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Places to Go...People to See | 2018

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+ denotes details to follow

JUNE

2 / Encampment Rally, Johnstown+*
22 - 27 / Unified Session, State College +

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
22 / PGM Wooden/ PPRA Trulick Testimonial, State
College+

OCTOBER

6 / PGP Oertel Testimonial, Shartlesville, 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!

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activity, if you would like your state officer's
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THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Lewisburg Lodge No. 96
Donald R. Reed – initiated April 7th
Jay Young

Brady Lodge No. 116, Muncy
Donna L. Weimer – initiated May 2nd

Walker Lodge No. 306, Philadelphia
Anthony Coco – initiated March 12th
Raphael Tancredi
John Flannery – initiated April 7th

Victory Lodge No. 658, Sellersville
Justin B. Koser – initiated April 7th

Freeport Lodge No. 379
Thomas A. Grates – initiated April 18th
Eric D. Mailki
Michelle R. Hwostow
Genevieve D. Hwostow
David J. Montgomery
Ronald M. Kepes

Boyetown Lodge No. 708
Pierre G. Demauriac
David B. Ditter
Kevin C. Stober

Shillington Lodge No. 1175
Eric A. Geltz – initiated March 6th

Mt. Hor Lodge No. 736, Cassville
Stephanie J. Parks – initiated February 9th
Christopher Barnish – initiated March 23rd

Vienna Lodge No. 847, Allentown
Robert M. McCarthy – initiated April 7th
Brian Gaumer

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

25 YEARS

Robert J. Brennan, #306
Richard J. Tecco, Sr., #306
Robert J. Tucker, Jr., #306

30 YEARS

Dwight H. Snyder, #192

35 YEARS

Edwin M. Goldsmith, III, #150
Gregory W. Erdman, #551

45 YEARS

Robert A. Leedom, #37

50 YEARS

Paul G. Billig, Sr., #192

55 YEARS

Carl L. Grimm, #88

70 YEARS

Robert M. McClaskey, #762

145 YEARS

Vienna Lodge No. 847, Allentown

ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA 2018 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION DEADLINE

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania is continuing to accept applications for consideration in the awarding of a maximum of four (4) \$3,000 awards. The application deadline for the 2018 Scholarship Award will be June 16, 2018. An important reminder regarding two of the requirements for the Award:

1. The applicant or a 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 and completed at least one year of full-time college enrollment.

A copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" was sent to all the lodges representing the Western District on April 1, 2018. If interested in obtaining a copy of the "Rules" and an "Application" contact Chairman Robert Grant at 724-483-8875 or email him at robag@comcast.net

COME VISIT THE GRAND PATRIARCH

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

- 1 – Alma #523 OV – 7:30PM
- 2 – GE Board Meeting & Rally, Johnstown – 9:00AM/10:30AM
- 5 – William F. Packer #127 OV – 7:30PM
- 23 – 27 – Unified Sessions, Ramada Inn, State College, PA

I will be installed as Grand High Priest.
Tyler Arnold will be the new Grand Patriarch
October 6 – My Testimonial – Blue Mountain Family Restaurant,
Shartlesville – 6:00PM

FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND PATRIARCH

Hi Everyone,

It is that time again. Congrats to the Pittsburg!! I didn't get to see the whole game. I was traveling to my house from my home Encampment. Bring home the Stanley Cup! PA will have 2 Trophies one for Football and one for Hockey in the same year!!!

MEMORABLE DATES IN MAY

- 4 Battle of Midway Begins 1944
- 6 D-Day 1944
- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day
- 21 Summer Begins
- 22 GI Bill Signed 1944
- 23 Sessions Begins, Hope to see you there.
- 25 Start of Korean War 1950
- 27 Session Ends

**Happy Mother's Day &
Happy Father's Day!**
**Enjoy being with
your family!!!**



In FLT & FHC, Dorothea Oertel, Grand Patriarch

TREASURER'S TALES - JUNE 2018

We have been following Barney's exploits on a month by month basis and we are now at June 1923. The big event in June 1923, was Harry Houdini freeing himself from a strait jacket while hanging upside down 40 feet in the air. The month began and ended, more or less, with the Phillies participating in baseball mega-events. On June 1 the Giants defeated the Phillies 22 to 5, with the Giants scoring in every inning. On June 28 the Dodgers held a 7 to 0 lead over the Phillies going into the bottom of the ninth, when the Phillies scored 8 runs in the bottom of the ninth to win the game. On June 19 the comic strip Moon Mullins debuted, see this article about the strip: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moon_Mullins.

