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~ Coming Events ~

- April 10-12..Northwest Odd Fellows. Idaho
- April 5.....Easter
- April 11.....Holgate Board Meeting..Friendship Center
- April 17.....Spring Fling..Jesse T. Jones Campground
- May 11-15...Grand Lodge / Rebekah Assembly Sessions

“Kind hearts are the gardens, Kind thoughts are the roots, Kind words are the flowers, Kind deeds are the fruits. Take care of your garden and keep out the weeds, fill it with sunshine Kind words and Kind deeds”

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Corvallis Odd Fellow Hall - Our Community Asset



Women's Health Forum uses Odd Fellow Hall

Barnum Lodge No.7 not only rents our halls for weddings, dances, meetings, etc, but we have increasingly gifted use of our halls to non-profit and philanthropic groups for events and fundraisers. This has brought many community members to our Lodge, as well as benefitted our community financially. As an example, local high school students used our hall for a dance to raise funds for a classmate who lost portions of both his legs and the tips of eight fingers to meningococcal disease. These eager and organized students raised over \$1,200 towards prosthetics for their friend. Graduate

students of OSU recently organized an event which raised \$8,787 in ONE NIGHT!! All that money went to our local food bank. In these instances, not only was money raised for good causes, but the students had the opportunity to learn to plan, advertise, execute, clean up and “make the world a better place.” The word is out that we are open to our community, and groups are booking far in advance. The Lodge recently agreed to waive rental fees for the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) for a fundraising bake-off this Fall, and we host the Corvallis Environmental Center’s Eco Film Fest each Friday every February (with attendance between 100-200 each night). Most months there is at least one community event for which we have waived all rental fees and Lodge members have donated their time for staffing. We truly believe our building is an invaluable asset to our community and are happy to see it alive with activity and philanthropy. As Sir Paul sings in *Uncle Albert/Admiral Halsey*, “Open the doors and let ‘em in.”

Let not kindness and truth forsake thee:
 Bind them about thy neck; write them upon
 the tablet of thy heart. ~ Proverbs 3:3

Grand Master *Ron Kunze*

Brothers and Sisters,

As we near the Month of April and as the many elected officers will move from station to station I would like to wish them a very fine term. To those who have been there before I would ask that you be ready to assist these members as they perform their duties. Their outcome depends on your support. You were once given that same support and I am sure you will pass it along. As I have visited most of our Lodges to date in Oregon I can say we are in good hands.



I would like to take a moment and say thank you to Past Grand Master Robert Lynn, his wife Joyce Lynn, Estella Virgin and Melinda Walter for the wonderful job they have done for us as editors of the OPOF. We are grateful to them and I appreciate all the hard work they do and have done.

Please keep the sick and distressed in your thoughts and prayers. Say a prayer to the men and women of the Armed Forces of the United States of America and all other Nations that stand behind our God given right to Liberty. Say a prayer to the less fortunate because someday they may be assisting any of us in our time of need.

As Grand Lodge approaches I should remind all to make sure you understand if you are not there to vote then you have no representation.

I have continued my Lodge visitations first to the Stayton Lodge. We had a wonderful roast beef dinner with desserts afterward. This is a very vibrant group of Odd Fellows and I was touched by all of them. We had lots of discussion and afterwards they presented me a gift package of goodies. Thank you very much Stayton Lodge. My next official visitation was to Tillamook Lodge. This Lodge does several community activities. They do Smokey the Bear and a pumpkin hunt for kids and plant a corn maze for kids also. When they meet they always have activities such as a brand new air hockey table, a foosball table and also a pool table. What strikes me the most about this lodge is the difference of the ages. They do have some older members and of course some younger members and really all seem to love the fellowship with each other. They also do a food distribution for the kids in their local schools who don't get enough food, especially when they are home on the weekends, so Thursday when I showed up they actually

were putting together baskets. There were quite a few kids they were putting baskets together for which really shocked me that this still goes on in today's world. Another Lodge activity is planting flowers for the city in locations all can see and they all do this together. I would like to thank them for the basket they gave me with all sorts of goodies. During my visitation they had a big screen TV and ran a slideshow of all the lodge activities over the past years. I truly was amazed at these awesome Odd Fellows. Thank you Tillamook for the hospitality and the great dinner we shared.

