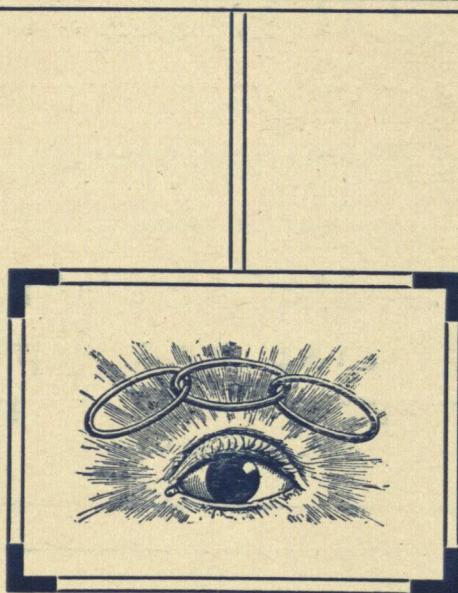


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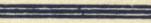
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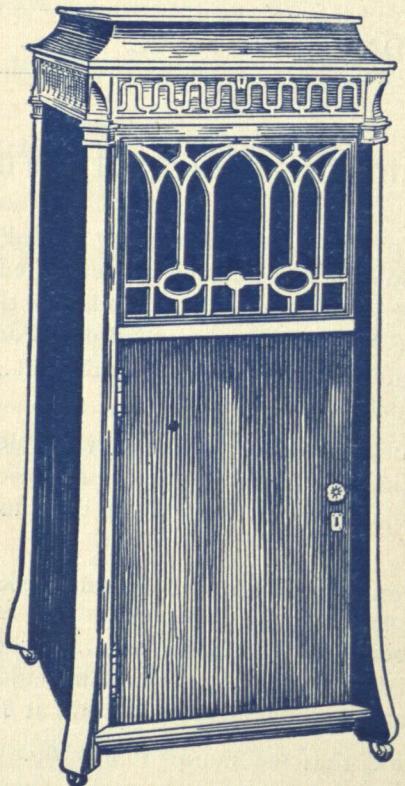
LET it sink deep into your heart that every Odd Fellow of this vicinity, his wife or friend and his children are expected to participate in the celebration of the One Hundredth Birthday of the best fraternal order in the world by attending the Gigantic Birthday Party and Dance in our spacious auditorium, Odd Fellows' Temple, Darby, Pa., on Saturday evening, April 26, 1919, at 8 o'clock.

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It seems only fitting that we should follow up this evening of pleasure with a couple of hours spent in solemn thought. Therefore, on Sunday afternoon, April 27th, at 3.30 o'clock, a Memorial and Anniversary Service will be held in Harrigan's Theatre, for all Odd Fellows and their friends, when tribute will be paid to the members of our Lodge who paid the supreme sacrifice in the service of their country. This will be a wonderful service; all the church choirs of the Borough have been invited and will sing, under direction of Bro. Yocom; the Anniversary address will be delivered by the Rev. C. W. Heathcote, Ph.D., member of Columbus Lodge, Chambersburg, Pa., and the Memorial address by Rev. Alexander Mackey, a member of our own Lodge. The members are requested to meet at the Temple promptly at 3 o'clock, to form in line and will be led by the Canton. Seats will be reserved for the entire membership who attend in a body. All persons who have served their country are earnestly requested to be the guests of honor and attend this service in their military or naval uniforms.

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 LODGE, NO. 132

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 Vice-Grand—J. Frank Woelfel.
 Warden—D. Leon Benn.
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 Treasurer—John Yates.
 Financial Secretary—Fritz Jaussi, 620 Columbia Ave., Darby, Bell phone 641-J.

SHORT HISTORY OF ORPHANS'
 REST LODGE, NO. 132

Twenty-six years after the institution of Washington Lodge, No. 1, at Baltimore, Orphans' Rest Lodge, No. 132, came into existence in Darby. There was not very much to our old town at that time, it was all the Township of Darby, and took in what is now Colwyn, Collingdale, Sharon Hill and Glenolden. Houses were few and far between, even in Darby itself, when No. 132 was instituted way back in 1845.

Our Lodge started out with only a handful of members, but though few in numbers they were full of ambition. The first officers being Charles Roe, Noble Grand; James McNulty, Vice-Grand; John E. Lewis, Secretary; George Rudolph, Assistant Secretary; and David Roe, Treasurer. The Lodge started on its mission of benevolence and charity in an old stone building which formerly stood on the ground where the Buttonwood Hotel now stands.

The lodge continued to meet at this place until October, 1852, when they moved to the third floor of what was then known as the "Globe Hotel," and is now the rear of 857, 859 and 861 Main St. (In 1879 the old building at Ninth and Main Sts. was torn down and a more modern building erected in its place.) The Lodge continued to grow, slow but sure. Bro. Denman Lamey, our oldest living member, was initiated March 30, 1867, in the room over the old Globe Hotel. It is interesting to hear him go into details about the Lodge meetings in those dark days, no electric lights, no gas lights, no nice furniture, etc., just candles and wood benches, the goat was practically the same then as now, only fed different and trained better, the warden's special duty was to keep its horns polished.

