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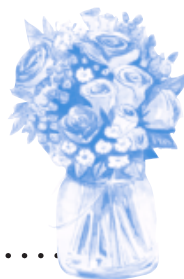
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ANSWERS FINAL CALL

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GENERAL WORTH LODGE #386 & NUCLEUS LODGE #377 UNITE AS ONE



The Elected officers of Nucleus Lodge #377 (left) welcoming the elected officers of
General Worth Lodge (right) as Grand Master Wooden looks on.

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Places to Go... People to See

* denotes furnished by Planning Board
+ denotes details to follow

JULY

21 / Knoebel's Fun Day, Elysburg+*

AUGUST

20 – 23 / SGL Session/ 200th Anniv.
Of American Odd Fellowship,
Baltimore, MD+

SEPTEMBER

22 / Lewisburg Lodge #96 Car Show,
New Columbia (pg 11)

OCTOBER

6 / PGP Oertel Testimonial, Shar-
tlesville, PA, 6:00PM+20 / Freedom
Lodge #88 175th Anniversary+
13 / Bus tour of Gettysburg hosted by
Lewisburg Lodge #96+

NOVEMBER

3/ Flight 93 Memorial service,
Shanksville, PA*+
3/ PM/LAPM Rally, Johnstown*+

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

All Lodges are reminded when
planning an activity, if you would
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THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge No. 57, Norristown
Guy P. Hamilton – initiated May 14th

Nucleus Lodge No. 377, Finleyville
Jeff G. Butler – initiated May 22nd

Rush Lodge No. 471
Joe Tometchko – initiated April 27th

Askam Lodge No. 899, Sugar Notch
Bruce Fendler – initiated May 7th

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

35 YEARS

Ralph C. Lincoln, #438
Gregory A. McCartney, #510

40 YEARS

Robert A. James, #523

COME VISIT THE GRAND MASTER

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

- 2 – Smethport #389 OV – 8:00PM
- 3 – Warren #339 OV – 7:30PM
- 5 – York Springs #211 OV – 7:30PM
- 13 – Scott Enc. #132 Picnic – 6:30PM
- 16 – Canawacta #207 OV – 7:00PM
- 17 – Wysox #1152 OV – 7:30PM
- 18 – Freedom #88 OV – 7:00PM
- 21 – Fun Day, Knoebel's – Elysburg
- 25 – Osage #712 OV – 7:00PM
- 27 – Rush #471 OV – 8:00PM

FROM THE DESK OF REBEKAH ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT NADINE HAGER

As I sit here in front of my computer wondering what to write I am reminded of the day in June 2015 I was nominated for Warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Pa. The three years has gone so fast and here it is only 22 days before I will be installed as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Pa. I have visited many lodges and met many brothers and sisters over the last few years. It has been very interesting to come to your meeting and see how you do things at your lodges. Each lodge has something different that you do to either raise money to help a cause or extend a helping hand to others in need.

I am looking forward to coming to all of the lodges

of Pa. to see either you again or meeting you for the first time and seeing how your lodge is following the ways of our order in helping others in need, no matter what the need may be.

Please feel free to call me or write to me if there is something I can do for you or your lodge. I hope to see many of you in July at Knoebels for the picnic. I will also be contacting each lodge to see when is best to visit your lodge.

Hope to see you soon.

FLT

Nadine

FROM THE DESK OF THE JR. PAST GRAND PATIARCH

As I write this, it is the end of May. The deadline is June 5.

As my year is drawing to a close I would like to say "Thank you for all your kindness. It has been a pleasure to meet everyone."

In April I visited Genesis #15. The Encampment started with 15 members and that is how it got its name! It is near Juanita College and people come in by train.

In May I attended the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ceremony. I traveled by bus with my lodge members. We had a ball! My friend Louise & I seen the Museum of Natural Art while there. May 15 I visited Valley Encampment #34 and Newburg Lodge #562 same night. It is also near another college town of Shippensburg PA.

