



ODD FELLOW

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~ Coming Events ~

- July 6-8.....4th of July Weekend..Jesse T. Jones Campground
- July 21.....All Degree Day..Jesse T. Jones Campground
- Aug. 17-18...Youth Days..Baltimore, MD
- Aug. 19-23...SGL / IARA..Baltimore, MD



*America is hope.
It is compassion.
It is excellence.
It is valor.*

~ Paul Tsongas

Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 133 Awards Four Scholarships



Since the Pilgrimage for youth Program is being re-vamped this year, Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge used the money that would have sent students on the Pilgrimage and awarded four scholarships instead. Above left, Deputy Grand Master Gordon Corda presents Scholarships to Pacific High School Graduates Joshua Engdahl and Claire Kelly. Above right Bandon High School Graduates Sydney Flynn and Josh Snyder receive scholarships.

Holiday Weekend at Jesse T Jones Campground
Friday July 6th - Sunday July 8th
FUN, FOOD & FRIENDSHIP



All Degree Day at Jesse T Jones Campground
July 21st, Registration at 8:30 am
call the campground for more information

Grand Master *E. V. Smith*

As I was visiting my daughter's home, my son-in-law was cleaning out a storage shed and in one of the boxes of parts, he found two little pamphlets. The first one was named Independent Order of Odd Fellows "RECRUITING HANDBOOK". The second one was called Independent Order of Odd Fellows "PLEASE JOIN WITH US TO HELP BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY". Both little pamphlets were put together by the Grand lodge of Oregon for Past Grand Master Lloyd P. Stiewig 2005 – 2006. So I look at them. As I was reading one of them, I thought to myself, it is strange to find these pamphlets. My son in-law had nothing to do with Odd Fellows and it was the very thing that we all have been talking about. So here is what was written in "PLEASE JOIN WITH US TO HELP BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY."



Who are Odd Fellows and Rebekahs? Odd Fellows was founded in England in the 16th or 17th century as a beneficial Order. The members helped each other in times of need. Their original objectives were to "visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphans." These were odd activities at that time and people would call them "Odd Fellows" for carrying out their duties. At first it was a males only organization. Over 150 year ago the Rebekahs were formed as a female branch of the Order. These two branches work closely together to help build a better community. Now, men and women can join both of these branches of the Order.

Where and when do you meet? Odd Fellows and Rebekahs meet at their Lodge Hall. Most lodges meet twice each month, usually on a weeknight. Some Lodges have a potluck dinner prior to the meeting while other lodges might have a dessert after the meeting. Lodge business along with planning for events or community programs is taken care of during meetings which last about an hour. Lodges in Oregon are part of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

RV Park The Jesse T. Jones Odd Fellows Park is located just south of Florence. The park has an enclosed pavilion, showers, restrooms and direct access to the world-famous sand dunes.

What do you do in the community? We are involved in our state and around the world, contributing to Arthritis and Eye Research, offering scholarships, sponsoring youth groups and other activities. Local Lodges can choose their own activities to sponsor, from Boy Scouts to soccer teams. If the Lodge in your community is not involved in a project it does not mean they cannot become involved. It takes people that want to become members to carry out ideas.

I would like to thank all that were involved with the reception at the Lebanon Odd Fellows Hall on Saturday. I hope that Bethany Struthers, President-Elect Theta Rho Assembly of WA, Lisa Corda, Grand Patriarch Grand Encampment of Oregon and Denice Meeuwsen, President Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, will have a fun - filled year. If you have any problems and need some help, to vent or talk, just give me a call. Working and pulling together as members of the Odd Fellows Order, we can make things happen and make our jobs run smoother.

I have a request of all the members of the Order and that is - I would like to receive photos of your Lodges inside and out, along with note on when it was built. If you know where there is a lodge that is no longer active but the building is still there, please send a photo. That includes Rebekah halls also.

F.L.&T.
EV Smith Jr,
Grand Master of Oregon



For you have been called to live in freedom.
Use your freedom to serve one another in love.
- Galatians 5:13



Lodge Cards will be in an up-coming OPOF. If you haven't sent yours in this year, please do so by July 14th.

Assembly President *Denice Meeuwsen*

“Life is better when you’re laughing”....This statement says a whole lot about this past weekend. I felt like that’s all I did. The reception was so much fun. While the installation was wonderful, I didn’t feel too relaxed and was nervous. But I totally enjoyed our reception. To those who traveled from all over, your presence meant the world to me. Most of all, I enjoyed sharing the day with E.V., Lisa and Bethany.



