

# ODD FELLOW

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## ~ Coming Events ~

- Thomas Wildey Month
- Jan. 15....Thomas Wildey Birthday
- Jan. 31....Annual Reports Due
- Jan. 31....Morand Scholarship Applications due
- Feb. 27...Grand Master / Rebekah Assembly
- President Fundraiser..Lebanon



"Then sing, young hearts that are full of cheer  
with never a thought of sorrow;  
The old goes out,  
but the glad young year  
Comes merrily in tomorrow." - Emily Miller

### Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175



At the Freewater Lodge No. 202 and Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175's Thanksgiving Dinner on November 21st, the Rebekahs gave away the Raffle Quilt that supports our Scholarship program. We almost reached our goal of \$700.00. Irene Weinmaster of Milton-Freewater was the winner. The winning ticket was drawn by Dakota, granddaughter of Mike and Karen Watson. The winning ticket was sold at the Mary Stewart Craft Show. Dakota also drew the following names for gift cards. Winners were Nikki Peterson, Wanda Anderson, Bill Cooper, Sandy Swiger, and Brandy Gunner.

Donna Stewart

### Kathy Stewart Receives Merit Award



Jacksonville Odd Fellow Lodge No. 10 and Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4 present Kathy Stewart with a Merit Award for all the hard work that she does in our Order, her community and her family. Jacksonville and Ruth lodges would like to thank Kathy so much for being a proud and vital member of both lodges. Pictured above Grand Master and member of Ruth Rebekah Lodge Sheryl Rohde presents Kathy with the award.

KC Carr



# Grand Master *Sheryl Rohde*

January, a New Year, new beginnings, new officers, a time for re-dedication. As we turn the calendar page to a new year we are given new opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others in our communities. As we begin our plans for a new year, look back on the goals of the last year to see where you need to begin with your planning. Revise old goals, look at new ways to complete previously tried ideas and events, and set some new ideas into goals and planning for a new year. If you haven't done it yet start off the year with a rededication ceremony at one of the early meetings this year and dedicate your lodge to a renewed effort to make a difference.



We are excited with a few things we have been working on. Check out the new website for the Grand Lodge. [www.oregonioof.org](http://www.oregonioof.org)

We hope you find it user friendly. We are working to get all the information up-to-date. We hope to be able to put links to our different lodge Facebook pages to make it easier to contact the lodges and see their activities.

As I have traveled this first half of the year, I have been asked by some of the lodges for various help with some areas of our work. In recognizing this we are planning some workshops on ritual work, on projects of the Order, on planning and development and on Grant seeking and writing. Be watching for dates as we set up these workshops. Let me know if your lodge is interested in hosting one.

I look forward to the second half of my visits after the winter break. Meanwhile, I am including the next 25 of the One Hundred Ideas for Community Involvement. After we complete the list from SGL, I will be putting together the list of the activities our own Lodges have been involved in. I am very proud of the many ways you have accepted the challenge to make a difference so far this year, keep up the good work.

Fraternally.

Sheryl Rohde, Grand Master



Keep some room in your heart for  
the unimaginable. ~ Mary Oliver

## ONE HUNDRED IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (CONTINUED)

26. On the Anniversary of your Lodge's charter, open the Lodge up to the community for tours snacks and refreshments.
27. Work with 10-20 local restaurants and wineries to display their wares and samples at your Lodge in a "Taste of \_\_\_\_\_" for the community.
28. Sponsor a local softball, soccer, or baseball team.
29. Invite local musical groups to perform at the Lodge and open it up to the public.
30. Get a screen and equipment and show classic movies at the Lodge for the community – classic movie night.
31. Work with other community groups to organize a community clean-up, and beautification day.
32. Partner with a local charitable group to host a Texas Hold'em Poker tournament at the Lodge.
33. Let a local community group organize a fundraiser at your Lodge – you provide the Lodge, drinks and spaghetti dinner at no cost to them.
34. Allow city entities to utilize the hall for things such as committee meetings, community court, police-community meetings, etc. free of charge.
35. Sponsor a town or city event by contributing seed money. These events are sometimes small weekly festivals, farmers markets, and food fairs.
36. Permit local authorities to set up surveillance cameras at your building for use of law enforcement tactics or the monitoring of town events.
37. Assist other worthy non-profits to use your facility for their luncheons or dinner events. (We allow veteran's groups to use our facility for their larger annual events) for free.
38. Promote readings by book writers or poets and invite the public.
39. Promote the artworks of members or non-members and hold an art showing at the hall,
40. On an international level, involve your lodge in a Sister Cities Program. The national convention permits fraternal organizations to volunteer and promote their organization in presentation during its annual flag parade. (In California, our IOOF Flag was accepted at part of the International Parade of Flags.)

