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In summer
the song
sings itself

-William Carlos Williams

News From Jesse T. Jones Park

Thank you to all that sent me cards and stopped by to give me your condolence on the loss of my mom.

If you are trying to call us and no one answers, the phone is crazy busy. We are making reservations, changes, and trying to take prepayments all at the same time. If the phone displays a missed call with your number we will call you back. Just a reminder, that everyone is prepaying 3-4 days ahead of arrival so we can get your receipts, hang tags and cards set up for your arrival. We do have some open time the last week of August so give us call if you are still making plans.

We had a wonderful 4th of July here at the park. We had 32 entries in the parade and the local sheriffs came into the park and joined the parade. Everyone is so happy to be out and enjoying time with their families and close friends. Here are some photos from the parade.

Mary Green

more pictures on page three



Grand Master Gordon Corda

Welcome New Members

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone has had a chance to get out to some activities as the calendar says it is Summer.

The 4th of July at Jesse T. Jones park was great fun. The park was full and members enjoyed the fellowship. The annual parade was one of the largest yet with the entries decorated to the max.



Grand Sec. Ron, Lisa and myself took a trip to Burns to retrieve furniture and other items from the now sold building. It was interesting to see the history of Harney Lodge No. 77 and also hear they are continuing on in a new meeting place. I am glad to see lodges using technology to help members and communities stay in touch. I have enjoyed being part of virtual meetings to connect again with many of the great people in lodges I meet during my official visits. I would ask everyone to keep the Clark family in our prayers during their loss. It is unfortunate that its not possible to have a Grand Officers reception / fundraiser, but I do want to send a friendly reminder that any donations to the Grand Masters projects, Pilgrimage For Youth or The Epilepsy Foundation of Oregon will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.



In Friendship , Love and Truth
Grand Master Gordon Corda

Enterprise Odd Fellow Lodge No. 153

Sara Crawford

Jerry Gaffke

Frank Helderman



Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47

Deanna Wilson

Duncan Wilson

Paul Hoover



Social Rebekah Lodge No. 73

Jessia Thayer

Trevor Davis

Summer is the annual permission slip to be lazy.
to do nothing and have it count for something.

To lie in the grass and count the stars.

To sit on a branch and study the clouds.

- Regina Brett

A.M.O.S.



This will be a short article this month as the old saying goes a picture is worth 1,000 words! You see a Samaritan and an outside expert planning for the corn maze with the annual Oddtoberfest in Tillamook.

The second picture shows that the planning and design is beginning to sprout. Good work Tillamook Odd Fellows and AMOS Samaritans of Al Jibneh Sanctorm!

Brett Hurliman
Venerable Fryer



Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means. - Ronald Reagan

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. - Martin Luther King

He who is devoid of the power to forgive, is devoid of the power to love. - Martin Luther King

Never get so busy that you forget to feed your unicorn.
Katrina Mayer

“Bees do have a smell, you know, and if they don’t for their feet are from a million they should, dusted with spices flowers.” - Ray Bradbury



Assembly President Merrilea Manning

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Fourth of July. I heard that Jesse T. Jones Park had a great turnout of campers during the holiday weekend, even though there was no Pancake Breakfast this year.



It was with a sad heart that I learned of Past Grand Matriarch Ruth Canby's passing. I vividly remember the first time I met her. I was a newbie to the Order and attended a meeting and function at Hillsboro Lodge. Ruth gave me a warm greeting and introduced herself. After a friendly conversation she invited me to sit next to her during the meeting where she was the Chaplin. She made me feel welcomed and at ease. In the future, when I knew Ruth was present at an event, I would seek her out to chat with her. To me, Ruth had an internal beauty of graciousness and kindness that I would liken to that of a Southern Belle. The Order has truly lost a wonderful Sister. If I and others can emulate just a fraction of Ruth's warmth to each other and especially to new members, the world would be a better place. Please include Joyce and Gary Clark in your prayers for comfort during this sad time of loss.

Meanwhile, everyone please remember to continue to call and check in with your Lodge sisters and brothers. Also continue to follow the CDC's guidelines to stay safe and healthy!



In Friendship, Love & Truth!
Merrilea Manning, President

I love how summer just wraps its arms around you like a warm blanket. Kellie Elmore



Jesse T. Jones



4th of July Parade

Grand Secretary's Corner

RON KUNZE



Brothers and Sisters,

It sure has been a busy summer for me. I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine and making the best of this pandemic that we all face.

For starters I would like to mention that several Lodges have not yet paid for per-capita dues. This can affect any reservations your Lodge members may have at any of our Odd Fellow Parks. Please submit your payments to the Grand Lodge office. Several of our Lodges are back open for meetings. Please remember to monitor your county guidelines for any limits and closures. The Grand Lodge does not do this for you.