Now we come to June which hasn't happened yet! June 1 I will be at Alma #523 meeting. June 2 is the Grand Encampment Board Meeting and Rally in Johnstown. June 5 is my last Official Visit at William F. Packer #127 also in Johnstown. My friend Louise and I hope to do a little sightseeing.

Currently I am working on a Giant Granny Square baby

blanket for my nephew and his wife. I hope I finish in time the baby shower is June 9. I'll be busy!

Sessions is June 23- 27 that's if you are planning to go to Fun Night on June 23. I will be installed as Grand High Priest. Tyler Arnold will be Grand Patriarch. Best wishes Tyler for a Successful Year!

My testimonial is Oct 6, 2018 at the Blue Mountain Family Restaurant 24 Roadside Drive, Shartlesville, PA.

Hope to see you at Johnstown at Sessions in State College also at my testimonial in October.

Once again Thank You! Thank you for all the kindness shown to me, my son William and my friend Louise. I have enjoyed meeting everyone and spending time with you. Thank you so much.

In FLT + FHC
Dorothea Oertel
Grand Patriarch

TREASURER'S TALES - JULY 2018

Session at State College will be over by the time you read this. Whatever you didn't like at session, was not my fault. I told someone else to do it differently but they wouldn't listen. If you liked session, I am responsible for your enjoyment.

We find our hero, Barney Wells at home in Grover's Mill, New Jersey for the summer of 1923. On July 4, 1923, Jack Dempsey won the heavyweight championship. On July 13 the Hollywood sign is officially dedicated in the hills above Hollywood, Los Angeles. It originally read "Hollywoodland" but the four last letters are dropped in 1949. On July 23, Phillies score 12 in 6th and beat Cubs 17-4.

The biggest event in Grover's Mill was the Fourth of July picnic. I have written several times about this picnic in years gone by. I generally come up with some cute story about Melchizedek disrupting the picnic. I promised myself I would do something different this July. So I will.

The Fourth of July picnic was planned two months in advance. The lodge members had specific assignments to fulfill in order to make the picnic work. On July 3, at 10:30 pm, it started to rain. It rained all night and was still raining at 10:30 am on the fourth. The parade was washed out. The lodge decided the picnic would go on at the lodge hall. Although people had eaten outside for festive occasions for many years, the restroom facilities were still outside. Modern times in 1923 were not similar to 2018.

The lodge hall was filled with children who were unable to play the normal games. The fireworks display would not take place unless the rain stopped by 8:30 pm and the mood was not good.

Elizabeth was in charge of games and the rain made it difficult. Parker Brothers had a new board game out called "Journey to Bethlehem" but it had a Christmas theme. Charades was popular, so that was played by the adults. Elizabeth found a bean bag game of recent origin and used it for the children. This worked for a while.

The first charade was teapot. Barney was the teapot and it was recognized quickly. Since Barney exhibited the first word, he was to write down the next word to guess. He wrote down gas mask, a memory from World War I. It took a while, but Vic guessed the gas mask. Vic thought he should offer a challenge to exceed the gas mask. Vic wrote down Rongeur, an instrument like tin snips used by veterinarians and physicians in surgery to snip out pieces of bone or open a skull. After fifteen minutes, no one was able to guess the secret word, so Vic was told he had to come up with another term. This time he wrote down horse manure. The manure part was easily guessed but it took five minutes to get

the horse.

The rain was still pouring, but it was time to eat. The doors to the temple were left open at both ends, so air could pass through. I told you at the beginning, I wasn't going to include any cute episodes with a raccoon and I am true to my word. No raccoon entered through the open doors of the Odd Fellows Temple. Melchizedek's character is untarnished. However, a young skunk smelled the baked beans and ventured into the dry confines of the Odd Fellows Temple. The guests sitting close to the door entered by the skunk were frightened and ran out the other door into the rain. This would have been a negative of some gravity, but things got worse. When the Odd Fellows became fearful and animated, the skunk did also. After a due exhibition of his protective mechanisms, everyone left the skunk alone and departed the building.

