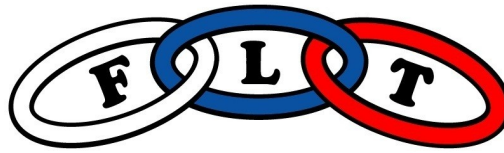


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**~ Coming Events are Postponed Until Further Notice ~**



The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was:

"If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?"

But... the good Samaritan reversed the question:

"If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?" -Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 133 Grand Lodge / Rebekah Assembly Sessions**

**Have Been Postponed.**

**The New Date is September 2-4, 2020**

**Grand Encampment September 1st**

Help one another; there's no time like the present  
and no present like the time. ~ James Durst



*Pictured above: Bandon Vice Grand  
Amy Wilhite,  
Ocean Crest Secretary Sheryl Phillips*

This year Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 133 decided they wanted to do something for the students of the Bandon School District No. 54. The principals of the three Bandon schools were contacted and each gave their thoughts on what they thought were their students' biggest needs. In January 2020 the Bandon Odd Fellows made the following donations:

\$500 to Bandon High School to be used for students-in-need (school supplies, clothing, personal items, and other necessities) at the principal's discretion.

\$750 to Harbor Lights Middle School for 'Teachers Wish List' of necessary school supplies. Teachers and staff have limited budgets and resources and the money

will provide additional opportunities and funding that may not otherwise have been possible.

\$200 to Ocean Crest Elementary School for their 'Borrow Closet Fund' which is sponsored by the Tiger Club for clothing items needed in emergency situations.

Administrators and teachers of all three schools were very pleased to have these items available for students when needed and were very appreciative of the donations from the Odd Fellows.

In FL&T,  
Connie Thrush

# Grand Master *Gordon Corda*

# Assembly President *Merrilea Manning*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

It was a difficult decision to suspend lodge meetings but it was done in consultation with the Executive Committee to protect our members. I appreciate your understanding at this time.



I am pleased to report that the Grand Master & Rebekah Presidents fundraiser went as well as could be expected with not only the health concern but SNOW... I need to thank Heidi Davis for her planning and organizational skills and also a huge thank you to Denice Meeuwsen and Shirley Mathews for the wonderful and delicious food. Another thank you goes out to Dale Bolen for leading the clean up crew.

My March visitations were fun and educational...Enterprise Lodge is gaining members and is busy restoring their building and using it to help their community. Lisa and I thank Grand Warden Steve Craig for hosting us at his beautiful place on our trip to Eastern Oregon Lodges.

Please stay healthy and safe.  
In F,L&T,  
Grand Master, Gordon Corda



I wish to thank all the Lodges that allowed me to visit them during the first part of March when the coronavirus first started appearing in Oregon. The hospitality extended to me was awesome. I want to commend Chairmen Darrelene Schlim on the great job of planning and conducting the Evergreen Area meeting last month. I believe it was the first area meeting where I saw every Officer and Supporter chair filled. Thank you to all the Sisters and Brothers who attended to make this happen. I am a strong supporter of continuing the Area meetings. This one had a very informative presentation on the Holgate Center which is my project. Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47 also performed an impressive floor drill with Teddy Bears to my patriotic song "God Bless America". It was very heartwarming and brought back memories of my youth.

Thank you to Rose City No. 170 Rebekah Lodge and to Samaritan No. 2, Woodlawn No. 171 and Mt. Scott/Star No. 188 Odd Fellows Lodges for supporting the Grand Master & President's Roaring 20s Speakeasy Brunch by purchasing all 9 tickets sent to them. Thank you Odd Fellow Lodges Chemeketa No. 1 and Mt. Jefferson No. 196 for their generous donations. Everyone who was brave enough to venture out during fear of the coronavirus and the snow had a great time. There was jazz music, singing, a Charleston dance lesson, raffle gift baskets and even an attempted raid by one extremely suspicious Irish cop. A huge Thank You to Odd Fellow sister Heidi Davis and her entire troupe. The members of Torchsong Entertainment were awesome and played a big role in the success of this event. Several attendees asked if and when were we going to do another event like this, so... who knows what the future will bring?

It was with much sadness that I had to cancel the rest of my March and April lodge visits. But I encourage everyone to follow the CDCs advice and take precautions to stay healthy. Please remember all your Lodge sisters and brothers with telephone calls during this time of limited contact and self imposed quarantines. It can be an extremely fearful and depressing time for some people. *Continued on Page three ...*

Live simply that others might simply live.