June 14, 1923 was flag day and it fell on Thursday. To make things work for most, the parade in Grover's Mill was held on Saturday, June 16, 1923. The youngest resident, Schuyler Colfax Wells, was unable to go to the parade, let alone participate. After the parade there was a picnic in the park, and the sleeping Schuyler made an appearance at the picnic. Everyone wanted to see the baby. It was the greatest diversion ever for a Flag Day picnic.

While everyone wanted to see the baby, our recurrent anti-hero, the mischievous Melchizedek observed the events from the top of an oak tree. Although the baby had replaced him as the center of attention, this created an opportunity. Melchizedek inspected the food tables from the tree tops. He waited and waited, till he saw an opening. As the crowd was split between the baby and a baseball game, he saw his opening. Melchizedek ran down, the tree, across a small opening, onto the picnic table, grabbed two pieces of chicken and ran back up the tree.

When the crowd made its way back to the table to begin the meal, the missing chicken made no impression. A large plate of fried chicken could easily hide the pilfering. Those dining at the picnic table with the chicken were blessed with remarks from the Grand Master of New Jersey, a frequent guest at lodge picnics. He rambled on throughout the meal, with few breaks to take a bite or two. He was in full form, explaining how he had done as much as Thomas Wildey to spread the Order in New Jersey, when a thigh bone fell from the tree above and hit him on the head.

This caused him to pause, but did not stop him. He contin-

ued to speak, unaware of the source of the interruption, since the bone fell onto his plate, to join several other chicken bones. Several people noticed the bone fall but did not react, they were in a haze from the droning of the speaker. Ten minutes later, the bony remains of a chicken breast fell from the tree, hitting the Grand Master's glass of lemonade and splattering four people in the area. This disclosed the source of the bombardment, with the lodge members becoming aroused by the wily raccoon.

The question became one of remediation. How could we evict Melchizedek from his lofty perch? There were two theories. The first was to chase him away. The second was to lure him down the tree and out to the woods. One slightly excitable brother even suggested shooting him out of the tree. His suggestion was not taken seriously.

Vic was the only animal behavior expert. He suggested it would be easier to vacate the table temporarily and make a trail of apple slices or some other sweet treat, leading the raccoon from the tree to the woods. There weren't very many apples, so the trail was to be made of grapes. Vic threw a grape up to Melchizedek, and started the trail to the woods. The plan seemed to be working, until some children at a distant table, decided they wanted to play with the raccoon. They started throwing popcorn and bits of cookies at Melchizedek. The chocolate chip cookies prevailed over the grapes. Vic didn't know what to do. He decided the youth from the other table would need to take responsibility for the raccoon, after all that table was populated by members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Vic returned to his table and the meal played out as expected. The long, boring speeches finally ended and the picnic broke up after a fireworks display at 9:00 p.m.

The fireworks display was the engine of justice. The raccoon went up a tree by the cookie givers. Melchizedek was perched over the auto of one of the guilty parties. When the first skyrocket exploded, the raccoon, who was ill from too many cookies, lost his dinner. The car would take several hours of hard work to clean the canvas roof.

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.

UNIFIED LODGE NO. 2 OF PITTSBURGH HONORS PAST GRAND

Shown is Vice Grand James McMahon (left) presenting Past Grand Robert Ruff (right) with his Past Grand's Jewel. Brother McMahon has been presiding as Noble Grand for Joan Bergfelt, current Noble Grand, while she recovers from eye surgery that has kept her from seeing very well. Brother McMahon has been doing a really fine job as Acting Noble Grand and his Lodge officers and members really appreciate his work. Past Grand Robert Ruff joined Unified Lodge #2 in 2010 and served as Noble Grand from 2016 – 2017 and did a terrific job while in office and both Brothers are an asset to this great Order.