Since the skunk could not reach the food, Vic went in and lured the skunk out with pieces of a hot dog. The question was, should they re-enter the temple and finish the picnic, without scrubbing the place down. The rain stopped around 4:00 pm and the doors and window were left open, but guarded. Several members entered cautiously. They found that they could go upstairs to the lodge room and finish the picnic with no strong odor. The food was taken upstairs, eaten hurriedly and all went to the park to see the fireworks.

Barney was chair of the house committee. He had to clean the lodge hall before the next meeting. Sweeping the lodge room after the picnic was easy. The social hall needed scrubbing with a mixture of hydrogen peroxide and baking soda in hot water. It worked but the job was a terrible one. Barney had to soak his clothes after he finished cleaning the lodge hall. The first order of business at the next lodge meeting was to purchase screen doors for the lodge hall. There were three doors on the first floor, all were to have screen doors. A few of the wealthier homes in Grover's Mill had screen doors but the Odd Fellows Hall was the first non-residence to have such a luxury.

Remember to celebrate our heritage on the Fourth of July. If you follow this link: <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration-transcript> you can read the text of the Declaration written by Thomas Jefferson. This link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBOQvfR1bvs> will take you to the movie 1776 on YouTube, if you have a fast enough connection to watch it. Don't eat too many hot dogs and watch the fireworks.

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.

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY FROM US HERE AT MIDDLETOWN HOME!

This year we celebrated with a festive party out in our courtyard! Tune Weaver provided music and staff provided popsicles and Italian ice. We partied throughout the afternoon enjoying the nice weather, which we were lucky to have after all the rain. Earlier in the day some of our residents went to the Middletown

Memorial Day Parade. Other years we have been in the parade, but this year we were just as happy to cheer along the side-lines! We are proud to honor our veterans and we want to send out a big thank you to all the veterans who have served our country!



Jim was moving to the music during the Memorial Day Party!



Blanche says thank you to our veterans!



At the Middletown Memorial Day Parade

STRASBURG LODGE #361 HONORS 65 YEAR VETERAN MEMBERS JOHN & WILLIAM (BILL) RINEER



(Photo L to R: Douglas Eaby, Jim Rice, Ted Fay, John Rineer, Bill Rineer, Dale Binkley, and Kenneth Stottlemeyer, Jr)

On Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 5 members of Strasburg Lodge #361 visited 2 of its' veteran members at the Quarryville Presbyterian Home. John and Bill Rineer were presented their 65 year pins by Jim Rice, Douglas Eaby, Kenneth Stottlemeyer, Jr., Ted Fay and Dale Binkley.

John and Bill were both initiated in the lodge on January 19, 1953. Their brother, Richard, was also initiated into the lodge on that date.

An interesting discussion of how Odd Fellowship was "back in the day" followed. They said it was about a 4 year wait after initiation to begin their advancement through the lodge chairs because of the number of members waiting ahead of them. They also said that the cigar and pipe smoke was so thick in the social rooms that doors to the outside were opened to help clear out the air enough to see across the room.

John helped to start the annual Memorial Day Parade in Strasburg and chaired it for 35 years. He was honored for this by serving as the parade grand marshal in 2017. Just to note, a current lodge member Brian Barr, has been serving as the Memorial Day Parade for several years.

Submitted by: Dale Binkley, Secretary, Strasburg Lodge #361

FREEDOM LODGE #88 PARTICIPATES IN MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Brothers from Freedom Lodge paid tribute to the memories of all our servicemen. This is also the weekend we kickoff our second annual Military Needs Drive! We will be collecting items to be shipped to our military personnel overseas. Freedom Lodge is celebrating 175 years in the Brotherhood!