-Elizabeth Ann Seton

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# Welcome New Members

## Heceta Odd Fellow Lodge No. 111

Dale Dykeman

Virgil Blakey

Jack Osborne

## Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Moira Struthers

## Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge No. 2

Eli Baseler

Cody Huntley

Dave Newton



# Grand Patriarch *Michael Guerreiro*

Welcome to Spring, at least it looks like spring with all the trees and bulbs in bloom even if the calendar says it hasn't arrived, the beautiful flowers say it is definitely Spring. I am amazed at how quickly the seasons have passed during my term as your Grand Patriarch and how much I have enjoyed getting to know so many Brothers and Sisters.



I had the privilege of giving the Obligation to the new officers of the Willamette Encampment last month, it was an honor to be asked to preside over the installation. Congratulations to their new officers, I know they will do a great job this year.

It seems to me that all Encampments are on board for the "Sock Hop" this year collecting new socks to be donated to the homeless. This is the first year all Encampments are working on the state-wide sock drive and I thank you all for working on this worthwhile project!

I hope you are all staying socially distant as we deal with the current health crisis that has attacked the world. Hopefully, we will all come through this in good health and can get back to holding our meetings and doing the work of our Order.

Due to the current situation Grand sessions have been re-scheduled for September 1-4.

Before the business of the Grand Encampment begins on Tuesday afternoon, we will gather at Chemeketa Lodge No. 1 in Salem with all members who wish to attend for a luncheon where the officers and past officers of the Encampment and LEA will be recognized. Remember, the Grand Encampment session is on Tuesday afternoon this year with installation of officers in the afternoon immediately after our business is completed at Chemeketa Lodge No.1. Tuesday is a full day with the Grand Opening on Tuesday evening after all the activities planned for earlier in the day. See you all in Salem in September!

In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
Mike Guerreiro, Grand Patriarch

# Pilgrimage to the Tomb...Cancelled

The CDC has recommended that all mass gatherings scheduled for the next eight weeks be cancelled. The Pilgrimage to the Tomb falls within that time frame. In addition, John Hopkins University has notified Mark that the visit there is cancelled.

Arlington Cemetery is closed until further notice. Since we have to make the arrangements with Arlington Cemetery a year in advance to hold the Pilgrimage, it is not possible to change the date for the 2020 Pilgrimage to the Tomb.

Therefore, I contacted the hotel to get a release from our contract for this year. The hotel has agreed to do so. **Anyone with a hotel reservation needs to contact the hotel directly to cancel their reservation.**

There will not be a Pilgrimage to the Tomb this year. All meetings scheduled for the hotel need to be rescheduled and relocated to a different date and place.

Refunds will be issued in the near future for all meals, bus and wreath reservations already received and the checks deposited. Any reservations received after today will be returned.

Anyone with questions may contact me at [clr1220@yahoo.com](mailto:clr1220@yahoo.com) or by calling 301-350-4495.

*Continued from page two, President Merrilea:* If anyone needs to hear a friendly or encouraging voice, please feel free to call me. Also be sure to read next month's Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow for updates on the state of the Order.

In Friendship, Love & Truth!  
Merrilea Manning, President



# Grand Secretary's Corner

## Ron Kunze

The following message was sent to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in the jurisdiction of Oregon on March 20, 2020,



With your health and the safety of your family's health being our number one concern and with the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warnings to all citizens about the Covid-19 Virus it is my sad duty to inform all of you that on March 19, 2020 the Grand Lodge executive committee with the approval of Rebekah Assembly President Merrilea Manning voted to postpone our scheduled Grand Lodge sessions on May 15- May 17 and are announcing the new dates for Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly sessions to be held on September 2nd - 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 with Grand Encampment on September 1st and Grand Opening in the evening of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

If any member has made reservations with the Holiday Inn in Salem for the May dates, call the Hotel at 503-370-7888 and cancel. You can then make a new reservation for September 1 thru 4.

At this time all current Grand Lodge of Oregon officers including all Rebekah Assembly officers will remain in their perspective offices until elections can be held in September.

Also please note: the North West Odd Fellows Association meeting scheduled two weeks from now in Canada has been canceled. The border between Canada and the United States has been closed.

First and foremost, protect yourself and your families and try to stay positive during this pandemic.

Please note: Sovereign Grand Master E. Wesley Nelson and Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Barrett have also received this notice. Sovereign Grand Master Wesley Nelson sent us this message: First and foremost our membership needs to stay safe. If we are going to stamp this virus out then we need to pay attention to what our health officials are telling us to do. Thank you SGM for your words.

During this time of uncertainty I will continue to operate remotely in order to keep you all informed.

## Message to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in the jurisdiction of Oregon issued March 15, 2020

Due to the ongoing health situation and in the best interest of all our members & family it has been decided to follow the recommendations of the State of Oregon and Center of Disease Control to suspend all meetings, functions, and events held in your Lodge building until further notice. This order is effective March 15th, 2020 and will remain in effect until further notice.