The lodge met here for fifteen years, liv-

ing through all sorts of panics and troublesome times, after which prosperity dawned upon us, and the old meeting place again proved to be too small and out of date. The Lodge changed its meeting place to the third floor of 866 Main St. in September, 1867. A room which the members fitted up to suit their more modern ideas of a lodge room. A large number of our present members connected themselves with Odd Fellowship while meeting in this cozy, parlor-like room, hardly a meeting took place that new members were not admitted, growing by leaps and bounds, until we out-grew our headquarters once more.

Brother, can you imagine our degree team doing work in a room eighteen feet wide and thirty-two feet deep? Well such was the case at that time, and it was done well, too. Of course, there were no forty men in the Third Degree Team in those days. Before the room got too small, or rather the membership too large for the room, we were compelled to look about for new and larger quarters.

On April 13, 1894, the Lodge, through its Trustees, purchased our present property, which, at the time of its purchase, consisted of an old, but substantial, brick building, two and a half stories high, which was used as a boarding house for several years.

On February 23, 1900, we agreed to improve this old building, which was purchased as an investment in 1894. The old shingle roof was torn off, and a fine lodge room, twice as large as the one in which we were then meeting, was erected on the third floor; it was a decided improvement over our old headquarters.

Permission was then received from the Grand Lodge to move, which we did May 25, 1900. Ask some of the older (though not very old), members to tell you about the moving, it was a great night, everybody took a hand in the job.

My, how we did grow when settled in our new home! In 1905, we further improved our building by furnishing an up-to-date kitchen and dining room on the second floor. This dining room would seat sixty people at one time, which was a big crowd in those days.

In October, 1895, the Lodge celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of its birth by an entertainment, followed by a dinner at a local restaurant, the membership being about eighty-five at this time.

In 1905, we celebrated our Sixtieth Anniversary in a more elaborate manner by holding an entertainment and banquet in our own Lodge room, the feature being the burning of a \$4,000 mortgage, which had been placed on our property years before it came into our possession.

Did we keep on growing and prospering? Well, we surely did grow as never before, and we soon out-grew our rooms once more, and in 1910, we decided to erect our present home known as the Odd Fellows' Temple. While this building was being erected, the Lodge, and all its tenants also, met on the third floor of 875 Main St. The last meet-

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ing held in the old building was something different from all the rest. Remember, we were leaving that night never to meet again within its walls. We were taking a chance, as it were, in a new adventure; it was a big undertaking to tear down that old building and erect our present Temple. That night we all decided to stick together, everybody shook hands and the closing ode and other closing ceremonies were all sung and done in the dark, the lights all being turned out.

We remained in our temporary quarters until February 3, 1911, when we moved to our new home. The opening of the Lodge was in our temporary quarters; after the regular business was through we took a recess and each member gathered up some furniture, and headed by the Noble Grand with the charter, marched in a body to our handsome, new quarters; we opened Lodge at one place and closed it at another, but we did not sing the closing ode in darkness this time; everything was new and bright, and at that time, it was the finest lodge building in Delaware County.

On April 15, 1911, the building was dedicated to Odd Fellowship by the officers of the Grand Lodge, assisted by a male choir and members of our own Lodge, in the presence of one of the largest gatherings ever held in Darby. At this date (April 15, 1911), our membership was 267.

Have we grown since? Well, you know all about it. Our total membership today is 556, growing from less than a dozen, in October, 1845, to our present number. Our Lodge has been, and is at this time, considered a leader among not only the lodges of the county, but also of the State; we have a Lodge that is being patterned after by other organizations. Is there any reason why we should not be proud of our old No. 132?

In November, 1917, Orphans' Rest Lodge took another progressive step when the first number of this little "Darby Odd Fellow" appeared. By this time it seems to be quite a popular little paper, not only among our own members, but other Odd Fellows as well. We were more than pleased to hear that the "Darby Odd Fellow" has even found its way to the trenches in France. It is being read in almost every State of the Union and in Canada, and we trust we will keep on improving as we grow older.

To write a complete history of Orphans' Rest Lodge, No. 132, would prove very interesting to all the members, but it would take up too much space for this souvenir edition of our little paper. But, at this time, it would not be wise to forget to mention the fact that our country has been in a world war for democracy, which means so much for Odd Fellowship.

Seventy-two of our young members have seen service of some kind in that terrible fray, four of whom, Theo. G. Robinson, Sergeant S. W. Vondersmith, Sergeants Leonard W. Haskin and Eugene A. Griffith, have paid the supreme sacrifice. This is a glorious record for Orphans' Rest Lodge, and in the very near future a bronze tablet,

will be unveiled in our Temple to show our appreciation of their efforts and sacrifice in the cause of humanity. Every member should help this worthy object along. Subscribe at once!

The present officers of Orphans' Rest Lodge are Frank L. Pennell, Noble Grand; J. F. Woelfel, Vice-Grand; J. Fred Wilby, Recording Secretary; Fritz Jaussi, Financial Secretary; John Yates, Treasurer; and D. Leon Benn, Warden.