ASKAM LODGE #899 CONTINUES TO EDUCATE

Askam Lodge #899 presents 4 scholarship awards to local students @ Hanover Area high school - May 2018

Noble Grand William J. Warke
Vice Grand Mark Wasickanin
LSVG Chris Coley



MEADVILLE NEWS RELEASE

The Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania Board of Directors in Meadville, PA., awarded Citizenship Awards of \$600 each during May and June to:

Continuing Education:

- Linzy Fuesler - Clarion County Career Center
- Matthew Johnson, Jr. - Clearfield County Career & Technology
- Katelyn DeArment - Crawford County Career & Technical Center
- Andrew Omuschak - Erie County Technical School
- Ali Brooks - Jefferson Co.-Dubois Area Vocational Technical School
- Haley Radar - Mercer County Career Center
- Skylar Langworthy - Seneca Highlands Career Technical Center
- Ashlynn Schmidt - Venango Technology Center

School to Work Awards:

- Seth Nellis - Clarion County Career Center
- Quentin Edwards - Clearfield County Career & Technology Center
- Dustin Hunter - Crawford County Career & Technical Center
- Dawson Bliley - Erie County Technical School
- Christian Verne - Jefferson Co.-Dubois Area Vocational Technical School
- Sierra Hughes - Mercer County Career Center
- Isaac Stuckey - Seneca Highlands Career Technical Center
- Theodore Broniszewski - Venango Technology Center

Individual School Awards of \$500 each were awarded to:

- Robert Hull - Corry Area High School
- Drew Kilhoffer - Johnsonburg High School
- Benjamin Reynolds - Kane Area High School
- Nathan Klase - Ridgway Area High School
- Nicholas Pistner - St. Mary's Area High School

Each recipient was selected by a school committee based on a "B" average in a technology field, involvement in school/community activities and acceptance to continuing education or employment.

The 2018 Board of Directors Memorial Awards of \$1,000 each were awarded to Matthew Johnson, Jr. of Curwensville and Dawson Bliley of Erie.

THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

VINCENT LODGE #762 ATTENDS ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



Attended: George Reitnour, Chris Grumblatt, Mark John, and Steve Boyko Jr. We had a great dinner and the whole thing was very moving. It was fun as we traveled together (the Odd Fellows mobile) aka my van. We had 2 rooms with 2 queens in each. The people who organized the gig deserve tremendous applause as it was very smooth. We also ran into Sherman at the banquet and the tomb. Vincent Lodge now meets at the First UM Church of Christ, 145 Chestnut Street, Spring City. Visitors always welcome!

~Christopher Grumblatt, NG #762

PENNSYLVANIA PLACES A WREATH AT THE TOMB OF UNKNOWN SOLDIER



The wreath this year was laid by Grand Master Sherman F. Wooden, Rebekah Assembly President Ella Lee Trulick, Grand Patriarch Dorothea Oertel and President of the Department Association, LAPM, Lady Patricia Faustner. Walker Lodge #306, of where Dorothea Oertel is a member, took a bus down for the occasion. 14 people from the Lodge attended and saw the changing of the guard. A great time was had by all.

~Philip Muscarnero, Walker Lodge #306

LARGE CLASS OF CANDIDATES JOIN THE ENCAMPMENT

On June 2nd, 11 Candidates were initiated and advanced to the Royal Purple Degree at the Grand Encampment Rally in Johnstown. 10 Patriarchs joined William F. Packer Encampment #127 in Johnstown and one lucky Patriarch joined Ambridge Encampment #259 in Ambridge. Congratulations to all the new Patriarchs!



FREEPORT LODGE INITIATES A LARGE CLASS OF MEMBERS



Freeport Lodge #379 met with a crowded hall on April 18th to initiate six new members into their Lodge. Prior to the meeting the District Deputy Grand Master Association met and because of that, there were several members from visiting Lodges present to attend and help with the degree work. Special recognition goes out to Michael Graff and Ronald Malki for arising to the occasion and meeting DDGM Shirley Whitlinger's challenge to bring in new members. The Grand Master also had the honor of presenting PG Earl Scheerbaum with his 50 year jewel.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AND HERE'S TO A BRIGHT FUTURE!