I would like to take a moment and Thank Grand Marshal Lloyd Fries for taking up the task of delivering rituals to our Eta Theta Rho girls in Cottage Grove. Lloyd and Patty were down there not long ago and they noticed a lack of ritual books the girls needed to open and close their club. Lloyd took it upon himself to make sure they got them and we should all be thankful to him for taking his time and doing such. Patty and Lloyd have helped me out in many ways during my term and I greatly appreciate them.

The Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President's fundraiser turned out quite well as we had many who traveled far for this event. Past Assembly President Mary Houle' and I were tossed into jail during this event and guess who got bailed out first? It wasn't me. I do thank those who came forward and bailed me out, that way I could and did make it to the wonderful pies that I kept staring at while in custody. Jerry Brodus was chosen as the best dressed cowboy for this event. For entertainment we had Heidi Petrouski who has a beautiful singing voice and this talented lady sang 4 songs all of which were liked by all. The BBQ turned out very good as we had all you can eat Baby Back Ribs, chicken legs, thighs and breasts with lots of great side dishes. No one left hungry. I want to take this moment and thank all of you who came and helped support this event. Without you this event would not be. I want to thank those who helped set up and assisted in the clean up afterward. I am truly blessed and am Honored to be your Grand Master. The many who have supported me throughout my term are of the finest people around.

Grand Marshal Lloyd and I then had the honor of installing the officers of Peninsula Lodge. All of the chairs were filled. This Lodge has many activities on a daily basis and I am proud of the leadership they pass on to their newly elected officers. *Continued page 3...*

Continued from page two: Remember Isaac Newton once said “ For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction”. If we view Odd Fellowship today and some of the struggles that are before us let’s remind ourselves that if we are not that driving force there cannot and will not be an equal reaction, let alone an opposite reaction. All members from the newest Odd Fellow to the oldest Odd Fellow must take a good look at your Lodge and if your Lodge is having fun and involved in your community than you are growing. If you are not then you should ask yourself why. From small town Lodges to the inner city Lodges I have seen this happen. If we can make the changes necessary to attract the community than we can grow. Peninsula Lodge’s Noble Grand David Scheer has agreed to address the Grand Lodge and his testimony is very enlightening to say the least on this subject. I remember Peninsula Lodge 8 years ago and have seen firsthand how they have changed and made that difference. I will now leave you with this thought, “The secret is involvement and learning to make changes that reflect on who we are”. We are Odd Fellows and we must lose the words “that’s the way we have always done it” and do what is right for now and remember we must always act like an Odd Fellow when we are doing such.

In Friendship, Love and Truth

Ronald Kunze
Grand Master



Kindness is in our power,
even when fondness is not. ~Samuel Johnson

Rainbow Rebekah Lodge No. 212

Vineyard Area Chairman, Tiersa Helwig recognized the 50 years of donut making with a special crafted plaque. Every Saturday the Rainbow Rebekahs are in the kitchen, where many dozens of donuts are made. Often times beginning earlier than 4 am this lodge fund raiser serves donuts until after 10am. Fifty years of lodge dedication is very honorable. A plaque was presented to the lodge at their meeting March 12.

Assembly President *Shirley Mathews*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Well...anyone that missed GM Ron and my Woop-De-Doo BBQ missed a lot of fun and good food. A big THANK YOU to everyone who came to the BBQ, you made it a success. A special thanks to Sister Joan Compton, Patty and Lloyd Fries, Bette and Gary Hahn, Lisa Corda, Gary Clark and my hubby Dan. Also thanks to the twins (Joyce and Janice) for singing. Heidi Petrowsky sang a few songs and we all loved her singing. And thanks to all my brothers and sisters who came and donated money to get Ron and Mary Houle’ out of jail. You all made this a very special day. Pearlie Stewart presented me with 2 beautiful aprons that she made, I love them. Thanks Pearlie.



We attended President Sharon Burt’s Testimonial in Texas, we enjoyed everything. I think we are going to have a lot of fun at IARA Sessions in August. We went to the Stockyards and saw the Texas longhorns, they claim it was a stampede but the stampede occurs at noon and 3pm every day and the critters ignore the cowboys because the critters know where they are going. Fun! Fun! Fun! I saw lots of good looking cowboys too.