FRIENDSHIP

In summing up the cardinal principles of Odd Fellowship—Friendship, Love and Truth—it would be a hard task to pick out the one which would stand pre-eminent. To the student any one of these three would be sufficient to give room for ample reflection and self-examination, as to whether it was being strictly lived up to. Take friendship as an example. Do you know a brother Odd Fellow with whom you are not in perfect accord—one you don't quite understand—one whom you have often asked yourself how he came to be a member of this Lodge and if he is quite as good a member as yourself? Be honest with yourself, and can you feel, thinking that way, that you are a worthy object lesson of the degree of Friendship? It was our Divine Master who said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for a friend." My friends and brothers, in this enlightened age of the twentieth century it is not called to suffer thus. Contact with the world at large often brings our list of friends down to a small number, and our acquaintances are legion. Our lesson of friendship, in my mind, is not complete without the grand lesson of toleration, learned as we further progress in our order.

It has often happened to you that at first meeting with a stranger you may have taken a dislike to him. After you have been further acquainted and learned the peculiarities of the person you have changed your opinion entirely and have found that what was distasteful to you at first was only imagination. Suppose Jonathan, a prince by birth, had looked down on David, an humble shepherd lad, would there have been possible the friendship between them that made them more than brothers? Consider the word friendship as a whole, and see whether you measure up to its requirements. Make your friends many by a thorough understanding of their faults and frailties and then help them to become better Odd Fellows and in doing so, become one yourself.

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Junior Warden—Edw. M. Hoag.

The above constitute the regular Relief Committee.

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PILGRIMS' HOME ENCAMPMENT,
NO. 61

The baby organization of Odd Fellowship in Darby is Pilgrims' Home Encampment, No. 61. While it is the youngest branch in point of years; nevertheless, it is one of the most progressive.

Instituted October 7, 1911, just seven and one-half years ago, it has grown marvelously, and at this time ranks high among the Encampments of the State. The first officers to be elected were: Chief Patriarch, Wm. H. Johnson; High Priest, Fred. Bihl; Senior Warden, John Standing; Scribe, Harry Tarbotton; Treasurer, Jos. W. Hallas, Sr., and Junior Warden, George C. Bradley, all of whom were installed by the Grand Encampment officers. On the night of institution, 37 new members were exalted to the Royal Purple Degree, which, together with the Charter members, made a good, healthy beginning for the new organization.

The present total membership is 123, which is a wonderful growth. The finances are also in first-class condition, making No. 61 one of the best Encampments. Brothers of the subordinate Lodge, why not receive the lessons of the higher branch of our Order and become members of Pilgrims' Home Encampment, No. 61?

An Encampment of Patriarchs is a good organization. Its motto is embodied in the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity, and its beautiful lessons begin where the subordinate Lodge lessons stop. These degrees, known as the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple, continue the work of Odd Fellowship by bringing forth still higher proceeds, which serve to increase our *Faith* in all good works, our *Hope* in adversity and *Charity* with which we should judge our brother, showing us clearly our duty to God and our duty to our fellow man.

Pilgrims' Home Encampment has been honored ever since its institution with having one of its members as District Deputy Grand Patriarch. P. C. P. Harry Tarbotton, who has this honor, has built up a wonderful installing staff, every member of which (by the way) is an active member of Canton Reliance, No. 38. This staff is in demand by the Encampments not only of Delaware County,

but also of Philadelphia, where occasionally they journey to do the work attired in full-dress uniforms.

Every member of Orphans' Rest Lodge should be a member of Pilgrims' Home Encampment. The present officers are C. P., Frank L. Pennell; H. P., C. H. Andress; S. W. D., Leon Benn; J. W., Edw. M. Hoag; Rec. Scribe, William H. Heppard; Fin. Scribe, John T. Sigenfuse (alias McFadden), and Treasurer, Joseph Hallas, Sr.

INSTALLATION OF ENCAPMENT
OFFICERS

Pilgrims' Home, No. 61, and Morning Star, No. 53

On Monday evening, March 24th, the officers of Pilgrims' Home Encampment, No. 61, and Morning Star Encampment, No. 53, were installed by D. D. G. P. Harry Tarbotton, assisted by a delegation of officers of Canton Philadelphia, No. 1. The installation was "something different," as both sets of officers were installed the same time in the Encampment Room of Pilgrims' Home, No. 61, our neighboring Encampment being present in goodly numbers for this important event. The members of Canton Philadelphia being in full-dress uniform made a showy appearance. The attendance was one of the largest ever had and kept the Entertainment Committee busy providing for the crowd.

Ashland, No. 45

The same District Deputy, accompanied by the staff of Pilgrims' Home Encampment, installed the officers of Ashland Encampment, No. 45, on Tuesday evening, March 25th, at their Hall, 1415 Locust St., Philadelphia. The work was well done and in record-breaking time, being entirely through with the installation ceremonies by 9:25 P.M., but the staff, as usual, failed to arrive home any earlier. This was the result of a wonderful array of talent possessed by Ashland Encampment.

Chester, No. 99

To cap the climax, on Wednesday evening, March 26th, a journey was made to Chester Encampment, No. 99, for the same purpose. The staff at this time was accompanied by an escort of 20 chevaliers, in full dress uniform, in charge of Capt. George C. Bradley. It was a great meeting, the Encampment being surprised at the big crowd from Darby. The installing staff consisted of eight officers, who were also in full dress. Chester Encampment has now 121 members, while Pilgrims' Home has 123. The Patriarchs down the Pike say they will soon outnumber us. How about it, Patriarchs! Now is the time to do things.

As a result of our visit to Chester there is a movement on foot looking to the organization of a Canton of the Patriarchs Militant in Old Chester. Go to it, Chester!

