

ODD FELLOW

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~ Coming Events ~

- Education Foundation Month
- Feb. 4.....Cosmos Area Meeting..Milwaukie
- Feb. 11.....Vineyard Area Meeting..Yamhill
- Feb. 25.....2nd Annual Youth Huddle..Lebanon..9am-3pm
- March 18..Springfield All Degree Day



I don't care about Disney lying about my Prince Charming, I'm more upset about forest creatures and their unwillingness to clean my house. ~ Unknown

Nothing Can Keep Grand Secretary Ron Kunze From Going To Work



Grand Master *Jody Morris*

It's really great to see February arrive after a very snowy, icy cold January. Hopefully, you were able to keep warm and safe. Thanks goes to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs who helped elderly neighbors and friends during the cold spell. I was really proud of Peninsula and Samaritan lodges for opening their doors to those who needed warming shelters. This is what our Order is about—community service!



Not to brag or anything, the best January event that happened in our family was the celebration of my granddaughter's first birthday. My daughter Julie and her husband brought Katherine to Vancouver from Florida for her party. In person visits are the best, but video calling is the best electronic way to visit family, friends and lodge members who live distances away.

Speaking of parties, it's not too early for lodges to start making plans for an April anniversary party to celebrate 98-years of Odd Fellowship in North America. Why not plan an April meeting with a history of our Order, plus cake, numeral candles, ice cream and party favors. Please let me know how your celebration went. You could even send a photo to Melinda at the Grand Lodge. Word has it that Sovereign Grand Lodge has already started making plans for the centennial celebration in two years.

Hats off to PGM Gary Clark, President Joyce Clark and other Montezuma lodge members for working with those interested in re-instituting the lodge in McMinnville. An all-degree day will be held at the Springfield lodge on March 18th, starting with refreshments at 9 a.m. Please join McMinnville candidates with your lodge's candidates to help make this an eventful day.

This month is nomination of officers. Some lodges re-elect the same members to the same position year after year, either because no one else wants the job or the member is afraid to speak up. Sometimes someone can't read too well or may be opinionated. With help from the right supporters of either office, it can be a successful experience for anyone. Whatever the reason, I do believe that each individual needs the opportunity to be Noble Grand or Vice Grand.

My year as Grand Master is going way too fast. We

have five more lodges to visit. One wish I do have is to hear from District Deputy Grand Masters about their visits to your lodges. If you don't know who your DDGM is, please call the Grand Lodge to find out. The DDGMs can assist you with so many things, like help install your officers in April.

Here's to an interesting February and be sure to send a Valentine to those who need a positive boost. (Chocolate works, too!)



Warmly,
Jody

Grand Master's Itinerary

March 2....Covenant No. 12..Harrisburg..7:00 pm

Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge No. 70
is Hosting an
All Degree Day

Saturday March 18th
8:30 am Registration 9:00 am Initiation
1st, 2nd & 3rd Degrees to follow
Lunch provided

If you would like to help the degree team or
have candidates to bring contact:
Ronald Kunze 503-319-5159

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Our Christmas bake sale was a huge success held last month. We had a variety of goodies.

A social meeting was held in December for a Christmas gift exchange by drawing numbers to get the numbered gift. Secret pals exchanged gifts too. We signed Christmas cards to members out of the area. Most of our regular members attended.

We are all tired of the inclement weather of ice, snow and power outages. The rain is welcomed back.

We wish everyone a happy and prosperous year.

Alice Pelham

Assembly President *Joyce Clark*

I don't know about all of you, but my hopes for clear roads and abundant snow only in the mountains, preferably at the ski resorts, have been dashed. Our winter is continuing to challenge me in visiting all of our Rebekah Lodges. Several of my January visits have been rescheduled mostly due to weather and a nasty flu bug that has been hitting some of our members. I hope you have all stayed safe and warm in this crazy winter weather. Being home safe and sound is the place our members should be instead of venturing out on icy, dangerous roads. I have faith that February will bring good health and warmer weather so we can all get out and attend to business



Last month I wrote about securing the future of Rebekah Odd Fellowship in Oregon by increasing our membership. One member asked me how to do that when some of us have the attitude that the end of Rebekahs may be near. That is something we all have to work on. Current members must have a positive mental attitude if we want to increase our membership. We all need to have a plan when someone asks, "What are the Rebekahs" or "What do the Rebekahs do?" We need to think beyond our local Lodges in formulating an answer to this question. We need to think globally, statewide and locally when asked about Lodge activities. Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have so many wonderful programs and ways we help others. It shouldn't be too hard to remember how much our Order has to offer! I hope we can all develop and embrace a positive mental attitude when thinking about our Lodges so we can share this wonderful organization with many others. Greet the people you meet in everyday life with a smile and an offer of friendship and our Order will grow as you make friends.