41. Attend a local sporting event (i.e. MLB, NFL, NHL, and NCAA) with all of the members wearing fun t-shirts or shirts or jackets with the IOOF logo.
42. Establish a Facebook open to the public to comment, etc. Show the public our images and share our history and upcoming events.
43. Create a program at post-secondary education institutions that involve Brothers and Sisters from around the world providing on-site assistance to new students. This could include locating the nearest medical facilities, legal services, banking, professional counseling services, local Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that could be used for study, etc.
44. Provide an after school program in the community for children when school is out. Perhaps, as an Order, we should look to open our facilities worldwide staffed by trained youth counselors.
45. Provide a program that takes homeless people in the community and allows them an opportunity to become a productive part of it by providing them an opportunity to work by keeping the city cleaner as they are given an hourly wage. It would be ideal to set up a national "clean sweep" program in every city or town that an Odd fellow or Rebekah Lodge exists. The program would require full time employees who would be involved closely with town or city representatives, business owners, and private individuals to coordinate work opportunities for the people within the program. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs we would provide funds, job leads, tools and mentorship to the participants.
46. Provide a daylong session for the low income, homeless and forgotten in our communities. The program would require the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs to enlist the volunteer services of optometrists, dentists, doctors, financial counselors, etc., all of which are potential members. It would be our job to attract and secure volunteers. We would also be responsible for securing the facilities, providing refreshments and meals for all participants. Donations for this are easily found from local businesses; the volunteers can come from anywhere.
47. Have a program that offers people traveling to medical facilities a place to stay with low cost meals while they are in treatment. It would be ideal to partner with senior homes and secure several rooms for those receiving outpatient treatment or for their

## Assembly President *Patti Winklebleck*

I hope you all had a fulfilling Thanksgiving. I joined with Kenilworth Park Plaza November 20th-21st in their Christmas Bazaar. There were quite a few Rebekahs selling and buying!!! Sister Kathy Lake took the "Prize". She sold the most items, all of which she crocheted. Congratulations Kathy!



I had two great lodge meetings this month, plus an Area Meeting in Canyonville. With each meeting I attend, I am once again reminded of what makes up a Rebekah!

I joined Eugene Voyton for a spectacular evening at the Nutcracker Ballet. I enjoyed it tremendously.

I have no meetings scheduled in January and a slow start in February.

Have a very Happy and Safe New Year,  
Patti



47. **Continued:** accompanying partner. The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs would be responsible for booking the rooms and orienting the people to the city and the facility. Most senior homes have kitchens that provide meals at modest prices to residents, so the addition of 2 or 3 more is easily accommodated. If these people do not have the means to pay for rooms or meals, we would cover it.
48. Lodges should establish a small or large "Oktoberfest" or better yet "Oddfest" where the community is invited to enjoy foods normally enjoyed at Oktoberfest like sausages, boiled potatoes, etc. along with a selection of beer, soda, and more. Grand Lodges could promote this annual event across the nation. SGL could encourage all lodges to participate on a certain date.
49. Establish a regular fishing trip on a charter boat where the lodge pays the fee for parents and children. Free for non-members.
50. Firefighter or U.S. Marine Reserve Toys for Tots program. Request one of the barrels for Odd Fellows, guests, and tenants to contribute Christmas gifts.