GENERAL WORTH LODGE #386 AND NUCLEUS LODGE #377 UNITE AS ONE



On Wednesday, May 30th, the Grand Lodge assembled in the Hall of Nucleus Lodge #377 to cement in union General Worth Lodge #386 of Connellsville and Nucleus Lodge #377 of Finleyville. Due to the increasing cost of maintaining a large temple, and losing their renters, General Worth Lodge #386 was forced to make a rough decision, losing their Lodge after almost 170 years of serving the Connellsville area. Instead of simply going defunct, they decided to join forces with Nucleus Lodge #377. At the end of the evening, there were roughly 20 members of Nucleus Lodge #377 in attendance. They are now home to three Past Grand Masters: David Young, John Cupp and Emilie Cupp, as well as Home to DDGM John J. Dzyak. General Worth Encampment #188 which met in Connellsville is in the process of moving here also and Canton Pittsburgh #5 is in the process of moving to the hall of Latrobe Lodge #541.



The Members of Nucleus Lodge #377 along with the Grand Master



OBITUARIES

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

KENNETH R. RYEN

Alert Lodge No. 936
April 22, 2018



Brother Kenneth R. Ryen, 79, of Rochester Mills, PA, was initiated into Alert Lodge #936, Rochester Mills, PA, on February 11, 1965. He left the Lodge on September 25, 1997 and reinstated March 24, 2017.

He was in the U.S. Army Reserves. He was preceded in death by one son and one grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Vera Yohe, two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Burial was held at Pine Grove Cemetery, Rochester Mills, PA.

ROBERT M. WATKINS

Mount Zion Lodge No. 74
May 1, 2018

Brother Robert M. Watkins, 90, of Red Lion, PA, was initiated into Mount Hebron Lodge #516, Delta, PA, on February 26, 1949. He then became a member of Mount Zion Lodge #74, York, through consolidation on May 19, 1980. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Roselynn Galbreath. Surviving are two sons, three grandsons and one great-grandson. Burial will be private at the convenience of the family.

C. REED CALDWELL

Newburg Lodge No. 562
May 15, 2018



Brother C. Reed Caldwell, 79, of Orrstown, PA, was initiated into Letterkenny Lodge #663, Upper Strasburg, PA on April 12, 1965, where he became a Past Grand. He then became a member of Newburg Lodge #562 through consolidation on February 18, 2014. He was a U.S. Veteran. Surviving is his wife, the former Loretta Miller, six children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Services will be at the convenience of the family.

QUENTIN D. MATTOCKS

PDDGM/PDDGP
Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
May 14, 2018

Brother Quentin D. "Sam" Mattocks, 98, of Pulaski, PA, was initiated into Adoniram Lodge #739, Sharpsville, PA, on March 15, 1948, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 24, 1953. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1979 – 1981. He held active membership in its Lodge and was Financial Secretary of his Lodge up until the consolidation. He was also an Associate member to the former Sharon Lodge #347. He became a member of Sandy Lake Lodge #573

through consolidation on July 7, 2008 and became a Past Grand of that Lodge on October 18, 2010. He was a former Patriarch of Shenango Encampment #186, Sharon, becoming a Past Chief Patriarch on May 30, 1959 and receiving his Grand Encampment Degree. He held the position of District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1997 – 1998 and was scribe for several years, until the Encampment went defunct in 2005. He was a member of the former Endeavor Rebekah Lodge #367, Sharpsville, joining on May 9, 1977 and receiving the Rebekah Assembly Degree April 22, 1982. He was also a former Chevalier of Canton Meadville #47, Patriarchs Militant.

He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran. He was preceded in death by two wives, the former Marguerite Kelley and Mary Miller and two sons. Surviving is one son. Burial was held in Haywood Cemetery, West Middlesex, PA.

JAMES W. KNABB

Freeport Lodge No. 379
May 26, 2018



Brother James W. Knabb, 93, of Vandergrift, PA, was initiated into Vandergrift Lodge #1116 on May 11, 1950, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 29, 1955. He then became a member of Freeport Lodge #379 through consolidation on December 6, 2004.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Vandergrift. Surviving is his wife, the former Betty Huffman, two sons, one granddaughter and one great-grandson. Entombment will be private at Greenwood Mausoleum in Lower Burrell, PA.