~ Ted Bergfelt, Unified Lodge #2



PHILADELPHIA 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!

I have attempted to try to categorize Philadelphia County by districts, but have been unsuccessful as much of this history of this county has come and went so quickly, and I'd like to be as accurate as possible. Some districts are listed correctly, and some just say Philadelphia. Also, as the temples were being dedicated and moved, many Lodges moved to different areas, making it difficult to find one distinct address. For the next month or two at least, what I'm going to do is put them in by Temples. Again, there were many more that met in these temples, but so as to not list them twice, I'm just putting the ones I didn't list yet.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY: (not in the City)

Bridesburg – Bridesburg Lodge #37 – consolidated 1988

Bustleton – Rising Star Lodge #47 – consolidated 1899
Bustleton – Bustleton Lodge #1193 – consolidated 1953

Fox Chase – Andeulsia Lodge #35 – defunct 1834
Fox Chase – Fox Chase Lodge #135 – consolidated 1971

Frankford – Rising Sun Lodge #8 – defunct 1882
Frankford – Wildey Lodge #14 – defunct 1880
Frankford – Oxford Lodge #14 – consolidated 1987
Frankford – Frankford Lodge #396 – defunct prior 1900s

Germantown – Philomathean Lodge #10 – consolidated post 1940
Germantown – Walker Lodge #306 – instituted 3/20/1848
Germantown – Germantown Lodge #836 – defunct prior 1900s

Holmesburg – Collegeville Lodge #37 – defunct 1838
Holmesburg – Mystic Lodge No. 270 – instituted 10/8/1847

Manayunk – Manayunk Lodge #31 – consolidated 1958
Manayunk – Industry Lodge #130 – consolidated 1913

Milestown (Franklinville) – Evening Star Lodge #72 – defunct 1844

Moyamensing – Relief Lodge #452 – defunct 1863

Richmond – Richmond Lodge #240 – consolidated 1950
Richmond – Improvement Lodge #344 – consolidated 1911
Richmond – Parker Norris Lodge #451 – consolidated 1942

Roxborough – Roxborough Lodge #66 – consolidated 1974

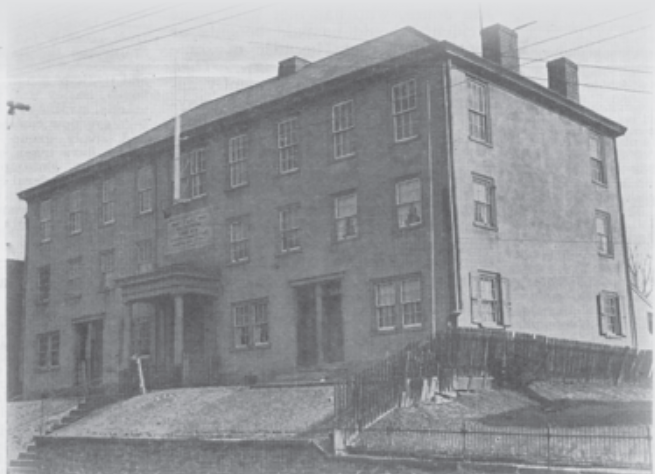
Southwark – Southern Lodge #41 – defunct 1909
Southwark – Good Samaritan Lodge #89 – consolidated 1961
Southwark – General Warren Lodge #126 – defunct 1901
Southwark – Shiloh Lodge #142 – defunct prior 1900s
Southwark – Southwark Lodge #146 – defunct 1915
Southwark – DeKalb Lodge #174 – defunct prior 1900s
Southwark – Justice Lodge #186 – defunct 1913
Southwark – Templar Lodge #258 – consolidated 1917

Summertown – Fredonia Lodge #46 – defunct 1844

Tacony – Henry Disston Lodge #8 – instituted 1885
Tacony – Tacony Lodge #238 – consolidated 1947

33 Lodges with 3 active.

Next month – Philadelphia County (more Lodges that were or are not located in the downtown) – Get your pictures and articles in now!