## Grand Patriarch *Jerry Broaddus*

Its January 2016 already, time flies when you're out enjoying new and old friends. I have really enjoyed seeing and learning about all of the histories of each lodge and building. It is the history that has made us.



I have seen first hand how Encampments and Patriarchs work together, both within their Encampments and in their communities. One Encampment I visited, the Patriarchs gather firewood to sale and donate to needy people. Another Encampment does an art walk to get people into their building and are very proud of their new mural. One is sponsoring their first student to the UNEP. All these projects are what Odd Fellowship stands for. It makes me proud to serve as G.P. each Encampment I have been to has been different and unique in their own ways of doing community projects.

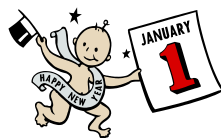
I have the United Youth Group as my project working with the Grand Matriarch and the Grand Master raising travel funds to help the group leaders with gas.

I am very proud to be the Grand Patriarch of the Oregon Encampment because of all the work they have been doing this past year. Keep up the good work and be proud of your Encampment. Your teamwork really shows.

Have a Happy New Year!

In FHC,

Jerry Broaddus, Grand Patriarch



## Greetings:

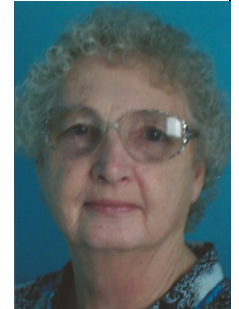
The 2016 Pilgrimage to the Tomb of the Unknown is set for Sunday the 8th day of May with the Amphitheater ceremony beginning at 3:00 p.m. and the wreath laying ceremonies are set for 4:00 p.m. The pilgrimage banquet will be Saturday evening the 7th of May at the Hilton Mark Center, Alexandria, Virginia. Complete schedule will be distributed after 1 January 2016 upon the completion of the bus and cemetery shuttle scheduling. As in the past, jurisdictions may purchase one (1) wreath per jurisdiction for presentation by up to four (4) persons.

## Grand Matriarch *Cassatina Barnes*

Dear Matriarchs,

Happy New Year. I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday.

I will have had my visitation at Wimawhala Ladies Encampment No.6 by the time that you read this. I am very sorry to tell you that Mount Hood Ladies Encampment has contacted me about giving up their Charter. I hate to see our LEA going down. I have sent a request to Willamette LEA No. 2 for a visitation to their Ladies Encampment in February.



In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Cassatina Barnes, Grand Matriarch



## Grand Master Visits Gardiner Odd Fellow Lodge No. 132



On November 11, Grand Master Sheryl Rohde visited Gardiner Lodge. The following members were present:

*Left to right* : Kevin Owens No. 132, Janine and Al Leggett No. 132, Edna Parshall Coquille No. 53, Grand Master Sheryl Rohde, Lorraine Patter, Chaplain No. 132, Shirley Wilson, PPRA, NG No. 132, David Young Treasurer No. 132, Ray Potter PGM, Secretary No. 132, and Bruce Barkwell, Treasurer No. 53.

Best Wishes to ALL. Have a Happy New Year!

Lorraine Potter

# Grand Secretary's Corner

## Ron Kunze

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Please don't forget the annual reports are due by 1/31/2016. If they are not in by 2/1/2016 you could lose Grand Representation at Grand Lodge Sessions next May per our constitution. It is very important to have representation from every Lodge.



In FL&T,  
Ron Kunze, Grand Secretary

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor.

Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover. ~By Mark Twain.

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# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

## Mary Houle'

Happy New Year,

As a new year begins I hope that each of you have a wonderful, fresh start in Rebekahs and in our Order. Remember the enthusiasm you had as a new member of our Order? Let's all strive for that enthusiasm in our lodges by trying something new this year. Hey! I have an idea-- What about a New Year resolution to bring in one new member before Assembly? Think about how that would help your lodge and the Oregon Rebekah Assembly.