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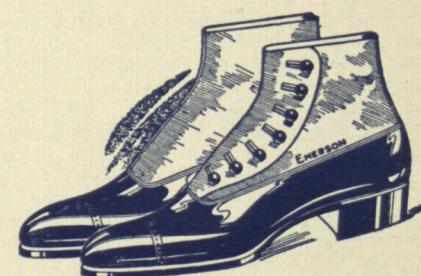
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**BRIEF HISTORY OF CANTON RELI-
LIANCE NO. 38, PATRIARCHS
MILITANT**

It was in the summer of 1906 that the highest branch of Odd Fellowship, known as the Patriarchs Militant, was first talked of among the members of the Encampment Branch of Darby and vicinity. After it was thoroughly discussed, a meeting was called on August 13th, at which time a preliminary organization was started, with P. C. P. Harry Tarbotton as Chairman.

Meetings were held regularly from that time up to December 29th of the same year, at which time Canton Reliance, No. 38, was mustered by General J. B. Andrews, of Altoona. He was assisted in the institution ceremonies by his staff officers and chevaliers from Philadelphia, Norristown and Camden.

One of the requirements of this branch of our Order is that the members must wear uniforms instead of regalias, this being what is termed a semi-military and strictly social branch of our fraternity. The meetings are not only full of interest, but most enjoyable throughout. At the time of institution the members were equipped with fatigue uniforms and made a fine appearance.

The first officers were: Captain, Harry Tarbotton; Lieutenant, Elias M. Lewis; Ensign, Charles G. Borth; Clerk, Wm. B. Hoffman, and Accountant, John F. Troupe, Sr. Under these officers the Canton gradually grew. At the institution there were nineteen (19) members in all and every one was interested in the work.

Canton Reliance was launched into service in Odd Fellows' Hall, Seventy-first St. and Woodland Ave., Philadelphia, where it continued to meet until February 20, 1911, at which time it was unanimously decided to change the headquarters to the new Odd Fellows' Temple at Darby, where the organization flourished more than ever before, and, at the present time, the total membership is 45.

Canton Reliance is always ready to respond to the call of any Lodge or Encampment to act as escort or to help make a creditable showing for the Order.

Not to be outdone by any other Canton in the State, No. 38 decided during the summer of 1914 to equip in regulation full-dress uniforms, and for the first time in its history appeared on the streets of Darby bedecked in that style. It was always remarked that

in the fatigue uniform the chevalier made a fine appearance, but when the people first saw Canton Reliance, No. 38, in full dress, it was said that the Chevaliers were the finest dressed body of men that ever paraded the streets of our old town, and added considerably to the display on Labor Day, September 7, 1914, at which time the Canton assisted in raising flags on both Darby schools and also the new school in our neighboring borough of Collingdale.

The present officers are: Captain, Geo. C. Bradley; Lieut., Harry Tarbotton; Ensign, Elmer Yates; Clerk, David H. Russell, and Accountant, A. E. Williams. It is only a small step from the Encampment to the Canton. Why not take the step? All members of the Order are cordially invited to seek information about this important branch of Odd Fellowship. Do not forget that the headquarters of Canton Reliance, No. 38, are in Odd Fellows' Temple, 848 and 850 Main St., Darby, and its meetings are held on the first and third Monday nights of each month.

The admission fee is \$2.50; dues are 25 cents per month. We are going to Baltimore in September in full dress and recruits are needed badly to bring us up to the 100 mark. Every Odd Fellow should get in line to make a good showing for Darby. Did you say that you would like to become a member? If so, come along and we will make you welcome.

GOOD-NIGHT STORY

Once upon a time a man named Fritz had a dog, it was a very pretty dog, and Fritz thought a great deal of him. On arriving home from work one day, Fritz could not find his friend doggie. He advertised, and offered a big reward for the return of his pet, but of no avail.

This Fritz is an old bachelor, and to make his home more realistic, he had taught Fido to cry like a baby. So you can imagine how poor Fritz felt when he had to retire every night without poor Fido.

Weeks rolled around and no word came of our hero's dog. In fact, he had about given him up, when one day, as Fritz was strolling along the street, he spied the long lost doggie, and as he had on three license tags (the dog had on the license tags), Fritz knew at a glance his old friend had returned, but doggie was accompanied by two ladies. Of course, Fritz called his noble friend, when the ladies objected to Fritz taking their dog. Now if you can imagine our hero on the Main St., quarrelling with two ladies over a dog, you have my picture. The ladies carried no fire arms and were altogether at the mercy of our hero, but he could not handle the situation and called on one of the town policemen and with his assistance, secured possession of his old friend, crying Fido, and with tears of joy rolling down the back of his neck, as big as walnuts, Fritz slowly headed for home. Not giving a thought to the fact that he had taken advantage of two poor, defenceless women from Collingdale.

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LIFE

Odd Fellowship has lived just 100 years, it surely must be worth while. We often hear people sigh and say: What is life, is it worth living after all we have to go through? There is only one answer, and that is yes, and thanks be to God that we have that sacred privilege.

Life is given us by the Master, and, after being nursed and trained by a loving and self-sacrificing Mother, we are cast upon the open sea of life to struggle for the future, the results of which depend entirely upon the individual.