PATRICIA I. NEWMAN, PAST PRESIDENT, PAST TREASURER

Called home
May 17, 2018

Sister Patricia I. (Devore) Newman, 74, of Washington, PA, was initiated a Rebekah into Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge No. 102, Washington, PA, on the fourth day of September, 1985. She became a PNG and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree. She held the position of District Deputy President for several years, 1992 – 94 and 1995 – 96. She served several appointed offices of the Rebekah Assembly: Outside Guardian from 2003 – 04, Rebekah Flag Bearer from 2004 – 05 and Pennsylvania Flag Bearer from 2005 – 2006. She then went through the chairs to serve our Jurisdiction as President from 2008 – 2009. Following this, she served as Delegate to the IARA from 2009 – 2010 and Rebekah Assembly Treasurer from 2012 – 2016. She became a member of Gladys Rebekah Lodge #103, Brownfield, through consolidation on September 12, 2014. She served as Secretary and Treasurer for several years of Lady Hogue Rebekah Lodge #102, serving as Treasurer at the time of consolidation. She held associate membership at Wheeling Rebekah Lodge #45, WV, since August 21, 2002. She was initiated as the Charter Treasurer to Friendly Auxiliary #11 LAPM, Wheeling, WV on November 20, 2004 and was a Past President of the Auxiliary, also serving several years as Treasurer. She formerly held associate membership of Clarksburg Auxiliary #9, LAPM, WV from 2005 – 2010.

Surviving is one daughter, one son, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and her companion, Francis Watt of Charleroi Lodge #1030. Services were conducted by the Rebekah Assembly. Past President Newman's program was "Keep Busy Like a Bee, Make Honey – Not Trouble and Let's All Fill our Hives (our Lodges)."

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS VISIT FREEDOM LODGE 88

May 16th was a special evening at Freedom Lodge. We were honored to have Grand Master Sherman Wooden visit to present Brother James Lautenschlager with his Past Grand Herald pin! The Grand Master was accompanied by the Grand Marshal Delbert Wooden, Grand Conductor Paul Lautenschlager and Nadine Hager the Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly. Freedom Lodge is celebrating 175 years!



Above: Visiting Officers of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania L-R Grand Master Sherman Wooden, Nadine Hager Freedom Lodge member and Vice President of the Rebekah Assembly, Paul Lautenschlager Freedom Lodge member and Grand Conductor and Delbert Wooden Grand Marshal Right: Members of Freedom Lodge with Grand Lodge Officers



Above: James Lautenschlager receives pin from Grand Master Sherman Wooden

MIDDLETOWN HOME TRIP

On Saturday May 5th the Middletown Home took 13 of our residents along with staff, volunteers, and our facility dog Blanche on an adventure to Washington DC! We joined the American Le-

gion Middletown Post Number 594 for our trip and are very grateful for all their help. Veteran Representative Fran Ierley and Commander of Sons Chuck Ierley invited us on the trip and made all the arrangements. We got to see the Washington Monument, The Lincoln Memorial, The World War II Memorial, The Korean War Memorial, and the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial. It was a full day of sight-seeing and fun! Some of our residents had never been to Washington DC before. Everyone enjoyed seeing all the monuments that commemorated our country's brave veterans. Throughout the day many kind strangers came up to thank our residents for their service and to shake their hands. Thank you to the Middletown Legion for making this fantastic trip possible!



Frank, David, and Blanche are excited to start the day!



At the top of the Lincoln Memorial

GRAND MASTER WOODEN VISITS UNIFIED LODGE #2

Pictures taken on May 31st when Sherman F. Wooden, Grand Master visited Unified Lodge #2. It was a great night for Odd Fellowship. The Noble Grand, Joan Bergfelt, presented Sherman and Cindy Wooden with a beautiful knitted afghan.



KINGWOOD LODGE #1010 CONTINUES TO EDUCATE

Kingwood IOOF Scholarship to Brianna Wilt. Turkeyfoot school. Also, gave one to Jade Hetz from Rockwood Area High School.



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Many thanks for supporting the 2018 Session!