The health and safety of all of our members is of utmost concern to us. I suggest that all persons over the age of 60 consider whether they should attend any events which could result in their exposure.

Since the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon includes all bodies, this order extends to those bodies, as well. Ultimately, it is the choice of each person to consider the risk of exposure and the consequences of being exposed for themselves.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee are seriously concerned about the current health risks. We have decided, at this time, to err on the side of caution to protect the health of our members and the surrounding community.

Furthermore, the Grand Lodge office will remain closed. You will be able to contact the Grand Secretary via phone at 503-319-5159 or email [Grandsecretary@oregonioof.org](mailto:Grandsecretary@oregonioof.org).

Please stay safe and healthy. We will send updates as information becomes available.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Gordon Corda, Grand Master I.O.O.F.

Merrilea Manning, President of Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

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**Continued from Grand Secretary** To all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs from the bottom of my heart I wish you all the best and pray for swift healing to all the affected.

Remember the bundle of sticks in the first degree. Together we are strong and will get through this. Please heed the advice of your leaders and stay home.

*In Friendship Love and Truth*

*Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary*

*Grand Lodge of Oregon I.O.O.F.*



**Message to all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges in the jurisdiction of Oregon issued March 17, 2020**

To clarify the Executive order issued on March 15, 2020 by Grand Master Gordon Corda and Assembly President Merrilea Manning sent to all Lodges in the jurisdiction of Oregon about no meetings of any kind in your Lodge Hall is concerned. Your Lodge is under Grand Lodge order to not hold any meetings, events, parties, degrees and or any other group gatherings. Also included in this order, you are not allowed at this time to rent your building, whether planned or not to anyone. This excludes Lodges that have storefront rental agreements previously signed and are already doing business in the portion of the Lodge hall you have leased or are renting to them. Please note: They must have liability insurance listing your Lodge as additional insured.

In the best interest of your Lodge building you can however allow designated Lodge members to enter the building to preform normal duties such as checking and retrieving the mail, cleaning the building, paying the bills and maintenance.

Grand Master Gordon Corda and Assembly President Merrilea Manning are suggesting that your Lodge have a telephone conference call meeting to authorize your Treasurer to pay all normal bills and take care of all other legal Lodge business including any maintenance or distribution of funds.

Also please note: the North West Odd Fellows Association meeting scheduled two weeks from now in Canada has been canceled. The border between Canada and the United States has been closed.

First and foremost, protect yourself and your families and try to stay positive during this pandemic.

Please note: The Sovereign Grand Lodge has also received this notice.

May the spirit of hope that Easter brings,  
Help you find contentment in little things,  
And restore your faith in the Lord above,  
Who gave His life for the ones He loves.



Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of a man's help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it. For, remember, you don't live in a world all your own. Your brothers are here too. ~ Albert Schweitzer

# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary *Mary Houle'*



Happy April to everyone,

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.

Grand lodge / Rebekah Assembly sessions have been postponed and re-scheduled for September. I look forward to seeing all of you. We are going to have a great time visiting with Brothers and Sisters as well as getting a bunch of work done.

The following positions will be elected this year at Sessions:

President, Vice President and Warden

Jessie T. Jones Park Board -- a 3 year position,

Friendship Board –a 3 year position

Trustee – a 3 year position

The Secretary and Treasurer is not up for election this year.

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. It is extremely important that you understand the responsibilities of any office you are considering.

I am sending 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. If you have not sent them in please get them in as I need that information.

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. Also don't forget your installation reports, we need those too.

Please take care of yourselves and stay healthy.

Fraternally,

Mary Houle', Secretary, Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



The meeting opened with Noble Grand Ede Brown of Shamrock Rebekah Lodge presiding.

Rebekah Assembly President Merrilea Manning and her officers were introduced. Grand Marshal Lisa Corda introduced Grand Master Gordon Corda, Robert Worthington PGM, Jody Morris, PGM, Shirley Mathews PP, Estella Virgin Treasurer Emeritus, Flo Leis RA Marshal and Joyce Steiner DDP. The Honors were given.

The officers of Shamrock No. 113 surrendered their chairs to the Cosmos Area officers for the 7th annual meeting at Samaritan Lodge hall on February 8th.

Chairman Janice Straub opened the meeting with an entertaining reading. After roll call her day committees were appointed.

Twelve Past Chairman's were recognized with a program reading and a gift of homemade potholders.

Lodge reports were given from Columbia No. 3, Shamrock No. 113 and Rose City No. 170. Kimberly Walter of Rose City spoke about the Multnomah County Fair and the art and foods committees. Flo Leis talked about Rose City's "Books for Bikes" program, working with a nearby school.

The blessing for lunch was giving by Ede Brown. Members enjoyed a lunch provided by Shamrock and prepared by Inez Kennedy.