This is the reminder section of my article so here goes: Reminder number 1--All lodges should have sent in their Per Capita dues by now. If they are sent in thank you so much and if not please get them paid. Reminder number 2--Annual reports are due by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you want to be on the honor roll get them in by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Reminder number 3--If your lodge has not yet elected your 2016-2017 officers you need to get it done. Reminders done!

Once again I wish you all a wonderful 2016.



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

# Roseburg Rebekah Lodge's Christmas Party



Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41 had a Christmas gift exchange. Chaplain Sharon Krause, knitted 75 pairs of slippers for the Winston-Dillard food pantry and delivered toys to the battered women's shelter.

Colleen Suiter

# UNEP NEWS!

The United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth program has finished the phase of finding and selecting delegates for this year. It has been a great start to the 2016 tour. This year we will be sending 35 delegates to the East Coast on July 9<sup>th</sup>. This may be the largest group we have ever sponsored and you should all be proud. Last year, 265 delegates from Norway, Finland, Iceland, Sweden, Netherlands, Switzerland, 4 Canadian provinces and 36 U.S. states participated in this program. Pennsylvania typically has the most delegates, but Oregon is almost always No. 2.

This year our delegates come from Seafoam Lodge, Woodlawn Lodge, Mt. Scott/Star Lodge, Area 12 (Jackson and Josephine Counties), Klamath Falls, Bandon, Area 7 (Marion, Linn, and Benton Counties), Springfield Lodge, Spencer Butte Lodge, Cottage Grove Lodge, Area 6 (Clackamas County), Area 3 (Washington County), Tillamook Lodge, Pendleton Lodge, Myrtle Lodge and Peninsula Lodge.



Your State UNEP Committee consists of Inez Kennedy (Chair), Charles Cloud (Secretary, Ede Brown, Cyndi Smith, Eugene Voyton, and Brett Hurlimann. The committee has received many donations to this program this past year (and beyond) and they have worked hard to promote the program. This year that work resulted in 8 lodges participating that had not participated in recent years. Congratulations to the committee and the lodges who stepped up to offer this chance to the students in their area.

We are planning to have a Send-off Dinner on Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and the delegates will then be on the East Coast for about 13 days after that.

Trey Anderson  
State UNEP Interim Director  
(503) 949-9144



# Grand Patriarch Visits Grants Pass



Grand Patriarch Jerry Broaddus made his official visit to Paran Encampment No. 29 on December 2nd. Pictured front row Left to Right: Nevada Broaddus, GP Jerry, GM Sheryl Rohde and Kathy Munyas. Back Row from left: Lloyd Stiewig, Gordon Corda, Phil Mundy, Lisa Corda, CP Hal Miller, Jack "Butch" Frost, Brandon Porter, and Ken "KC" Carr. A dinner in his honor was provided prior to the meeting. During Good of the Order gifts were exchanged by CP Hal and GP Jerry who then spoke on his program and projects for the year. After the meeting GP Jerry also posed for a picture with part of the mural that adorns the lodge hall.



We would like to thank the Grand Patriarch for making the long trip south to visit our Encampment Paran Encampment No. 29 would like to invite all third degree members from Southern Oregon to take the next step in our fellowship. Join your Encampment. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Grants Pass Odd Fellows Lodge.

*Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties. ~ Helen Keller*

**Pictured above, left column:** The 2 students on the left have been selected as UNEP Delegates from Area 7, while the others may be selected by a follow up competition by your State Committee.

# Grand Master Visits Grants Pass

Grand Master Sheryl Rohde made her official visit to Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 on December 9th. Pictured below are the members who attended the meeting



Since she is from this area, before the meeting the Grand Master was put to work setting the tables. Our NG, Hal Miller supervised along with Ken KC Carr.



Then we made her serve dinner to everyone. Because she did such a good job we actually let her eat!



After dinner Kate Lasky from Josephine Community Library along with Rebecca Stoltz gave a presentation.