PHILOMATEAN LODGE, NO. 10
Where the Lodge Has Met Continuously Since 1847

FROM KINGWOOD LODGE #1010'S EASTER EGG HUNT



~
DOUG
CLOSE,
VG#1010

FROM THE DESK OF ELLIE TRULICK, PRESIDENT

It is May 2nd. Seems that SPRING may have finally arrived. This will be my final letter to all as President of the Rebekah Assembly. Your new President will be installed later this month at our Unified Session.

It has been an amazing year. I want to THANK all my brothers and sisters who attended my meetings; who gave donations to my project; and who were there for me throughout the good and not so good times this year. I hope that I have made the Rebekahs of Pennsylvania proud as your President. I tried to fulfill all the duties that are required of me. I enjoyed visiting all the various lodges and meeting some new sisters. We consolidated the lodges of Lady Lillie Best and Lady Hall on April 19th. I got a nice white gown out of that meeting due to my ignorance. (Ask me and I will further explain.) The consolidation was very well attended and I believe that the two lodges will be very solid. I hate losing a lodge but this is so much better than a lodge going defunct and the members just leaving our Great order. District Deputy President Pat Faustner, our Assembly Secretary Sarah Baer, and Grand Secretary Justin Bailey all did a great job in getting everything together for this to be held on time. Terri Romig drove up from Florida to attend and that was greatly appreciated. She and Pat will hopefully keep Lady Hall going for many years to come.

This month of June holds several dates to note: **June 14th is Flag Day.** Please fly our countries flag proudly. **June 17th is Father's Day.** Remember your DAD, if you are blessed enough to still have him, and if not think of his sacrifices for you. **June 21st is First Day of Summer.** Yeah it is finally here. (Never seems to last long enough though.) **June 23 through 27 is our 47th Annual Unified Session being held at the Ramada Inn, in the center of our Great State, at State College.**
PLEASE ATTEND.

I know there is much more that could/should be said but I am going to close with these verses:

Proverbs 15 vs 1-2: A soft answer turneth away wrath, but grievous words stir up anger. The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright, but the mouth of the fools poureth out foolishness.

Mark 11 vs 24-26: Therefore, I say unto you, Whatever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying forgive, if ye have anything against any, that your Father also, who is in heaven, may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father, who is in heaven, forgive your trespasses.

*God's love to all,
Ellie*

BLIND & VISION REHABILITATION THANKS YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT



**Blind & Vision Rehabilitation
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On behalf of the individuals served at Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, I'd like to thank you for your generous donation. Donations like yours enable us to provide much needed programs and services to individuals who are blind, vision impaired, or have other disabilities. We are truly grateful for your support.

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Thank you for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania's generous gift of \$2,135.34 to WillsEye Hospital on behalf of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Pennsylvania. We appreciate your continuing support to advance our mission of improving and preserving sight.

One of our core strengths is the close connection between innovative research and advanced patient care. Gifts such as this make it possible for our physicians to pursue research that can be translated quickly into clinical care.

We are indeed fortunate to count the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania among our generous and caring friends who understand the value of Wills to our community and beyond. Please extend our sincere appreciation to the members of the Lodge for this gift and your steadfast interest and generosity.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RALLY HELD IN ALLENTOWN



The chairs were packed as around 150 Odd Fellows came to Allentown for the Spring Rally. There were 9 Brothers initiated, 18 for the 1st and 2nd degree, and 13 for the 3rd. A record breaking number of 24 Brothers and Sisters received the Grand Lodge Degree. We were truly honored this year for something completely different – Brother Karsten Kabell from Columbus Lodge #11, Copenhagen, Denmark, played the organ for our rally. That organ hasn't been played in many years, and it sounded great! Thanks goes out to the following:

Vienna Lodge #847 for allowing us to use the hall and putting the work in to have it renovated for the rally date.
Victory Lodge #658 and **Freedom Lodge #88** for acting as the host Lodge.
District #5 (Lancaster County) for doing a great job conferring the initiatory degree.
District #6 (Schuylkill County) for doing a great job conferring the 1st degree.
District #9 and Degree master Cindy Wooden for putting a great team together to confer the 2nd degree.
Karsten Kabell for the marvelous job he did as Musician.
Mike Mitchell and all those other volunteers who took parts to make this a success.