It was a lot of work for those who coordinated it and I appreciate all the time and effort you put into it. Thank you to my lodge, Vickie Beaver who helped us, and to Lebanon Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Thank you so much for hosting it in your hall. This is what it’s all about. Helping each other out and enjoying the day.

Only being in the office for less than a month has been eye-opening. Already the questions, phone calls and requests are coming in. Some are just random, easy to answer and others more important that have to be dealt with immediately. I thought all the past officers “always” had the right answers. Little did I know that they probably had to look up the answers on a regular basis, just like I do. (or Mary tells me to) I’m the first to admit that the information doesn’t always come easy to me. I tend to think with my heart and not my head most of the time. And I’ll always be honest and tell you if I don’t know or can’t find it, and I will find someone who does. Patience is the key.

But before you call make sure you check your lodge By-laws, Constitution, the Assembly By-Laws and Constitution and of course the “Bible of all Answers”... the Green Code book. Sounds like a lot? It is and believe it or not the officers you call or write to with these questions/issues don’t know everything from memory. They have to take the time and look it up to give you the answers you want. Please take the time to familiarize yourself with all of these. It would save a lot of time, phone calls and headaches along the way. I’m still learning my way around and I’m not afraid to ask for instructions either. But our job is to help and the lines are always open to anyone who has questions.

But of course according to GM E.V. Smith I have problems with directions. But that’s only on the road.

And yes, that’s one of those moments I’m still “laughing” about since it’ll follow me for the rest of my life. But as of this week thanks to Sister Liz Adams I now have maps from all the areas in the NW. So I shouldn’t get lost anytime too soon. I hope. And a word to the wise when traveling out of the country...don’t be a cheapskate, sign up for international roaming. The google maps app will work much better that way.

Coming up in July is the annual Jesse Jones Campout on the 6th, 7th & 8th. It’s a great time to enjoy relaxing time with friends and family. Breakfast is served by the Odd Fellows and a parade, games and fun things for kids and adults are happening all weekend. It’s a beautiful campground and all of us are very proud of it.

To all of you who are celebrating the 4th of July. Be sure to thank those who made this day possible. My Dad was a Korean War Vet (USN) and he always felt he was a lucky guy to do his part for all of us. Be safe and enjoy the time with those you love.

In Friendship, Love and Truth;
Denice Meeuwsen, President

Eta Theta Rho

Eta Theta Rho attended the Rebekah Assembly / Grand Lodge Sessions at Seaside in May.

Right: Bethany Struthers and Stephanie Wigle receive the Theta Rho 8th level honors program certificate.



Below: Eta Theta Rho makes a presentation to the members of the Grand Lodge.



Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

I hope your summer is off and running. I have been very busy as some of you know. First we are working on completing the Constitution and By-Laws for the Grand Lodge. You should have a copy in your Lodge by now, or you will shortly. Second we had a great turnout for the new heads of our Order's reception held at the Lebanon Lodge hall. Those that did not attend missed out on the homemade salads and good ol make it yourself sandwiches. Thank you to those that prepared the food. It was great. Third, We had an educational all Committee day held at the Grand Lodge office. We covered how a Committee should operate and stressed a need for all members on Committees to understand the commitment involved in order for your Committee to succeed. Forth, I attended the Theta Rho sessions held in Yakima, Washington. I have to say, those girls run a very tiled meeting. I then attended the annual Grand Lodge Sessions for the Jurisdiction of Washington. We had lots of fun and got to meet many out of Jurisdiction Representatives.

Lodge Secretaries, I have not received all of the per capita dues that I invoiced in March. Please remit as soon as possible. Remember, your Lodge must pay at least the first ½ of the invoice by June 1, and the 2nd ½ by December 1st. Any Lodge that fails to remit can be placed in a status of "not in good standing" and the members of that Lodge can lose the privileges enjoyed as an Odd Fellow. This can mean losing the privilege of holding reservations at any Odd Fellow Park. So please, remit yours if you have not already done so. To the Lodges that have remitted your per-capita, thank you.

I would like to thank every Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodge that submitted their By-Laws in a timely manner. By the time you read this we will be finally complete with your By-Laws and I will have sent them off to Sovereign Grand Lodge for their review. Those that waited until the last minute have no idea of how important this request was. I hope that in the future your Lodge would be more responsive.