## IN MEMORIAM

Joy Dawn Struble  
Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104  
Klamath Falls



GM Sheryl gave them "You Make A Difference" coins. Golden Rule Lodge donated \$3,000 to the library. Seriously. We all had a wonderful time honoring our Grand Master while giving her a bit of a bad time, only because we love her so much. During the meeting we set the date for our Home Coming Dinner which will be Wed. Jan. 27, 2016 at 6pm. ANYONE who wishes to make the trek down to Grants Pass is MORE than welcome to attend. Our Grand Master plans to be at the dinner but promises not to give her talk again.

We had a great turnout, 21 pounds of prime rib was devoured. We also had a couple of people rededicate themselves to Odd Fellowship.

## Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Our greatest glory is not in never falling,  
but in rising every time we fall.

~ Pacific Odd Fellow, June 1916

## News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

Happy New year to all. Just to remind you the rates have changed as of January 1st. If you have not read the previous papers all the rates are increasing \$5.00 except guests which increased \$10.00. If you have your active member reward card you will still only pay \$20.00 per night.

If you think you may have a reservation on the books but are not sure just give us a call we will gladly look it up for you and make any adjustments. We had a great Thanksgiving here at the park this year. The park was full except for some in A-Row. Heceta Lodge gave a benefit breakfast and took ALL the donations and bought toys for the children of the community. We hit the sales and were able to purchase \$ 500.00 worth of toys. We also lost water on Thanksgiving and I want to thank all the members who were so gracious while we had to install a new well pump. We were very blessed that a local plumber was willing come on the holiday and help. In all though, it was a great weekend. Looking forward to Spring.

Mary and Park Staff

# ATTENTION LODGE SECRETARIES

If your lodge has not sent in your Sovereign Grand Lodge annual group return form, please **DO SO NOW** as we are past our deadline.

We still need the form from

- No. 1 No. 5 No. 7 No. 9 No. 10 No. 50
- No. 54 No. 64 No. 70 No. 78 No. 87 No. 124
- No. 128 No. 129 No. 133 No. 137
- No. 153 No. 193 No. 204 No. 254

## Springfeild Lodge No. 70 Holds Initiatory Degree



## Grand Master Makes Official Visit To Peninsula Lodge



Grand Master Sheryl Rohde presented the two delegates the award sponsored by Peninsula Lodge to the 2015 United Nations Pilgrimage. The delegates were Mary Varona and Kyilah Bracken.



Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge held the initiatory degree on November 7th. The three initiated were Nick Smith for Springfield lodge No. 70, Nikolai Anderson for Cottage Grove lodge No. 68 and Eric Johnson for Cottage Grove Lodge No. 68.



Dinner at Peninsula Lodge December 8th before the Grand Master's meeting.

During the November Springfield Art Walk that took place on November 13th, Springfield Lodge donated \$500.00 to Food For Lane County. We even made up a fake big check for them to receive.



Teresa Gates, Secretary

*"Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can." ~Arthur Ashe*



## Beaches Area Meeting

Beaches Area Meeting was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of October in Lincoln City, OR. Eight lodges were in attendance for President Patti's visit. A continental breakfast was served preceding the opening by the Seafoam Rebekahs. Lesley Choate officiated as Noble Grand for the opening and closing. Babe Bogart Chairman welcomed all, with Ruth Davis (Ethel No. 162) giving the response to the welcome. President Patti was given the honors by the officers and members.



**Pictured above right:**

Lesley Choate, President Patti, and Babe Bogart

During the meeting, Chairman Babe asked each of the lodges to share lodge participation within their communities as well as their thoughts and ideas for future meetings. It was a fruitful discussion entered into by everyone.



Following a delicious soup and sandwich luncheon, junior student and United Nations Pilgrimage participant, Micah Morgan from Taft High School spoke about his trip, showing many pictures and answering questions. Micah's parents were present and related grateful thanks for their son receiving such a wonderful gift of learning and travel.