I would like to thank Grand Master Gordon Corda and Grand Marshal Lisa Corda for helping with the removal of items from the Harney Lodge No. 77 Odd Fellows and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43 building in Burns. Both Lodges are still operating and meetings are temporarily being held at the Masonic Hall in Burns. If you wish to attend any of their meetings please call the Grand Lodge office for details.

Please remember to check on your Lodge members during this pandemic. Assisting others is one of the tenants of the Order. Often at times just a phone call is all a member needs. Please continue helping others in need.

Evidently the Northwest Odd Fellows association convention I had scheduled in November has been canceled due to the pandemic. I heard about this from a source here in Oregon and did contact the officers of the association to verify this to be true. I only wish they would have contacted me directly since I was responsible for organizing the event. I have since contacted the hotel and canceled the event. I am not sure if we will continue on the rotation of meeting venue or not. Hopefully the Association officers will meet and make a decision and then notify the jurisdiction of their decision.

Have a great rest of your summer and stay in touch.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary



Aaah, summer...that long anticipated stretch
of lazy, lingering days, free of responsibility
and rife with possibility. – Darell Hammond

From Your Holgate Board of Directors

The Holgate Center is still on mandatory essential personnel only until further notice. We are still very much limiting access to the Grand Lodge office because of this, so if any member does need to come by the office please let Melinda or I know.

The Holgate board has been meeting by use of video Zoom meetings. This has become quite an asset for conducting all of our board meetings. The Audit has finally been completed and we are moving on with the re-bonding phase. We will keep you posted when this is completed.

The Holgate Center Flags were flown at half staff on Wednesday July 22nd through Friday July 24th in Honor and memory of Kindred Thomas, Past Grand Patriarch and Ruth Canby, Past Grand Matriarch.

Behave so the aroma of your actions may enhance
the general sweetness of the atmosphere.

- Henry David Thoreau

Rummage Sale / Swap Meet

Samaritan Lodge is having a Rummage Sale/Swap Meet on Sunday, August 23rd from 9 to 4 pm. Now is a good time to clean out your closets, spare bedrooms, garages, basements or attics and earn some extra cash.

Rent an outdoor 10x10 space (bring your own table and pop up tent) for \$20 or a 10x10 space with table provided (limited number of tables) for \$25. To reserve a space, contact Chris Ladd at (503) 348-8501 by August 19th.

If interested in donating items to Samaritan for their Rummage Sale we will accept clean and gently used items which can be dropped off every Wednesday at Samaritan Lodge between 9 and 4 pm through August 19th. Please contact Chris Ladd if a different drop off date or time is needed.

The Rummage Sale will be held indoors. A limited number of shoppers will be allowed to enter the Lodge at a time. Masks will be required and social distancing applicable.

There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks available for sale, as well as Sweet Betty's Sweet caramel corn.

Hope to see a lot of friendly faces at this event! Spread the word! Remember . . . *One Man's junk is another Man's Treasure!* You never know what kind of treasures you will find, unless you're there!

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



Happy August to all of you,
I hope you are healthy and staying safe. Just a reminder that I am on vacation until August 6th.

I need to remind lodges that their per capita dues were due June 30th and there are several lodges who have not paid yet.

All lodges should receive their Life membership interest checks by the end of August. I am sorry it has taken so long to get them to you but, it was beyond the Rebekah Assembly's control.

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer.

Fraternally,
Mary Houle', Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



Down through the valley and over the hill,
where the bluebird calls to the whippoorwill;
where the buttercups and the daisies grow,
and the Summer breezes, so gently, blow,
There is a tiny brook that wends its way
as it twists and it turns, where'er it may;
and over each glistening stone it brings
to us the rippling song that it sings.

-Gertrude Tooley Buckingham

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Grand Patriarch **Michael Guerreiro**

Patriarchs, Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe we are moving into August and things don't seem to be going the way we would like them to go. I'm hoping that in the time between writing this article and all of you get to read it, there will be improvement and we will be moving toward entering phase 2.



I hope everyone had a wonderful time at Jesse T. Jones Park over the 4th. The Park is in beautiful condition and even though we had to keep our distance and couldn't have the fund raising breakfasts, we all showed our patriotism with the parade. Lots of great decorations and enthusiasm from all who were spending the 4th at the dunes. Just another example of how all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs make the best of a difficult situation.

With the cancellation of our session in September, it has left many wondering what about the sock drive. Yes, it is still an ongoing project of the Encampments with one little change. Since those socks will be needed as the weather starts to get cold and wet this fall, we need to make sure they get to the people that need them. So, I am assigning each Encampment this task to complete; get a few people together in September or October and have a sock counting party, take pictures to commemorate the event, maybe include a sign stating how many pairs of socks your camp collected. Send me a report of your count, send your pictures to me and/or to Melinda in the Grand Lodge Office for publication in the OPOF, then plan the time to distribute the socks to the local agency that will get them distributed where they are most needed. I will keep a record of each Encampment and their count will be added to what they collect and bring to the next Grand Encampment session. We will announce the two year winner during our session.