Life is just what we choose to make it. To be happy yourself you must live among the happy, therefore as Odd Fellows we should live the life of an Odd Fellow, listen to our own hearts and not to shallow advisers, as charity is a virtue of the heart, and not of the hands, and we must not only affirm the brotherhood of man, we must live it. If we follow these lines we are bound to be happy and build up a strong character. Character is bounded on the north by sobriety, on the east by integrity, on the west by industry and on the south by gentleness, thus we should love each other, work for each other and live for each other, as a heart without love is like a violin without strings.

We should be more than grateful that we are living today, when our brave boys are returning from "over there," every one of which are more than thankful that they are living and able to return to their native land. We are thankful that we are able to see them return, and in order to show our appreciation we have organized an Honor Roll Association, which every member of Orphans' Rest Lodge, No. 132, I. O. O. F., is requested to join by the payment of at least \$1 or as much more as they may feel inclined to give; in return you receive a handsome engraved certificate of membership ready for framing.

The entire proceeds of this fund will be spent for a Bronze Tablet, and suitable exercises in unveiling same to our "Boys in the Service"; this is one of the many ways we can make ourselves and Soldier and Sailor Brothers happy. We are cold to others only when we are dull to ourselves, and have neither thought nor feelings to impart, so pause for a moment and reverse the picture, putting yourself in uniform and serving six to 18 months in the service of the United States, fighting for our country, and imagine your feelings if your Lodge honored you by erecting a handsome Bronze Tablet, containing your name, placing same upon the wall of Odd Fellows' Temple, in Darby, to be observed by all for generations to come. Would you not feel that your great sacrifices had been at least partly rewarded?

Now, in conclusion, let us resolve to be happy and live with the happy by attending our Lodge regularly and greet our brothers with a smile and put soul into every hand-clasp, and prove ourselves worthy of each other's confidence.

W. M. E. BUCKMAN,
 3-27-19.

GROWTH OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF PENNSYLVANIA

The first Lodge to be organized was Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, which was self-instituted on December 26, 1821, at the Public House of John Upton, 66 Dock St., Philadelphia.

John B. Robinson, of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of New York City, while in Philadelphia, learned that John Upton had been connected with the Manchester Unity of England before coming to America. Through the medium of the newspapers, in which a notice was published, these two, together with John Pierce, James Day and Samuel Croucher, met at the above time and place for the purpose named. Shortly thereafter, Thomas Hepworth was elected and Bro. Robinson returned to New York, where he took up his residence.

The Lodge prospered from the start, and speedily received a number of additions to its membership, mainly English and Scotchmen, who had come to this country.

Thomas Wildey, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, had long been endeavoring to unite the Lodges of New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and finally succeeded, so that Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, on June 13, 1823, received a Charter from the Grand Lodge of Maryland and United States, and shortly thereafter a Charter was granted to the Past Grands of the said Lodge as the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. This latter event took place June 27, 1823. It was not long after the institution of Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 1, before Philadelphia could boast of six other prosperous Lodges, and the Order soon began to branch out into other sections of our State and to multiply rapidly, soon taking the lead in the number of Lodges instituted, the membership initiated and the Financial Relief disbursed. This lead Pennsylvania has ever maintained, and today shows a record including the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, the Rebekah Assembly of Pennsylvania and the Department Council of Pennsylvania:

Number of Subordinate Lodges ..	1,138
Number of Subordinate Encampments ..	263
Number of Rebekah Lodges ..	410
Number of Cantons, Patriarch Militant ..	46
Subordinate Lodge Membership ..	174,618
Encampment Membership ..	20,923
Rebekah Lodge Membership ..	31,380
Canton Membership ..	1,690
Number of Members belonging to the Order in Pennsylvania ..	198,504
Total amount of Relief for the fiscal year ..	\$1,031,857.24
Total Assets of Working Lodges and Encampments ..	\$7,862,496.73

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THE ORIGIN OF THE INDEPENDENT
ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS IN
AMERICA

In the year 1819, Thomas Wildey, an Englishman by birth, discovered that some of his countrymen, residents in the City of Baltimore, State of Maryland, had been initiated into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship in England, where he himself had been made a member and where he had held high office. Desirous that the benevolent principles of the Order should be made known to, and be duly appreciated by the citizens of the city he had selected as his place of abode, he called a meeting of the initiates, and, together with John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatham and Richard Rushworth, formed the first Lodge in that city on the 26th day of April, A. D. 1819, and gave to it the name of Washington Lodge, No. 1, of which he was elected the first Noble Grand.

This Lodge was self-instituted, and although it increased in numbers, yet, for want of some authority on which it could be based, it had various difficulties to encounter. It was deemed advisable, therefore, to apply to the authorities in England for a warrant or dispensation from "The Duke of York Lodge, I. O. O. F." held at Preston, in the County of Lancaster, England. A warrant dated twenty-first of February, A. D. 1820, was obtained, granting to Washington Lodge, No. 1, the first established in the United States, the title of Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States of America, with power to grant warrants or dispensations for Lodges in any State in the Union. This warrant or dispensation was received and read in the Lodge on the twenty-third of October, A. D. 1820, being accepted, it not only being the legal instrument constituting them a Lodge of I. O. O. F., but the authority by which other Lodges could be established. Under this Charter the Grand Lodge of Maryland came into existence and Thomas Wildey was elected the first M. W. Grand Master.