BOYERTOWN LODGE CONFERS THE THIRD DEGREE

It was a team effort and the quorum of 5 including DDGM Michael Mitchell conferred the 3rd Degree for three new members of Boyertown Lodge #708. The Lodge has nice panels for the signs which were put to use again. Noble Grand Schoenly put the new Brothers in positions (conductor, inside guardian, scene supporter) so they can work their way thru the chairs.

*FLT,
Michael Mitchell*



VARIETY LODGE OF ODD FELLOWS MAKES 7,000TH MEAL

Since its founding over 400 years ago, The Independent Order Of Odd fellows has been proving that there's nothing odd about helping others. Spearheaded by Lanny Blyweiss, and now chaired by Ron Chakler; several dedicated members of the lodge volunteer to give up one evening a month to prepare hot meals for shut-in seniors. Every first Wednesday of each month, the hearty volunteers show up at the KleinLife center, and lovingly prepare, from scratch; hot meals containing an entrée and two vegetables. These meals do not have "instant food" content.

On April 4th, the Lodge volunteers ended their 4th year of making these monthly meals by celebrating the preparation of their 10,000th meal. The members made "gourmet" Tilapia with seasoned rice and vegetable medley. After four years, the group has become a well-oiled machine and the 10 members assembled, resembled a professional kitchen with a division of labor that always seems to fall into place. Members prepared the Tilapia, seasoned expertly and carefully put them into trays that were put into the ovens and checked for the proper temperature until they were ready. The finished Rice and vegetable medley were then ready to be put into the aluminum serving containers, along with the yummy looking Tilapia. Then they were sealed and packaged in Plastic wrap; all ready for delivery. Meals are then refrigerated, awaiting other volunteers, who later deliver them to the shut-ins. During the last year, the leadership of the

"Cooking Cadre" passed from Blyweiss to Ron Chakler, who continues to report that those who have become "regulars", consider the effort extremely rewarding and have fun doing it. The 'Psychic income' comes when many of the shut-ins, ask that they would like to have their meals prepared by Variety Lodge. (Labels are placed on each container, noting the preparers of the meals they receive)



The Lodge looks forward to preparing the next 10,000 meals.

LODGE UPDATE

Lodge Supports Bandits Baseball:

This summer, Alma Lodge #523 is proud to sponsor the Bandits baseball team in City of Johnstown Pony League. Made up of students from eight school districts over four counties, the Bandits are in their third year of competition in the league. Members of Alma Lodge have been attending the teams games at Roxbury Park, along with sporting hats bearing the team logo and the dits players and coaches have participated in community service projects, including sprucing up a local cemetery for Memorial Day.



Bandits players & coaches gather prior to their first win of the season

First Game Night a Huge Success:

On May 20th, Alma Lodge #523 hosted its first ever Game Night. A mix of lodge members, spouses, and prospective members came together and filled the lodge dining room for an afternoon of games, fellowship, and food/drinks. We are looking forward to making this a quarterly event, with a different activity each time.



Attendees of the first game night

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Paul and Dan Faint served as our Bingo callers for game night

Periodicals

May Donations

May is Visual Month

VISUAL RESEARCH

E135	Perseverance	500.00
708	Boyertown	100.00
R173	Letitia Penn	25.00
		625.00

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

Rebekah Assembly (R110)	Camp JRA	1,400.00
211 York Springs		100.00
		1,500.00

PA SPECIAL VISUAL ASSISTANCE

E135	Perseverance	CRBF	7,000.00
8	Henry Disston	CRBF	1,000.00
270	Mystic	CRBF	1,000.00
87	Hopkins		500.00
270	Mystic		500.00
E135	Perseverance		500.00
708	Boyertown		100.00
207	Canawacta		50.00
348	Clover		50.00
R182	Lady Colfax		50.00
R303	Lady Landis		25.00
R328	Lady Worth		25.00
R452	Lady Emily		25.00

PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Rebekah Assembly (R110)	1,400.00
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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

377 Nucleus	100.00
R328 Lady Worth	25.00
	125.00

10,825.00