Today, just take time to smell the roses, enjoy those little things about your life, your family, spouse, friends or job. Forget about the thorns - the pains and problems they cause you - and enjoy life! Have a great month!

In Friendship, Love and Truth
Shirley

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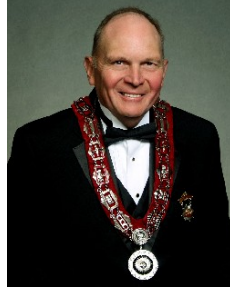


Visitations are complete.

“Guard well within yourself that treasure,
kindness. Know how to give without hesitation,
How to lose without regret,
How to acquire without meanness.” ~George Sand

Grand Patriarch *Allan Jackson*

I would like to thank the Encampments that I have visited. The friendship and meals have been outstanding. Two of the Encampments had reports of interviewing committees and balloting on the applications for membership. Thank you for “just asking”, this is how we keep our Encampment growing. Keep up the good work.



I want to thank the Encampments where I had the honor of installing their officers. As Grand Patriarch I thank you for the privilege.

There is still “time to ask” someone to join our Order, so that all of the Units can grow and increase membership. Thank you all for doing so.



In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Allan Jackson, Grand Patriarch

Leadership cannot just go along to get along.
Leadership must meet the moral challenge
of the day. ~ Jesse Jackson

McKenzie River Encampment Potluck

McKenzie River Encampment
is holding its 1st Annual Potluck Taco Feed.
342 Main Street, Springfield, OR
April 11th @ 12:00 noon



Springfield will supply the taco shells, the burrito shells and the taco meat.

If you plan on attending please call Teresa Gates @ 541-915-8422 and tell her what you would like to bring, also how many people are coming with you.

We are trying to put the “fun” back in the fun part of Odd Fellows.

If you judge people, you have no time to love them.
~ Mother Teresa

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary *Mary Houle*



It's April and time to get ready for Sessions. I look forward to seeing all of you in Canyonville May 13 -15. We are going to have a great time visiting with Brothers and Sisters as well as getting a bunch of work done. Send in those registrations and pack your bags; good times will be had by all who attend.

The following positions will be elected this year at Sessions:

Jessie T. Jones Park Board -- a 3 year position, Ginny Tall is eligible for re-election

Friendship Board – a three year position, Babe Bogart is eligible for re-election

Trustee – a 3 year position, Donna Blades is eligible for re-election

Secretary—a 1 year or a three year position, Mary Houle is eligible for re-election

Treasurer—a one year position-Kathy Creason is not eligible for re-election

If anyone is interested in running for any of these positions please feel free to contact the Assembly office for information about the obligations and responsibilities of the office you are interested in.

Thank you to all of the lodges who have sent in the SGL membership rosters. I appreciate your work in keeping the membership of our lodges up to date and correct. Also a big thank you to all of the lodges who have sent in the Delegate and Alternate slips as well as the District Deputy President recommendations. It is so helpful to have this information available for planning sessions.

District Deputies please remember to send in your State of the Order Reports. We need the State of the Order reports as soon as possible so that the State of the Order Committee can get their report completed. Oh yeah, don't forget your installation reports, we need those too.

April is Living Legacy Month so get out in the sunshine and plant a tree or shrub for those who follow after us. While you are out there planting remember to have fun just playing in the dirt. I promise it really is fun.

Fraternally, Mary Houle', Rebekah Assembly Secretary

Shamrock No. 113 News



President Shirley Mathews of the Rebekah Assembly made her official visit to Shamrock on October 20th with several dignitaries, officers and visitors. Noble Grand Frances Seal presented President Shirley with a gift of a toy beaver with something extra hidden in her tail.

President Shirley presented a seal and certificate to Janice Straub and Joyce Steiner for giving the unwritten work. President Shirley spoke a little about herself and her goals. She then gave gifts to Treasurer Inez Kennedy, Noble Grand Frances Seal and Secretary Janice Straub.

Kathleen Swigart was honored with her Veteran's Jewel for 69 years as a Rebekah. Kathleen continues to be a special Rebekah by helping others, writing letters, making phone calls, offering rides to doctor appointments, etc.

