESEARCH

1128	Fallowfield	58.97
2	Unified - Pbgh Blind & Vision Rehab – GM Young Proj.	50.00
562	Newburg - Pbgh Blind & Vision Rehab – GM Young Proj.	50.00
333	Foster	25.00
		183.97

PA VISUAL ASSISTANCE

270	Mystic	CRBF	600.00
270	Mystic		300.00
361	Strasburg		100.00
371	Oneida		50.00
			1,050.00