**Pictured above left:** Babe Bogart, President Patti, and Ruth Davis.

Noble Grand Lesley gave tribute to our President by reading two delightful excerpts; *Mud Puddles and Dandelions* and *Old Age – It's Later Than You Think*. Babe Bogart presented President Patti with a gift from Seafoam and small crocheted wallet gifts to the Past Chairmen.

President Patti shared her program. Her beaded collar symbolizes the evergreen of Oregon as well as the official state flower, "the rose." When President Patti

concluded, the members stood and sang our state song "Oregon, My Oregon." Although the meeting began in foggy weather, the day finished with smiles and sunshine.

## Pioneer Area Meeting

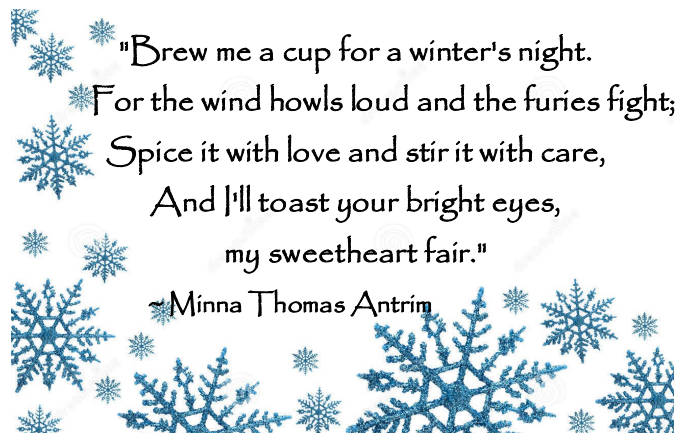


The Beaches Area Meeting was Hosted by Bertha Rebekah Lodge No. 188.

**Pictured above:** Rebekah Assembly President Patti Winklebleck, Past President Patricia Anderson, Chairman Ron Witt.



Pioneer Area Past Chairman, Roseburg No. 41, Eugene No. 55, Umpqua No. 173 Bertha No. 188 and Lorane No. 252.



## It's Mardi Gras Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

By permission of the Grand Master, Sheryl Rohde, and Assembly President Patti Winklebleck, we are sending this letter to all members of all units of Oregon.

Come join your Grand Master and Assembly President for a fun family time in New Orleans. Otherwise known as the Lebanon Hall, 20 E. Ash Street, Lebanon. Time will be from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

There will be games to play and food to eat. Everyone will receive a mask and beads as you enter and then it is onto the photo booth. We would like to have everyone put on a happy face for the camera.

We are asking all lodges to contribute to the Grand Master and President's project by sending the price of two tickets (\$30.00), as their donation, to these chosen projects: Educational Foundation, United Nations Pilgrimage, Youth Travel Fund, Friendship Fund, and Disabled Veterans. Please send your contributions to either the Grand Secretary or Assembly Secretary.

We wish to extend an invitation to come and enjoy our Mari Gras night. There will be good food, bingo, cards, music, and games. The meal will be served between 3:30 and 5:00. The whole evening of fun and fellowship will cost you \$15.00 each. Please plan on attending this casual evening of fun. To reserve your place send your money to the Grand Secretary or Assembly Secretary.

We once again invite all to our Mari Gras night on February 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00.

Ron Kunze, Grand Secretary  
Grand Lodge of Oregon  
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Mary Houle', Assembly Secretary  
Reekah Assembly of Oregon  
27997 Cottage Grove Lorane Rd  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

The Mardi Gras Committee



## News From Jacksonville No. 10



Jacksonville opened up the doors and had a Christmas Bazaar. Then from 4-7 pm we had an open house with the community. It was also the annual tree lighting and the kick off to Jacksonville's Victorian Christmas. Kathy Stewart, Sheryl Rohde, Butch Frost and KC Carr had a fantastic time of fellowship, we spent the day making cookies, popcorn, hot chocolate and apple cider to give away throughout the day. Ruth Rebekah Lodge served soup and sandwiches. Both our Odd Fellows and Rebekahs came together to show community support. Open your doors, get involved and let the people know you are still a part of the community.