The first Charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland was on the twenty-second of August, 1821, when an application was received from Franklin Lodge, a self-instituted Lodge, located at Fell's Point, Md. A warrant was granted to them and they were recognized as a legal Lodge by the title of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, of Maryland.

A knowledge of the Order, and a desire to participate in the advantages to be derived from its benevolent principles, were not confined to initiates in the City of Baltimore. In New York, at a period as early as the year 1806, attempts were made to establish Lodges which were not successful, and again in 1819 another attempt was made with partial success. It was not, however, until 1822 that the Order was successfully established there, when Columbia Lodge, No. 1, was organized.

In Massachusetts, a number of initiates

formed Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, at Boston on the twenty-sixth of March, 1820, on the self-instituting principle, being, as they supposed, the only Lodge of Odd Fellows in the United States.

In Pennsylvania a Lodge was formed, also on the self-instituting principle, at the house of John Upton, in Dock St., in the City of Philadelphia, on the twenty-first of December, 1821. It was composed of five members, all Englishmen. It met with considerable success as numbers joined, both Englishmen and native citizens.

The Order, being thus in existence in four of the most important States of the Union, but acting separately, without union or connection with each other, was not calculated to do all the good which was to be desired. In three of the States the Lodges, being established without warrant or dispensation, discovered that they were working to disadvantage, for, as they had formed Lodges of their own authority, they had no power to prevent others doing the same, and the advantage to be obtained by a traveling brother was lost from the want of connection between the Lodges.

For these and other reasons Massachusetts made application to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States for a Charter to authorize her to work as a legal Lodge. The door of communication being thus opened, the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States not only granted her prayer, but conferred on her the power and authority of a Grand Lodge in the State of Massachusetts.

This Charter was delivered and the Grand Lodge was duly opened by M. W. Grand Master Thomas Wildey, on the sixth of June, 1823. Passing through Philadelphia and New York on his way to Boston, that distinguished Odd Fellow visited the Lodges in both cities. This visit produced a union, and a Grand Lodge was opened by him in New York, on the twenty-fourth of June, and in Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh of June, 1823; Charters for both having been granted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the United States under date of the fifteenth of June, 1823. The Order in the several States became thus united and acted under the authority derived from England.

On the twenty-second of February, 1824, at a meeting of the representatives of the various Grand Lodges, at the City of Baltimore, the Grand Lodge of Maryland having received a Charter as a Grand Lodge, the title of the Sovereign head was changed to that of the Grand Lodge of the United States of I. O. O. F. and each of the several Grand Lodges entitled to a representation therein.

In 1826, at April Session, the title of Grand Sire was first adopted as the title of the Supreme head of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was conferred upon Thomas Wildey, which office and title he held by successive elections for eight years.

In 1826, the warrant, formerly granted by the Duke of York Lodge, was confirmed and

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ratified by the Manchester Unity, which had then become the Supreme head of the Order in England, who by Charter, dated fifteenth of May, 1826, did also "grant, authorize and empower the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, representatives and proxies of the Grand Lodge of the United States of America, to conduct the business of ODD FELLOWSHIP without the interference of any other country, so long as the same is administered according to the principles and purity of Odd Fellowship." Under this Charter the Grand Lodge of the United States, now known as the Sovereign Grand Lodge, continues to act.

The present condition of the Order is as follows:

Sovereign Grand Lodge	1
Quasi-Independent Grand Lodges (Australasia, Denmark, Ger- many, Netherlands, Sweden and Switzerland)	6
Grand Lodges	68
Grand Encampments	58
Subordinate Lodges	17,696
Subordinate Encampments	3,450
Rebekah Lodges	9,953
Lodge Members	1,694,090
Encampment Members	237,272
Rebekah Lodge Members	771,895
Total number of persons belong- ing to the Order	2,230,231
Total Relief paid during the year	\$6,509,889.65
Total Receipts of Subordinate Bodies during the year	\$20,111,149.52
Total Expenses of Grand and Subordinate Bodies during the year	\$11,437,202.82
Invested Funds of Grand and Subordinate Bodies Decem- ber 31, 1917	\$73,007,653.35

During its existence the subordinate Lodges have initiated 4,502,495 members, and the total Relief paid out amounts to \$179,727,- 445.88.

ELSIE REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 304

Elsie Rebekah Lodge was instituted in Darby on April 29, 1905, with 30 Charter members, by Anna H. Scanlon, at that time State President.

The first officers elected were: N. G. Jen-
nie Armstrong; V.-G., Mary L. Biles; Treas-
urer, Hannah Compton; Secretary, Margaret
Fryer; Warden, Elizabeth M. Tarbotton; Con-
ductor, Cecelia Ball; Chaplain, Edith Tar-
botton.

The degree team of Elsie Lodge is con-
sidered one of the best. Frank E. Biles, who
was the first Degree Master, did much to
bring it to perfection, followed by John
Yates, who for a number of years and up
to the present time is Degree Master, and
under his direction the degree team is still
one of the leaders, exemplifying the beautiful
lessons as taught by the Rebekah Degree.

The sisters of this Lodge have done much
in helping Orphans' Rest Lodge in a num-
ber of ways, especially so on donation days
at the Orphanage. The Rebekah Home also
has been helped in different ways, as this

Lodge, with two other Lodges in Delaware
County, furnished a sitting room complete for
the ladies of the Home, and have re-papered
the room and kept everything in good condi-
tion for the comfort of the old ladies.