The meeting was reconvened. Cyndi Smith spoke about the Pilgrimage for Youth programs future. Many questions followed her presentation.

The Memorial by Jody Morris was lovely. Jody explained the "ever-green" branch that each member placed on the stand. Joyce Steiner and Janice Straub sang the Old Rugged Cross.

The 20-21 election of Officers was held. Chairman Gordon Corda from Rose City, Vice Chairman Joan Scheer from Shamrock and Secretary Janie Long from Shamrock.

Assembly President Merrilea Manning gave her address to the members regarding her program and project, the Holgate Center. She requested teddy bears and other stuffed soft animals to be given to kids that need them. Merrilea talked about her sons "blue bear"

and how it helped him and became her mascot.

During Good of the Order Joan Scheer told about the Odd Fellow Museum at Peninsula Lodge No. 128 and that it belongs to all members.

The Door prize, a handmade throw was won by PP Patti Winklebeck. Many other gifts were handed out during the meeting. It was a beautiful day for a great meeting.

The Cosmos officers surrendered their chairs to the Shamrock lodge to close the meeting.

In FL&T,  
Joyce Steiner

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## Vinyard Area Meeting

The Vineyard Area Meeting was hosted by Rainbow Rebekah Lodge No. 212 in Sherwood on February 22, with Denice Meeuwssen as Chairman. Attending, were members from Rainbow No. 212, Hillsboro No. 54, Vespertine No. 74 and visitors from Rose City No. 170, Shamrock No. 113, Lorane No. 252 and Pearl No. 47.

The President was presented with a lei and was honored to be the last President to receive a lei from Aloha and be declared "lei'd in Aloha"

Area Lodges reported on their activities since the last Area Meeting. All are very active in their local communities and the Order.

A speaker from Gales Creek Camp for type 1 Diabetic children presented a very informative program about the camp and how the children learn to handle their Diabetes.

Our resident auctioneer, Liz Adams, worked her magic and raised \$170.00 for President Merrilea's project. All had fun and went home with various items donated by the lodges and members.

Teddy bears and other stuffed animals were also donated by members and then donated to the Washington County Sherriff's Department's "Buddy Bear" program in President Merrilea's name.

The consolidation ceremony, consolidating Rainbow No.212 and Aloha No. 253, was held following the Area Meeting. This was the official end of Aloha Rebekah Lodge No. 253. We had 70 years of service to the community and 70 years of Friendship, Fellowship and Fun! And what a ride it was!!!

Estella Virgin, Area Secretary

# Muscovites Portray Odd Fellow Pioneers

The same actors who perform Shakespeare, and "A Christmas Carol for the residents at the Odd Fellows Home, are now bringing Odd Fellow Pioneers to life. The theatre company is called Oregon Adventure Theatre and it is connected to the Odd Fellows through the Muscovites. These Muscovite actors are now working in conjunction with the Museum of Odd History, and the St. Johns Museum to Portray four Odd Fellow Pioneers at the St. Johns Parade and Bazaar. An Odd Fellow Pioneers YouTube channel will also be created to share their stories online.



Thomas Monahan      Hattie Redmond      Leafie Sitton      Reuben Crawford

**TICKETS FOR PILGRIMAGE FOR YOUTH  
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# News From Jesse T. Jones Park

As I am writing this article we are still open. The Grand Master has ordered all restrooms and pavilion closed for public access. The children's play areas are also closed. We will heed to social distancing as directed by the CDC. Most of our members have self contained camping vehicles for their family that they can use. We are taking payment over the phone the day before arrival or sooner, and will have your receipt, card and tag ready for you when you drive up. We need to minimize people gathering in the office, so we are doing a drive up module. If the governor calls for more stringent rules our Grand Master will let us know. Please keep your gatherings to 10 as recommended by the Governor. We want everyone who comes to feel comfortable and to enjoy the dunes with their family. Please, if you have any questions feel free to call me. If there are any further closures we will call, email, and post information on our Facebook page.

Keep well and we are looking forward to summer.

In Friendship, Love and Truth ,  
Mary and Park Staff

## The Muscovite Degree



## & Odd Ball

have been re-scheduled

for September 26th

More details to follow

"Where flowers bloom so does hope." ~ Lady Bird Johnson

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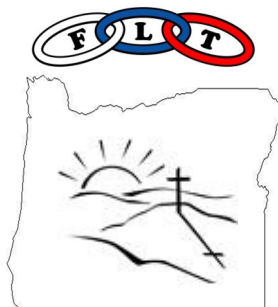
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**Anything can happen; this is the very rule of the universe! The best defence against this rule is this: Don't panic!**

**- Mehmet Murat Ildan**