Rather than having a gift exchange in December, Inez Kennedy suggested we take up a collection to support our community. The Milwaukie Safety Service for the K9 Unit was selected.

First nomination of officers was held with Noble Grand Joyce Steiner, Vice Grand Robert Worthington, Treasurer Inez Kennedy, Secretary Janice Straub and 3 year trustee Janie Long.

On January 5th Assembly President Shirley and her staff of state officers completed the consolidation in joining Marietta No. 72 to Shamrock No. 113. We are happy to have the sisters and brothers join with us as they bring new thoughts, views and ideas to share.

Valentines were passed out to members to write a short note, returned and passed out again with instructions to either keep them or send them to a lodge member not able to attend, shut ins or members **Cont. right**

Rocky Point Resort

Hi Oddfellows and Rebekahs,

Rocky Point Resort is seeking donations for new tandem kayaks for the 2015 season. Kayaks are in high demand and the resort currently owns none.

We are seeking lodges to donate the funds for a kayak or paddles. Each lodge that donates the full amount towards the purchase of a new tandem kayak will receive their lodge name on the side of the kayak. For more information please contact us here at the resort.

Don't forget Odd Fellows and Rebekahs receive 30% off all RV sites and Motel rentals for the months of April and May and 15% off ALL lodging ALL year!

Fishing is really getting good and birds are showing up in the thousands. The beautiful dancing Grebes will be arriving and displaying their mating dance very soon! If you haven't gotten the chance to see it don't miss out on one of the rarest and most beautiful displays the world has to offer.



Marc and Lauren Price

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday May 16, 2015

**Reception for Grand Master Sheryl Rohde
Stanton Park, Canyonville**

**Stay over and join the Southern Oregon Lodges
in recognition of Sister Sheryl**

Convention rates extend through Friday night

Details next issue

Shamrock Continued: who are no longer in the area.

Several members attended the Cosmos Area Meeting in Estacada and President Shirley's visitations to other lodges.

This year's Assembly delegates are Inez Kennedy and Janice Straub with Joyce Steiner as alternate.

Kathleen Swigart received "Honors of the Month" for her 69 years as a Rebekah. Pictured with her is Noble Grand Frances Seal. **Top right on page 4**

Three Rivers Honors Lorraine Potter



At a recent meeting of Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge No. 240, Lorraine Potter Secretary, was escorted to the altar by Helen Bartow and was honored for her service with a gift and a poem written and read by Jean Harris.

THE CHRISTMAS ELF

Christmas is over and Santa's gone home
 To take a needed rest and sit back and relax
 Leaving us to wonder where the monies coming from
 To pay those bills and get money for our income tax...
 Those helpful little elves are taking time to play
 Maybe with Rudolph and doing foolish things they enjoy
 Leaving the thoughts of work till some other day.
 When gifts will be needed for every girl and boy
 We Rebekahs all know we have our own special elf
 Who is busy all year long, no duties does she shirk,
 She does all those extras, never thinks of herself.
 Without thanks or praise, she continues to work
 Attends every meeting and receives all the mail
 Keeps minutes, writes letters, willingly does it all
 Records all lodge business never missing one detail
 She reframes the pictures, arranges them on the wall
 Cleans out the cupboards, keeps everything so neat
 Decorates the ante room, puts cloths on the table
 So everything is cheerful when we sit down to eat.
 Keeps the decorations current, gives all files a label
 Covers the cushions on every bench and every chair
 When we enter the lodge hall, it is not hard to tell
 That our little, busy elf has already been there.
 So maybe it's time for us to all stand up and yell
 To let our little elf know we appreciate and care.
 Next year when Santa comes, by car, sleigh or plane
 He and his elves are welcome, they need have no fear
 But when they leave do not take our special elf Lorraine
 Because we plan to keep her for many a year.



Spring Fling

Spring Fling at Jesse T. Jones Campground in Florence is just around the corner. We have been busy touching up the park, painting, and getting ready for you to visit. Remember that during Spring Fling weekend the first board meeting of the year is at 10:00 am on Saturday morning. Also, ladies and gentlemen you can get away with not cooking or cleaning up breakfast!! Chemeketa Lodge will be hosting a fundraiser breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings. There will be more activities but as yet it is too early for the schedule.