GROWING FRIENDSHIP

*The tides of fortune cannot grow,
without a friend to make them glow,
For Friendship's like a chain of gold,
That brightens life as we grow old.
(From Gleanings from the Fraternal Review)*

Please remember, to be a success in life you must dream big and shoot for the stars. May you all keep dreaming with a positive mental attitude.



In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Joyce

President's Itinerary

- Feb. 2...Eta Theta Rho No. 94..Lorane..6:30
- Feb. 3...Columbia No. 3..Holgate Center..dinner 5 pm
meeting to follow
- Feb.4....Cosmos Area Meeting..9am.Registration
10 am meeting..Milwaukie
- Feb. 11..Vineyard Area Meeting..Yamhill..9 am Reg..
10 am Meeting
- Feb. 22..Social No. 73..Philomath..7:30 pm
- Feb. 25..Youth Huddle..Lebanon..9 am
- Feb. 27..Seafoam No. 250..Lincoln City..5:30 pm
- Feb. 28..Aloha No. 253..dinner 5:30 pm..Mazatlan in
Aloha

Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Social Rebekah Lodge Receives Special Christmas Present

Social Rebekah Lodge No. 73 received a large Christmas present. As a lot of you know we are trying to save money to do the foundation for our building and also to do the outside. Just recently we found out we needed to replace our heaters upstairs and downstairs. When we went to get bids, Hendrix Heating gave us two new heaters. All we had to do was pay the cost of installing. We also had to have our electricity upgraded. We really thank Hendrix Heating for the gift. Now we just have get money for our foundation and our outside painting or siding.



Rhoda Davis, Past President

Grand Patriarch *Jack Pickett*

Greetings Patriarchs, Matriarchs, Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone has been safe during the various storms we have been having here in Oregon.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Jack Pickett, Grand Patriarch

Feb. 1.....Paran Encampment No. 29..Grants Pass
March 14...Hillsboro Encampment No. 84..Hillsboro

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

With my greatest gratitude, I thank everyone in Oregon and Pacific North West Department Council members for supporting me as Commander of the General Military Council of Patriarchs Militant, IOOF. Each of you are dear to me as kindred Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and I will always hold and cherish this time in Our Order's history when all of you came together on my behalf.

On November 4, we held our annual PM sessions and we had 42 members and guests present. This is the largest PM meeting many of us have ever attended. I am humbled by the outpouring of support and hope we can continue with such fine attendance in the future. I am awestruck by the generosity for which I have been the recipient.

A big thank you to Samaritan Lodge for providing and hosting a wonderful welcoming dinner on Thursday night for our out-of-town guests. With gratitude, I thank my fellow members of Hillsboro Canton 14 and Portland Canton 1 for their support and patience as one who might not be at all their meetings, but I am somewhere with a decent excuse. My special thanks goes to all the committee members who worked diligently and tirelessly to ensure the success of my Testimonial on November 5.

A special thanks to Lloyd and Patty Fries for arranging for the Rotarians to present Keys to the City of Portland to our out of town Senior Officers and for their hard work in overseeing the planning and follow through for the weekend and for emceeding the festivities.

General Dan Mathews, PM, IOOF

Grand Matriarch *Susan Jackson*

Happy Valentine's Day to everyone!

Valentine's Day is celebrated with love. There are many types of love. For example, love of country, community, family, friends, spouse, pets, parents, etc. I hope that each and everyone of you take time to share in this special day with a simple smile. A smile can warm the heart.



February is also Heart month. Remember to take care of your heart: diet, exercise, laughter and great friendship. As you know many wonderful and lasting friendships have developed within this organization. This is a good time of year to remember to check on members, friends, family etc. Receiving a phone call or card can help lighten someone's heart.

I am looking forward to my first visitation in 2017 with Wimawhala LEA No. 6 in Eugene on February 3rd. They'll have dinner at 6 pm and meeting at 7 pm.

Thought of the Day.

Only love can be divided endlessly and not be diminished. ~ Anne Morrow Lindberg



In Faith Hope and Charity,
Susan Jackson, Grand Matriarch

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Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all survived the snow and ice we recently had. I know I had fun with it.

I would like to remind the Lodges that your annual online report is now due. If you have not submitted yours please call me and let me know if I can be of any assistance to you. It is important that we receive the reports in a timely manner so that I can prepare the Oregon Grand Lodge annual report to Sovereign Grand Lodge on time. I hope you all have a great Month.



In F L & T

Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

Happy February Sisters and Brothers,

I hope everyone has fully recovered from the ice and snow. This winter weather has been quite a challenge and I hope that everyone is coping well. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and visit a member who may be a bit lonely. Also, remember that February is Education Foundation Month.