Askam lodge #899 Past Grands Attend Rally
 Left to right Ed Brogan, Vince Wysowski, Charles Chase, Joe Simonovich, Charles Metcalf, Henry Jablonski, Mike Jablonski, John Bath.



Helping each other to accomplish something of this magnitude is what makes Pennsylvania stand out amongst everyone else. Keep up the good work, keep bringing in new members, and let's hope for another great rally next year!

PAST GRAND MILES E. WEIDMAN HONORED FOR SERVICE TO HIS LODGE



At the Allentown Rally on April 7th, after receiving his Grand Lodge Degree 67 years after becoming a Past Grand, Brother Miles E. Weidman was honored by his Lodge with a 70 year jewel and pin, presented by Grand Master Sherman F. Wooden. A long name: Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57, Miles is the last surviving member of the Lodge to have joined one of these three Lodges before their consolidation in 1954. Miles joined Montgomery Lodge No. 57, of Norris-



town, on April 5, 1948, and became a Past Grand October 2nd, 1950. Editor's note: Brother Miles actually brought his original Past Grand certificate from 1950 signed by Grand Secretary Frank Shannon. Back then the certificates were much larger than they are now. Back then, Lodges met once a week, so this is how he advanced so quickly. He has been an active member and is very valuable to the Lodge. At 90 years old, it was great for him to come to the rally and he was accorded a standing ovation for this efforts brought to the Odd Fellows.

~William Wurtz, Secy #57

1) our group of Brothers from Montgomery-Curtis-Norris Lodge #57 with Miles E. Weidman centered in front. Others from left; William Wurtz secretary, Eugene Bramble Past Grand, Edward Accor who received his Degrees, James Perrone, Edwards sponsor, John Lazowicki Noble Grand and Douglas Emerson Past Grand.

(2) Grand Master Sherman Wooden pinning the 70 year jewel and pin on Brother Miles E. Weidman.

OBITUARIES

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

MARY J. WELDON

Mahoney Rebekah Lodge No. 428
February 10, 2018

Sister Mary J. (Hoak) Weldon, 94, of Harrisburg, PA, was initiated into Mahoney Rebekah Lodge #428, New Bloomfield, PA, on September 19, 1972, where she held several appointed offices. She held the position of Outside Guardian for several years, and at the time of her death, was the Lodge's oldest living member.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas, twin sons, 2 granddaughters and 2 great-granddaughters. Surviving are two sons, one daughter and many grand and great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL B. ROOK

Newburg Lodge No. 562
March 2, 2018



Brother Michael B. Rook, 71, of Upper Strasburg, PA, was initiated into Letterkenny Lodge #663, Upper Strasburg, PA, on May 19, 1969, where he became a Past Grand. He withdrew on December 18, 1979 and later reinstated January 29, 2002. He held the position of Warden for many years. He then became a member of Newburg Lodge #562 through consolidation on February 18, 2014.

He was a member of the Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Chambersburg.

He was preceded in death by an infant great-grandson. Surviving is his wife, the former Jean Patterson, one son, one daughter, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Burial was held in Parklawns Memorial Gardens, Chambersburg, PA.

WILLIAM E. R. PAULES

Mt. Zion Lodge No. 74
March 5, 2018



Brother William E. R. Paules, 79, of York, PA, was initiated into Mt. Zion Lodge #74, York, on February 2, 2004. He was a Vietnam War U.S. Army Veteran and a member of the York Bible Church.

Surviving is his wife, the former Barbara LeHew, one son and three grandsons. Burial was held in Mt. Rose Cemetery, York.