Coming up fast is Memorial Day weekend. Please if you already know you cannot come this year, call and let us know so we can get the spaces assigned to those who are patiently waiting to hear from us. Heceta Lodge will also be hosting an ALL Degree Day the 3rd Saturday in July, so you can get your friends applications back to your lodge and voted on before you go dark for the summer.

The weather has been beautiful and warm and it seems as though winter has passed by. I am hoping that we do not get all of it in the next month as it has been fun having people just drop in for the weekend or even just for a day ride. I am asking if there are any members out there interested in being a camp host for the late spring and summer. Contact Mary and we will talk and see if it is a good fit for you and the campground. There is no place better to be than here at the coast in the summer. See you all soon.

Mary and Park Staff

"Would you like some warm spring pie?
 Then, take a cup of clear blue sky.

Stir in buzzes from a bee,



add the laughter of a tree.

A dash of sunlight should suffice
 to give the dew a hint of spice.

Mix with berries, plump and sweet,
 top with fluffy clouds, and eat!"



~ Paul F. Kortepeter



Marilyn Walter

May 11, 1932-March 16, 2015

Rebekah Assembly President 1995-1996



Marilyn Walter was born on May 11th, 1932 in Gresham, Oregon. She lived in Estacada her entire life except for the years she was away at college. She attended Estacada Christian Church from birth until 2008 then became a member of Estacada First Baptist Church until her death. While in High School she was very active in the school's music program, both instrumental and voice. She love performing in the schools musical productions. She earned letters in both music and athletics. She was on the schools Hycada Staff (yearbook) every year and Editor her senior year. She graduated in 1950. Marilyn received enough scholarships to pay for the nursing program at the University of Oregon and OHSU. She graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor's of Science and as a Registered Nurse. She worked for the local doctor until her kids were out of grade school then went to work for Kaiser Permanente. She worked in Emergency, Surgery and then Labor and Delivery where she helped deliver Oregon's first quintuplets. She became the Coordinator of the labor and delivery dept. then moved to the Sunnyside Hospital and helped open the labor and delivery dept. at that facility. In her 50's while working full-time for Kaiser she went back to school to obtain her Master's Degree in Business.

She married Robert Walter in 1955. They had three children Dean, Corbett, Melinda, and four grand daughters. She was a very busy mom, President of the local PTA several times, very involved in her church and lodge. She arranged flowers for church nearly every Sunday for over thirty years, did flowers for many weddings and funerals. She sang in the choir and also sang for many weddings, funerals and lodge events. She held a position on the Columbia Pacific Counsel of the Boy Scouts of America.

She joined Theta Rho at age 12, belonged to Centennial Rebekah Lodge No. 147, Estacada Lodge No. 175, Past President of LAPM, was an associate member of Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113 and also belonged to Eastern Star. When she retired from Kaiser she was able to fulfill her dream of becoming the Rebekah Assembly President in 1995-1996. Marilyn was a past Chairman of the Board for the Odd Fellows Holgate Retirement Center.

She had always wanted to travel but didn't have the chance until retirement, she made up for lost time and spent many years traveling to various Rebekah and Odd Fellow events around the US and Canada. Two of her favorite destinations to go to with her family were the Columbia River Gorge, where her family was from and the Oregon Coast. She also traveled to England and Scotland, another life long dream.



Her health was failing and on March 16th she died at home with her children by her side.

In Memoriam

Marilyn Walter	Centennial Rebekah Lodge No. 147	Estacada
Janice Bryant	Carnation Rebekah Lodge No. 157	Wallowa
Moes Mendzev	Stayton Odd Fellow Lodge No. 64	Stayton
James Clark	Coquille Odd Fellow Lodge No. 53	Coquille
Arlene Journagan	Shamrock Rebekah Lodge NO. 113	Milwaukie
Helen Abbey Rapp	Umpqua Rebekah Lodge No. 173	Elkton
Lois York	Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175	Milton-Freewater
Bethene Denton	Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175	Milton-Freewater





Cosmos Area Meeting

The Cosmos Area meeting was held on February 7th and hosted by Centennial Rebekah Lodge No. 147 in Estacada.

Lodge was opened by Noble Grand Frances Seal. After introduction of officers, Centennial surrendered their chairs to Area officers.