Grandmaster Sheryl made her official visit to Jacksonville. The lodge had a dinner before the meeting. Jacksonville would like to take this time to thank the Grandmaster for all of the hard work she does for the Order.

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Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## Welcome New Members

**Springfield Lodge No. 70**

Nick Smith

**Cottage Grove No. 68**

Nikolai Anderson

Eric Johnson



## Peninsula Odd Fellows lead "Winter Survival Backpacks for Homeless Youth" Drive



Peninsula lodge was overwhelmed at the response to their drive to collect items to help homeless youth in Portland. With the help of their partners: Trillium Charter School, and St. Marks Presbyterian church, and a generous donation from NIKE, Peninsula collected way more than they expected. Thanks also to Aikido Portland, Uluwehi Hula Halau, and countless anonymous donors from our North Portland neighborhood.

Donations included: 102 jackets, 323 pairs of socks, 33 hats, 24 gloves, 101 toothbrushes, 177 tubes of toothpaste, 27 backpacks, 70 disposable razors, 70 bars of soap, 320 feminine hygiene items, \$570 worth of gift cards and much, much more.

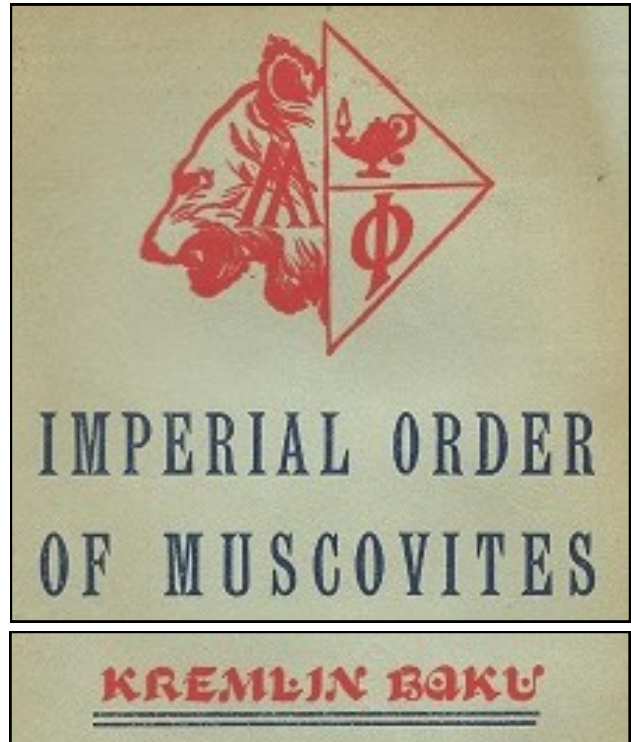
Estimated retail value of all donations is \$11,000.



"The sun came out,  
And the snowman cried.  
His tears ran down  
on every side.  
His tears ran down  
Till the spot was cleared.  
He cried so hard  
That he disappeared."

- Margaret Hillert

## A Blast From The Past...



A couple of months ago I put a picture of the lady Muscovites a letter and the invitation above about the Imperial Order of Muscovites in the OPOF. Since then I have discovered there is a small but mighty group who would like to start the Muscovites up again. Does **ANYONE** out there have any information, rituals or props from either group you would be willing to donate or share so we could copy them. Peninsula Lodge has a ritual which we are making copies of, but some originals would be an amazing find. Kremlin Baku was the name of the Oregon Muscovites. If you are cleaning out your lodge cupboards and discover anything with the Muscovite name, or it might be Amos, (some of the old groups including the Muscovites consolidated into a group called Amos), please don't throw it out. The men disbanded in the sixties and the ladies I think in the 80s or 90s. We had some visitors from California who are trying to trace the history of the Muscovites. They found a lot of information in our old OPOFs. Once again if you know where we could find anything about the Muscovites please contact us at the Grand Lodge Office, we would love to see what you have.

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**"What the New Year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the New Year"**

~ Rosemary Fusca