ADELE M. SCHNABEL

Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202
March 22, 2018

Sister Adele M. Schnabel, 94, of Upper Nazareth Township, PA, was initiated into Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, Nazareth, PA, on May 15, 1975, where she became a Past Noble Grand in 1983 and received her Rebekah Assembly Degree October 15, 1983.

She was a member of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Nazareth. She was preceded in death by one son. Surviving is one son, PD-DGM Ron Lutz of Aluta Lodge #488, one daughter-in-law, five grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Burial was held in Church Cemetery.

RONALD R. REED

Pine Grove Lodge No. 148
March 23, 2018

Brother Ronald R. Reed, 92, of Palmyra, PA, was initiated into Pine Grove Lodge #148 on January 27, 1956, where he became a Past Grand. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest member, by age and tenure.

He was a WWII U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Pine Grove. He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Jacqueline Sites, and one grandchild. Surviving is one son, one daughter, one grandchild and one great-grandchild. Burial will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church Cemetery, Pine Grove, PA.

THEADORE C. HEIM

Pennsylvania's oldest tenured Member

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
March 27, 2018



Brother Theadore C. "Dutch" Heim, 106, of Sharpsville, PA, was initiated into Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on November 25, 1935, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on September 21, 2013. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living member of his Lodge and the oldest tenured Odd Fellow in Pennsylvania, with 82 years belonging to Sandy Lake Lodge. He was a U.S. Army WWII Veteran and a member of Clark Trinity United Methodist Church. Surviving is his wife of 79 years, Evelyn, one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren. Burial was held in Americas Cemetery, Hermitage, PA.

SAMUEL A. SCOTT, III

Past District Deputy Grand Master

Sandy Lake Lodge No. 573
April 2, 2018



Brother Samuel A. Scott, III, 96, of Fredonia, PA, was initiated into Stoneboro Lodge #501 on November 4, 1946, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1953 to 1955 and held the office of Secretary for many years, up until their consolidation with Sandy Lake Lodge #573 on August 12, 1972. At the time of his death, he was the last surviving member of Stoneboro Lodge #501. He was also a former Past Chief Patriarch of the defunct Grove City Encampment #245, having received the Grand Encampment Degree on June 6, 1953. He was a U.S. Army Air Force Veteran and a member of the Stoneboro Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Marian Blair. Surviving is his daughter. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and Burial was held in Oak Hill Cemetery.

ELLIOTT S. BARNETT

Shillington Lodge No. 1175
April 6, 2018



Brother Elliott S. Barnett, 77, of Wyomissing, PA, was initiated into Shillington Lodge #1175 on April 17, 2007, where he became a Past Grand October 4, 2011 and received his Grand Lodge Degree April 18, 2015. He was a U.S. Navy Veteran and a member of the Wyomissing Church of the Brethren. Surviving is his wife, the former Gloria Ludwig, two daughters, four step-children and twelve grand and step-grandchildren. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was private at the convenience of the family.

JONATHAN L. SHALTER, III

Leesport Lodge No. 141
April 22, 2018



Brother Jonathan L. Shalter, III, 105, of Kutztown, PA, was initiated into Leesport Lodge #141 on February 18, 1992, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree Marcy 19, 1999. He was a former Patriarch of Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106, Leesport, having been initiated July 1, 1995 and withdrawing January 10, 2008, and a former Chevalier of Canton Leesport #2, Patriarchs Militant. At the time of his death, he was the Lodge's oldest living member.

He was a member of Salem Shalter's Lutheran Church and was an accomplished photographer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, the former Blanche Shuck, and one son. Surviving is one daughter, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and his companion of 30 years, Elsie. Burial was held in Forest Hills Memorial Park, Exeter Township, PA.

RICHARD E. KAMERER

Past District Deputy Grand Master
Charleroi Lodge No. 1030
April 18, 2018

Brother Richard E. Kamerer, 83, of Waynesburg, PA, was initiated into Waynesburg Lodge #469 on May 3, 1955, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on February 23, 1963. He served as District Deputy Grand Master from 1984 – 1985 and held the position of Secretary for many years, up until they consolidated with Charleroi Lodge #1030 on January 19, 2006. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Waynesburg. Surviving is his wife, the former Donna Mason, one son, and two grandsons. Burial was held in Green County Memorial Park, Morgan Township, PA.