Margaret Smida, Chairman gave the address of welcome and after, the response was given. The Area roll call of lodges was taken with 9 lodges represented.

A cute skit presented by Rose City No. 170 was very entertaining and brought lots of laughter.

The Educational Seminar was explained, followed by a question and answer time.

Election of new officers for 2016 was held. Those elected were Chairman Helen Swails of Sandy, Vice Chairman Merrilea Manning of Rose City, Secretary Janie Long and Treasurer Inez Kennedy (Secretary and Treasurer both being 2 year positions).

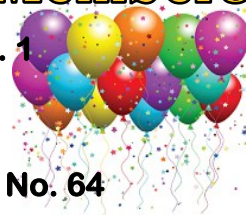
Recognition of Past Chairman was held by Sandy No. 139, where 12 Past Chairman were honored. A memorial for our deceased members by Shamrock No.113 with each lodge naming their deceased members, followed by a reading and song " In the Garden" by sisters Joyce Steiner and Janice Straub.

After lunch break under committee reports, Inez Kennedy announced a meeting to be held March 18th at 11:00 at the Holgate Center to work on guidelines for the new Area by-laws.

Centennial No.147 presented a tribute to Assembly President Shirley Mathews. In President Shirley's address, she sent greetings from the Assembly and her own. Gifts were given to the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer in thanks for their contributions to the lodge. The Stuffed toy animals that she receives from different lodges are donated to Dornbecker Children's Hospital and given to children after they finish needed dental work. Under Good of the Order the President Shirley thanked Inez Kennedy for the program she prepared and especially for the beautiful poems within

Welcome New Members

Salem Rebekah Lodge No. 1
Kimberly McCollam



Stayton Odd Fellow Lodge No. 64
David Magel

Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge No. 70
John Turner
Amanda Fox

Brad Smith
Michelle West

Spencer Butte Odd Fellow Lodge No. 9
Rick Wheeler

It is coming up on the time of year for the transition of officers.

I am sending a great big thank you to Cassatina Barnes for asking me to continue on as the Ambassador of Friendship for GLEA.

Also, I am reaching out to remind all that this is a volunteer position. So, all who would be interested in helping to donate cards or a book of stamps, please leave them at the Grand Lodge Office or mail them to:

Kathy Lake
3214 SE Holgate Blvd, Apt 107
Portland, OR 97202

Thank you for your support in helping me make this position the positive it has become.

Kathy Lake

"We rise by lifting others." ~ Robert Ingersoll

Continued from left, Cosmos Area Meeting: the pages. A collection was taken and donated to Rebekah Assembly President Shirley for her projects after which the new Cosmos officers were installed for 2016. The 2015 officers surrendered their chairs to Centennial No. 147 for closing of the meeting.

Gift were drawn throughout the meeting and were enjoyed by all.



Joyce Steiner

The Educational Foundation

THE DEADLINE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, IOOF IS MAY 15, WHICH IS JUST UNDER 60 DAYS FROM NOW.

Our most popular \$3,000.00 Ingstrom Scholarship is awarded to applicants in 15 regions of the US and Canada. Many years we have no applicant from some regions, and almost every year there are regions with only one or two applications. These scholarships are available to applicants who are, or have a relative who is a member of an Odd Fellow or Rebekah Lodge. A relative of an applicant is defined as the applicant's living spouse, parent, grandparent, great-grandparent, aunt, uncle, brother, sister or parent of a spouse of the applicant; and also shall include the applicant's deceased spouse, parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. We also have Vo-Tech, Non-Traditional and Agricultural Scholarships available.

PLEASE, make your Lodges aware of this wonderful opportunity for members to provide for the education of themselves, their spouse, children, grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces and nephews.

IT IS EASY! go on your computer to ioof.org. Then click the Educational Foundation tab on the left side midway down on the page. The Educational Foundation page has all of the information necessary to apply for loans, and more importantly, it contains all of the applications for and requirements for students to apply for our many scholarships and continuing education grants.