Thank you to all of the secretaries who have their annual reports into my office. I really appreciate it. You are making my job so much easier. If you have not sent in your annual report please get it to me as soon as possible and feel free to give me a call if you need help.

All lodges should have their 2017 - 2018 officers elected by now. District Deputy Presidents should be making sure that everyone is qualified to be installed.

The paperwork for selecting District Deputy Presidents, Lodge District Deputy Presidents, Delegates and Alternates should be at all lodges by now. Please get the slips back to me as soon as you can so that President Joyce and I can get to work preparing for your Oregon Rebekah Assembly Sessions.

We close the financial books for the year at the end of February so if your lodge has any donations they would like to have recorded for the year please get them to me by February 25th. Also, please get any legislation or resolutions to me so that they can be given to the appropriate committee and be ready for sessions.

Fraternally,
Mary Houle', Secretary,
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



I would like to thank everyone for all the cards and wonderful words after Charlie passed December 3, 2016. We will be planning a Celebration of Life in the Spring, probably closer to Easter. I will keep the Grand Lodge informed as to the date.

Nancy Carter



Just A Reminder

May and Grand Sessions will be here before we know it . Please remember to put together something for the silent auction table.

Rebekah Lodges please get the information to me for the Community Service Program. The deadline is fast approaching.

Colene Lamberty: 31773 Fern Rd, Philomath, OR 97370

Pacific North West Department Council

Spring Mid-Year Sessions

Red Lion Inn

Friday, April 7, 2017 at 9:00 am

PM Registration \$5.00 at the door



Semi-Annual Meeting

Sword Spell Down

Sword Proficiency Exam



Red Lion Templin Hotel

414 E 1st Ave, Post Falls, ID 83854

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News From Pearl Rebekah Lodge and Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge

Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 51

Bay City with Treasurer/Warden Reandy Niemi and Color Bearer Lori Craig. We are jumping in on the free band wagon using the parades for a little free advertizement when we can. Our breakfast which you are all invited to is the second Sunday every month and is open to all.



Edna Hyatt, better known as “Bunny” is a 38 year life member. She is pictured with her daughter-in-law Carol, son Ted and Candace Niemi. Edna is homebound but spry as ever. Let’s drop in and visit her at the Kilchis House in Tillamook

With the help from our Vice Grand Alan Whitmire, Lebanon No. 47 was able to donate eight game controllers and 16 games to the Veterans home here in Lebanon for Christmas.

Even having missed a few meetings both lodges have been able to have our first nomination of officers.

On December 17, we held a joint Christmas potluck for our families and friends. Everyone enjoyed good food, good friends and good games.

Pearl Rebekah Lodge has come up with a few projects to finish out this year.

Rhode Davis PP



It’s Mrs Joe Ketcham, our “Bonnie” She was awarded her 25 year jewel.

We took a lot of pictures, though they didn’t come out, but the memories from my first State Meeting will always be in my heart. What a wonderful group of people you all are.



Candace Niemi, NG



All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt. ~ Charles M. Schulz

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Registration at door \$ 20.00 _____

SATURDAY LUNCH (Roasted Turkey Club Sandwich) \$ 27.00 _____

GENERAL BANQUET (Herb Crusted Pork Loin) \$36.00 _____

Let us know if you are Vegetarian _____ \$TOTAL _____

SATURDAY NIGHT'S BANQUET IS WESTERN ATTIRE (Casual)

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If you have a question please call: Nancy Morris, 208-772-3841 or Janette Weatherly, 208-664-0882

IN MEMORIAM

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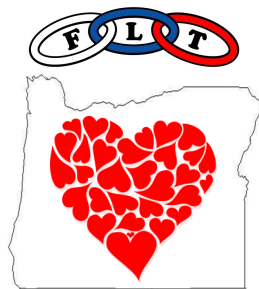
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News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

Hello from the warmer side of Life!! We did get snow here at the park but it only lasted for short time and we are at a balmy 56 degrees here on the 19th of January. We are looking forward to seeing you all again. Please get your reservations in so you won't be scrambling to find a spot later.

We are still raising money for a tractor. Our big old Case has seen better days and it is not financially prudent to keep sinking money into it. We have a raffle going on, you pay \$5.00 for a ticket. Every time we sell 20 tickets we draw a name. This person wins a \$50.00 reservation deposit to use on their next visit. That is great odds to help with camping costs. We donate the other \$50.00 to the tractor fund.

Check out the web page and the calendar. We are trying to keep it current so you can see events coming up. See you all soon.

Mary and Park Staff

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Looking back, I have this to regret, that too often when I loved, I did not say so.

~David Grayson