JACK A. HOFFMAN

Alma Lodge No. 523
April 6, 2018



Brother Jack A. Hoffman, 79, of Johnstown, PA, was initiated into Alma Lodge #523, Johnstown, on May 8, 1965.

Surviving is his wife, the former Betty Fender, one son, one daughter, four grandsons and three great-grandchildren. Burial was held in Maple Spring Cemetery.

KENNETH L. BAUMER, JR.

Brady Lodge No. 116
April 21, 2018

Brother Kenneth L. Baumer, Jr., 73, of Hughesville, PA, was initiated into Brady Lodge #116, Muncy, on April 11, 2009, where he held active membership and various appointed offices.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. Surviving are three daughters, one son, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Hughesville, PA.

DANIEL D. FREEMAN

Past Grand Outside Sentinel/PDDGP
East Brunswick Lodge No. 802
Earl R. Leiby Encampment No. 106
April 23, 2018



Brother Daniel D. Freeman, 86, of McKeesburg, PA, was initiated into East Brunswick Lodge #802, New Ringgold, PA, on November 8, 1956, where he became a Past Grand and received his Grand Lodge Degree on November 13, 1971. He held active membership in his Lodge, serving many years as Right Supporter to the Vice Grand. He was initiated a Patriarch into Hamburg Encampment #106 and served as District Deputy Grand Patriarch from 1986 – 1989. He then transferred membership to Scott Encampment #132, Tamaqua, on April 19, 1993, where he served several elected and appointed offices. He went on to serve as Grand Outside Sentinel for PGP Craig Reinhart from 2005 – 2006. He transferred membership back to Earl R. Leiby Encampment #106, Leesport, on July 10, 2014. Previously, he was a Rebekah to the former Constance Rebekah Lodge #161, of New Ringgold. He was also instrumental in renovating East Brunswick Lodge #802's Lodge Hall.

He was a U.S. Korean Conflict Veteran and a member of Friedens Lutheran Church, New Ringgold. Surviving is his wife, the former May Nester, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge and burial was held in Kimmel Church of God Cemetery. Memorials in his name can be made to East Brunswick Lodge #802, c/o Wade Fluke, Secy, 421 New Bethel Church Road, Kempton, PA 19529.

L. JAMES SHEETZ

Paoli Lodge No. 290
April 30, 2018

Brother Lewis J. "Jim" Sheetz, 89, of Malvern, PA, was initiated into Malvern-Pocahontas Lodge #201 on February 28, 1995, where he became a Past Grand on October 28, 1999. He then transferred to Paoli Lodge #290, Downingtown, on June 26, 2000 and received his Grand Lodge Degree on May 19, 2001. He was a former Patriarch of Rural Encampment #17, Delaware, and a former associate member to Fort Penn Lodge #134, East Stroudsburg, and White Haven Lodge #457. He made and delivered fruit baskets to the Lodge's widows each Christmas and delivered flowers to them at Easter. He also played Santa Claus for many years during the Christmas celebrations.

He was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Korean War. He was preceded in death by his son. Surviving is his wife, Lois, three daughters, three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

P. JOHN PATTERSON

Fred R. Korman Lodge No. 55
May 4, 2018

Brother P. John "PJ" Patterson, 68, of Irvona, PA, was initiated into Fred R. Korman Lodge #55, Fallentimber, PA, on February 22, 2010, where he became a Past Grand October 2014.

He was a U.S. Army Veteran and was the mayor of Irvona at the time of his death. Surviving is his wife, the former Judy Noel, two daughters, three sons, one grandson and three granddaughters. Services were conducted by the members of his Lodge.



GRAND MASTER WOODEN VISITS SOMERSET LODGE #438



GRAND MASTER WOODEN VISITS KINGWOOD LODGE #1010



FREEDOM LODGE 88 HIGHWAY CLEANUP



Brothers and family members of Freedom Lodge joined together to pickup trash on our "adopted" stretch of road in Honesdale. Freedom Lodge meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. Join the Brotherhood!