Elsie Lodge is represented in the Rebekah
Assembly by Elizabeth M. Tarbotton, who is
also District Deputy President of Delaware
County, which office the sister has held for
four years, and has an installing staff of 16
sisters, all members of Elsie Lodge, who have
been complimented on their efficient work as
being one of the best in the State.

Elsie Lodge is still growing in mem-
bership. It meets on the second and fourth
Thursday evenings in each month.

The admission fee is \$1 and the dues are
15 cents per month. All Odd Fellows and
their wives and sisters are invited to join.

The present elective officers are: Noble
Grand, Mary Simpson; Vice-Grand, Martha
Hopkins; Treasurer, Elizabeth M. Tarbotton,
and Secretary, L. Olivia Malony.

ODD FELLOWSHIP

Odd Fellowship
Means something to us all;
The rich, the poor,
The great the small.
And when we meet a brother,
Of any class or clan,
We should all be eager
To grasp him by the hand.
Our First Degree is Friendship,
A precious thing in life;
The Second is that of Love,
That drives away all strife;
And the Third is that of Truth,
The thing we love the best.
So with Friendship, Love and Truth,
On high we peacefully can rest.

—C. OSCAR HALL.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bro. Jos. W. Hallas, Sr., has received the
unanimous vote of the Past Grands of Delaware
County as their next District Deputy Grand
Master. Hurrah for our Joe!

CANDIDATES GOING THROUGH

Brothers Howard L. Clinger, Norwood,
Pa.; John Clayton, Moore, Pa.; Frank Duke,
Norwood, Pa.; Phil. L. Eisenhart, Phila-
delphia, Pa.; Chas. A. Magson, Darby, Pa.;
Robt. N. North, Philadelphia, Pa.; Callie
Sipple, Darby, Pa.; Alb. Torres, Philadel-
phia, Pa.; Fred Winand, Darby, Pa.

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OUR THREE LINK CLUB

In this month's issue we will give you a short history of The Three Link Club.

The idea of having such a club as The Three Link Club took form in the minds of some of the members of the Orphans' Rest Lodge some time before it was organized, the idea being to have a place for the Odd Fellows of Darby and vicinity, no matter to which lodge they were attached, to meet at any time for social and fraternal intercourse.

On Friday, December 10, 1910, Orphans' Rest Lodge, meeting then in temporary quarters, declared a recess for the purpose of giving the members the opportunity of forming the club. H. E. Yelland, of Ivy Lodge, was asked to take the chair and act as temporary chairman. He appointed Harry Tarbotton, Secretary, and Albert Tarbotton, Treasurer.

Thirty-one brothers signified their intention of becoming members of the club at this meeting.

The meeting to form a permanent organization was held on December 30, 1910. The following brothers were elected to offices: President, H. E. Yelland; Vice-President, W. Bingham; Secretary, Harry Tarbotton; Treasurer, Albert Tarbotton. At this meeting President Yelland appointed the following brothers to act as Board of Directors or House Committee: Wm. E. Buckman, J. Flanagan, F. Bihm, Sr., W. H. Heppard and E. Yates.

The entrance fee was made 50 cents, this was afterwards raised to the awful sum of \$1, in order to make it open only to millionaires and men of large incomes. Dues were set at 15 cents per month, which rate is still in force.

The club was formally thrown open to the members on February 4, 1911, after a great amount of work by the officers in getting it ready; some of the members gave great help and encouragement to the officers by making donations and loans of money until the club could get in perfect working order. It is interesting to note all these obligations were paid off within a year and the club was on a firm financial base, all on dues of 15 cents per month.

In 1913, the club entered a piano contest then being held in Darby and by the good work of our members and friends we won the instrument, which is now in our rooms and which is used mostly as an ornament since Palmer and Doc Ireland do not come around anymore.

The year 1914 was the year in which we entered the Baseball World and won the Championship Cup in the Inter-club League. The team was given a banquet and a high old time in the fall for their good work.

In 1915 we hung a crape on our baseball team; our ambitions were aroused and we entered the Interboro League, finishing next to the bottom, but not the bottom, please note. We did not have a banquet that year.

The year 1916 passed off with only the

usual club activities, a concert and a dance. The return of "Fifteen-Two" Wolfenden from his trip around the world and a great many arguments between Democrat Joe Simpson and Pinocle Fred Bihm.

The life of the club has not been always smooth, and only the good judgment of the officers has at times saved it from being in a bad way, but we have weathered it all, bad times and good, with a social night occasionally and always open house on New Year's Eve.

We never close, and any good Odd Fellow, with a loose dollar, can join the best club in Delaware County. How can you stay out?

The following brothers have served the club as President:

1911, H. E. Yelland; 1912, Fred Bihm, Sr.; 1913, Jos. Hallas, Sr.; 1914, Elmer Yates; 1915, Edgar Parsons; 1916, J. Fred Wilby; 1917, John T. Sigenfuse; 1918, John T. Wilde; 1919, John T. Wilde.

CLUB NEWS

Leather pockets have been installed on the pool table now in use, in addition to the new dress, in the way of a cover, placed on it a few weeks ago, and the natural pleasure of a game is now enhanced by the satisfaction of playing on a thoroughly up-to-date table.