Please remember to do everything possible to stay healthy and have a wonderful rest of the summer. Let me know when you start meeting again, I would like to make a visit to all Encampments again as our state starts to open up and allow us to get back to the work of the Order.

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



To All Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge Secretaries, and Members

The Grand Lodge Executive met on June 27th, 2020 and approved the following guidelines to be used for electronic meetings. Assembly President Merrilea Manning has approved the use of these guidelines. Please communicate this to all of your Lodge members.

Grand Lodge Guidelines for Safe and Legal Lodge Meetings During Pandemic

Meeting Safety

No.1 - Follow State Requirements in all activities, <https://govstatus.egov.com/reopening-oregon>

Check back often as the Requirements will be changing. Some suggestions in particular for our Order are included in the subsequent numbered listing.

No.2 - Recognize many of our Members are of vulnerable age and health conditions when choosing your Meeting options. For instance, while serving buffet meals is prohibited under the restaurant guidelines we are required to follow, handout or separately served meals can perhaps be safely accommodated.

No.3 - Meet with clean hands. Hand sanitizer should be prominently available. If possible doors should be open for touch free entrance and again after the Meeting for touch free exiting of Members.

No.4 - Use of Balloting Boxes should have hand sanitizer available immediately after each vote. Social Distancing in all lines should be done for everyone's safety.

No. 5 - No Handshake or Password Check. Present and Remote Attendees may be identified by voice or visual recognition to be Members in good standing.

No. 6 - Please do not attend in person if you are feeling ill.

No. 7- Singing is not required and recommended only with proper distance and face-masks.

Meeting Legally

It is understood that during this time it is harder to attend meetings and to adhere to protocol. Members in good standing deserve a vote, so make it as easy as possible to have each Member's input.

- A. Remote participation via Phone, Skype, Zoom or FaceTime is allowed.
- B. Mailing Minutes to Members unable to attend is allowed.
- C. When possible, on big decisions, allow multiple meetings for input, including via mail. Membership distributed Agenda, days, or weeks before a Meeting vote, is allowed.
- D. No Proxy Voting is allowed.
- E. Vote by Mail (letter or email) may be allowed if all sides of any issue are given ample opportunity to submit their written position to be included in the mailed minutes of at least one Meeting before the announced voting Meeting. The presiding Noble Grand will be given the latitude to allow Vote by Mail if they determine it can be done fairly for the issue.
- F. Legal Meetings as always must Open and Close according to the Ritual.
- G. Zoom, Phone and FaceTime attendees may enter at any point during the meeting. Zoom Meetings allow for entrance from a virtual anteroom to be approved by the Vice Grand. All attendees should be recognized when leaving early. An assigned Moderator should facilitate the remote attendees and can be the person to ask the Noble Grand for their permission to have the floor to speak when desired at appropriate times in the Meeting, preferably amplified.
- H. Installations may be performed via Zoom Meetings. Our Grand Secretary and Grand Master are willing to assist you. Please call Grand Secretary Ron for any assistance.



It's a smile, it's a kiss, it's a sip of wine...it's summertime!

-Kenny Chesney



Ruth Canby

March 15, 1931 - July 3, 2020

Grand Matriarch May 2005 - May 2006



Ruth felt the work of the Order was very important and was a Past Grand Matriarch, Past Grand at Montezuma Lodge No. 50 and Past Noble Grand of Hillsboro Rebekah Lodge No. 54. She served for many years as Chaplain in both the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges in Hillsboro. She generously donated her time and talents in Lodge especially with preparing and serving many delicious meals for special events.

Ruth was active in the Square Dance world Cueing the Sunset Promenaders dances for 25 years, in her church and with her bowling league. She bowled in many leagues through the years and just retired from bowling in two "senior" leagues after her 90th birthday. At 91 years of age, Ruth was still helping others, living on her own and doing it all with a smile. While doing all this, she continued with her avid reading habit, crossword puzzle solving (in ink!) and container gardening until the day she died. Less than two weeks after her death we harvested the first ripe tomatoes from her plants, she would have been so irritated that she missed those first sweet tomatoes.

She will be sorely missed!

Grand Matriarch, Ruth Canby's Program

Colors: Purple & Lilac

Mascot: Angel

Motto: Trust God in Everything

Hymn: In My Hear There Rings a Melody

Fun Song: Mairsy Doats



Flower: Gladiola & Lily of the Valley

Symbol: Open Hands of Friendship

Scripture: Isaiah 58:11 & Luke 1:37

Song: Green, Green Grass of Home

Project: Arthritis Foundation

Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

In Memoriam

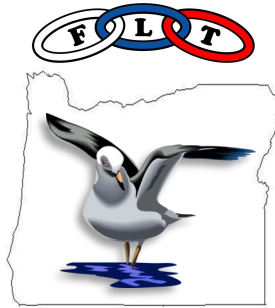
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