ODD FELLOWS SUPPORTING NURSING

The independent Order of Odd Fellows 1152 Wysox Chapter have chosen two students to receive Odd Fellow scholarships. Nelson Silverstrim, representative of the Independent Order of Odd fellows 1152 Wysox Chapter, presented scholarships to Madison Jagger and Kaitlin Wandell. LEFT PHOTO: From left, Margaret Johnson, practical nursing coordinator; Jagger and Silverstrim. RIGHT PHOTO: From left, are: Johnson, Wandell and Silverstrim.



LADY LILLIE BEST REBEKAH LODGE NO. 222 AND LADY HALL REBEKAH LODGE NO. 202 UNITE AS ONE

On April 19th, Lady Lillie Best Rebekah Lodge No. 222 of Schnecksville consolidated with Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge No. 202 of Bushkill Center (Nazareth). There was a pack crowd of roughly 30 Rebekahs for this ceremony. Both Rebekah Lodges are fairly young, Lady Lillie Best being instituted May 7, 1955 and Lady Hall being instituted June 13, 1945. Both Lodges have always worked closely with each other, and with Lady Sellers Rebekah Lodge #558 of Sellersville comprise District #2, under the diligent leadership of Patricia Faustner. At the end of the evening, we had a great turnout of Rebekahs from Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge #202, 13 in all attendance of this Lodge. We hope for a great future as they both move forward as one. Also, as you will see front and center Kelsey Shultz, a member of Lady Hall Rebekah Lodge, and granddaughter of Pat Faustner, became a mommy just a week or so after this evening, so congratulations to both!

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ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA RECOGNITION OF 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Association of Western Pennsylvania recognized two of the six 2017 Scholarship Award recipients at their Annual Meeting held on April 28, 2018 at Orchard Manor in Grove City.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Robert Grant introduced the two recipients present, Kaylee Chilcote and



KAYLEE CHILCOTE AND DALTON SMITLEY

Dalton Smitley during the committee portion of the meeting. Each was given the opportunity to speak and update the members on their educational progress as well as their plans for the future. Both recipients were presented with a plaque as a remembrance of this special occasion.

The other four recipients of the 2017 Scholarship Award were Samantha Michaels, Abby Moffitt, Jessica Roche and David Young. Each of the four were regretfully unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to final exams, work schedules or school commitments; however each sent a letter (read by Chairman Grant) showing their appreciation and thanking the Association for choosing them along with updating the membership of their present educational status and future plans. A plaque was sent to each of the four recipients as a memento of this prestigious award.

Note: a \$3000 check was sent at the start of the 2017 Fall Semester of the six recipient's designated university. Also, the application DEADLINE for the 2018 Odd Fellows and Rebekas Association of Western Pennsylvania is Saturday, June 16, 2018.

Periodicals

April Donations

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION

1128	Fallowfield	61.05
2	Unified	50.00
		111.05

PA ARTHRITIS COMMITTEE

270	Mystic Camp JRA	250.00
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E135	Perseverance	1,000.00
R328	Lady Worth	8.00
		1,008.00

PA EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

2	Unified	50.00
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EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND

1128	Fallowfield	152.62
1004	Hampton	50.00
R173	Letitia Penn	25.00
		227.62

VISUAL RESEARCH

899	Askam	100.00
1128	Fallowfield	61.05
1152	Wysox	50.00
116	Brady	42.00
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899	Askam	100.00
562	Newburg	50.00
847	Vienna	50.00
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BOYERTOWN LODGE #708	\$150.00
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LADY SELLERS #558	\$25.00
ONEIDA LODGE #371	\$50.00
THISTLE LODGE #512	\$100.00
MONTGOMERY CURTIS NORRIS #57	\$150.00
NORRISTOWN ENCAMPMENT #37	\$200.00
IDELLA REBEKAH LODGE #58	\$100.00
CONNOQUENESSING LODGE #278	\$300.00
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