The club has decided to place the other pool table in playing condition again, for pin pool and other fancy games. This table was dismantled during the war owing to lack of use and cost of maintenance, but it is felt that the interest now displayed in the club warrants the table being put into use again, in spite of the special additional tax placed on pool tables in the late tax bill.

The following members were elected at the March meeting of the club: F. A. Pearson, S. M. Bergey, H. R. Breiden.

ROSTER: A new Roster of club members will be published May 1, 1919. Lodge members contemplating joining the club must have their applications in before the April club meeting, in order to have their names included in the new Roster. Note: Those who haven't done so, do so. There'll never be a better time than the present, and the cost is nil.

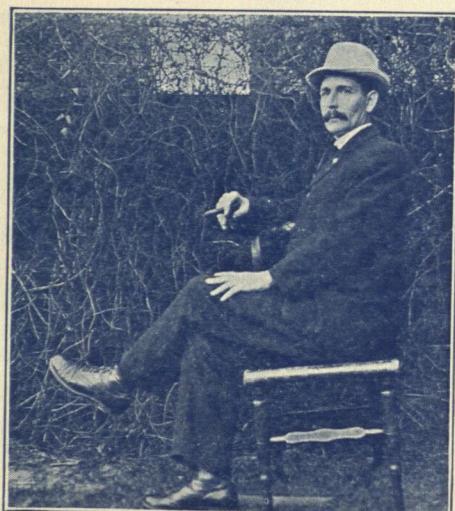
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DARBY ODD FELLOW

LOOK WHO IS HERE!

Past Chief Patriarch Alfred T. Angier was initiated into Orphans' Rest Lodge October, 1893, and immediately became an active worker. The Lodge soon recognized Bro. Angier's merit in an especial line and appointed him Chairman of the Entertainment Committee. At this time the Lodge regulars were of the old school, and entertainments, if they may be so termed, consisted of eating sandwiches and coffee and then quietly sneaking off home. About this time the Lodge took on a new lease of life and several young men were admitted. Bro. Angier soon discovered that these new members had talent of various kinds concealed about their persons and connived a way to overcome their timidity and draw it out to the best interests of the Lodge. The result was Orphans' Rest Minstrel Troupe, which earned a reputation the memory of which will be fresh in the minds of Odd Fellows in this country for years to come. The following members composed the original band:



Alfred T. Angier, Jos. P. Swope, Harry J. Gallagher, Geo. C. Bradley, Walter Anderson, Albert E. Buchannan, Hamp J. Leech, John Standring, Harry Gaul, Eugene Williams, H. H. Ledgard, Harry C. Bleeker, Geo. G. Ball, Walter Feather, Chas. Shaw, Wm. Drewes.

After producing a few successful entertainments in our Lodge Room, the Troupe visited nearly every Odd Fellow Lodge in Delaware County and gave them the performance free of cost.

Several entertainments were then given in public halls and admission fee charged. The proceeds helped to swell the funds of the Entertainment Committee, while the publicity helped to advertise Orphans' Rest Lodge.

Bro. Angier is a Charter member of Pilgrims' Home Encampment, No. 61; Canton Reliance, No. 38, P. M.; also Elsie Rebekah Lodge, No. 304.

SOME ELECTION CONTEST

The regular semi-annual election of officers was held Friday evening, March 28th. The officers elected were as follows: Noble Grand—Frank L. Pennell. Vice-Grand—Frank Woelfel. Third Member Relief Committee—D. L. Benn.

It has been a long time since so spirited a contest has been waged for third member. Six candidates were in the field, but the real scrap was between Benn and Hoag. It required three ballots before a candidate was elected, the final vote giving Benn 33, and Hoag 29.

This was Benn's third attempt and Hoag's second. As the saying is, "Three times and out," so Brother Benn, accept our congratulations, and Brother Hoag, stick to it and we will pull you through later.

PERSONALS

Did you see Frowert get the Second Degree last month? If you didn't, you missed something. Moral: Come out to Lodge, something doing every meeting.

We asked our friend Sig the other day how he was getting along with his job down where they make ships, and right away he starts to tell us all about his efficient office staff; there's Eleanor, Helen, Ella, Frances, Katie, Emily, etc. Just imagine Jack among a bunch of cutie beautifuls with such names! But somebody is always taking the joy out of life. This is the note Jack got today, properly signed and sealed by all the darlings in his office:

"Dear Boss:

"Stop your kidding—it ain't no use—We know you're married, Mr. Sigenfuse!"

And what's more, the lady whom Jack promised to love, honor and obey years ago, found the above note in his pocket. The armistice was not signed until late tonight.

First Boy—Who is that man?

Second Boy—That's Walter Welch.

First Boy—What's the matter with him?

Second Boy—Not a thing. Mr. Welch deserves a whole lot of credit. He is what you would call a self-made man.

First Boy—Self-made man, you say? Well, why didn't he put more hair on his head?

John Yates is taking a course in dressing up Rebekahs these days. Outside of putting robes on backwards, John is doing very nicely. It is said he gained his knowledge as custodian of the girls' wardrobe at Verden's Mills.

The other evening we overheard a conversation between some members of the Rebekah Lodge:

First Lady—I wonder if Horace Patchell and Tom Wolfenden will soon be married.

Second Lady—I don't know anything about it, but they say Tom is losing his hair just from worrying.

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