Fraternally,

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You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Tamara Turpin "Volunteer of the Year"



Tamara "Tammy" Turpin, Noble Grand Elect of the Sheridan Odd Fellow Lodge No. 87 was recently honored during the Sheridan Chamber Gala Event on the 31st of January. Chosen by her community - as well as the Chamber- Tammy is the Senior Advisor for the Sheridan Youth No. 2. Mother of three, Tammy

can be found at the Post Office as well as lending a helping hand when times are difficult for families. She organizes fund raisers for children who have sustained life threatening illnesses. Recently she involved her youth group with the "Tree of Giving" for Christmas 2014 that brought gifts to the many families of Sheridan. A woman who loves horses, Tammy is on the Advisory Board of the Oregon High School Equestrian Team (OHSET). She sets the example for her daughters, as well, to give back to their community. She can often be found on her days off at the beach giving therapeutic horse rides to children and adults that are emotionally distressed and find an amazing joy filled day!

Pacific North West Department Council

Idaho Battalion PM

Odd Fellows Hall

215 N Main, Payette, ID 83661

Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm



Regular Meeting

Sword Spell Down

Sword Proficiency Exam



Membership How Do We Choose Activities?

Choosing activities for a Lodge can be a challenge. We have mentioned in previous articles the importance of listening to all lodge members' ideas. We have also mentioned the need to do some planning and decide on a direction the Lodge would like to take. If the Lodge has some plans for activities, one thing to remember is to give enough time for planning and completing the previously planned project. Occasionally the Lodge decides to try a different project than the one planned. The use of committees is sometimes a way to get more people involved in the selection of projects and activities. The more input and ideas, the more information and discussion, the easier it is to choose what activity is the right fit. All of these scenarios are fine as long as it is a LODGE decision. Too often one or two members make decisions for the Lodge without consulting the Lodge as a whole. That is not good.

Always choosing the ideas of only one person is also not good. Encourage each member to give input to projects. Sometimes we think someone can't do this or that, but have you actually taken the time to find out where your members interests are? Many times there are hidden talents just waiting to emerge, but, they have not been asked to help. Ideally, in a perfect world, each member should have a part in each project, and have the opportunity to chair a project. However, we all know that seldom happens and that more often than not the same few people do the majority of the work. Just because that is what happens a lot doesn't mean it is right.

It is up to the Noble Grand to keep control of the meeting and to try to draw out those members that don't participate or contribute as much. It is up to those who have a tendency to take over to back off and encourage participation from as many members as possible. It is up to those who have a tendency to sit back and let others do the work to step up and volunteer to help. It is up to each one of us to work together to make our Lodges have successful events. Sharing responsibilities, listening to everyone's ideas, and working together will make the activity selection process easier. Lodges that work together, vary their activities, and involve the majority of their members, will be a more active and healthy Lodge.

Sheryl Rohde, Membership Chairman

Peninsula Lodge to Host The Portland Odd Ball



April 25th 2015, from 7:00 P:M. to midnight Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge will be hosting "The Odd Ball" Party and Dance contest. The winner of the contest to be named "Portland's Most Popular Dance

Act. The Odd Ball is a benefit for the Peninsula Community Education Fund, which provides scholarships and awards to needy and deserving youths and adults in Portland to further their education. The event is being promoted by 97.1 Charlie FM, and features food catered by the Central Hotel and craft beers from New Belgium brewing. Odd Fellows are coming from as far away as Victoria BC for the event, including a large contingent from Washington's Odd Fellows Motor Cycle Club. Admission is free, but bring your dollars. Each competitor will have a tip jar on the stage while they are dancing. All the tips go to the Peninsula Community Education Fund. The dance act that raises the most tips for Charity will win the contest. There will also be opportunities for audience members to win prizes throughout the evening. Visiting Odd Fellows who stay overnight in Portland will be treated the next morning to a farewell pancake breakfast hosted by Peninsula Lodge. Come join us for this fun and exciting event.

David Scheer

Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge No. 171 and

Rose City Rebekah Lodge No. 170

are hosting

Christmas in July

July 25-26

Bazaar Vendors Wanted

Samaritan Lodge Hall in Milwaukie

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Many Memories Made at the Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President's Woop-T-Doo BBQ



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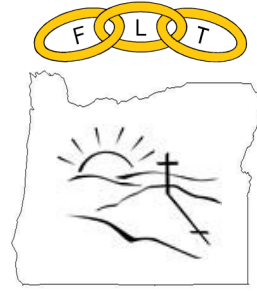
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