You will or soon will have the new Grand lodge Constitution and By-Laws sent to your Lodge. Lodge Secretaries and Noble Grands, it is so very important and it is ordered that you shred and destroy the old Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws. That means all of the pre 2015 blue books as well. There will be a letter in the new Constitution and By-Laws packet that explains the need to remove and destroy the older ones. We will have a letter for you to certify that your Lodge has done this and that you are verifying that your Lodge is in compliance.

As some of you may know, I was elected at our sessions to be your two-year Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative. I am attending the annual sessions held in Baltimore, Maryland this August. If any member has a concern please let me know. Otherwise I will give you all a report when I get back.

Have a great rest of your summer.

Ronald Kunze,
Grand Secretary

**America was built on courage, on imagination
and an unbeatable determination.** - Harry Truman

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



Happy summer everyone,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer weather and keeping in touch with each other.

Before I forget to tell you, I will be out of contact July 31st to August 12th for our family vacation. I have my snorkel and fins packed and ready to go.

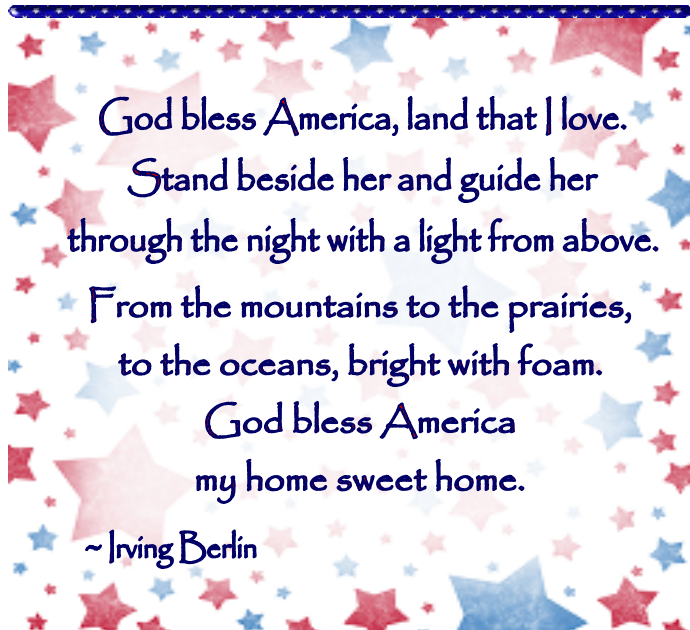
By now every lodge should have their By-Laws into our Grand Secretary, Ron Kunze. We should all be saying thank you to Ron for all of the work he has done with the By-Laws this past year. Ron has done an outstanding job with this huge task.

Remember that International Association of Rebekah Assemblies is coming up in August. Sessions are in Baltimore, Maryland this year, so if you are planning to attend get your registration in. Don't forget to submit Living Legacy, Drug Prevention, Community Service and Scholarship information to SGL so that you can receive the certificates you have earned.

I have not received all of the per capita dues so please get yours in if you have not already done so.

Have a wonder July and be safe!

Fraternally,
Mary Houle', Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



Grand Patriarch *Lisa Corda*



It was great seeing about 60 people at the grand officers' reception in Lebanon last month. Hats off to members of Lebanon and Aloha Lodges for setting up and cleaning up. It was a FUN day!

I am looking forward to visiting the encampments and plan on doing so twice to each during my term. My first visit is scheduled July 19 at Golden Rule in Milwaukie with dinner preceding the meeting. We will be at Jesse Jones Park for the annual 4th of July campout sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Members of Paran Encampment in Grants Pass invited Gordon and me to their annual rafting the Rogue on August 4. Word has it that others also can sign-up for the excursion of a lifetime.

September 1-3 is the Encampment campout which will have a Hawaiian theme with a luau. Bring anything Hawaiian, including grass skirts and coconut tops so you can swing those hips. Instructions provided. There will be a prize for the best costume. Make your reservations with Mary asap. Remember that the planned campout sponsors also need your support at breakfast with proceeds benefitting the campgrounds.

It is with sadness to report that Past Grand Matriarch Jacque McChesney passed away in June. Condolences from all of us go to her Mom and family, plus her Lodge and encampment families. She was a dedicated member!

At this time I would like to thank Melinda Walters, the assistant to our Grand Secretary, for all the things she does for everyone. We all benefit from her talents in compiling the monthly Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow. And the list goes on....

This summer be sure to visit and call those unable to attend meetings. You will light up their life.

Aloha,
Lisa



May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right. - Peter Marshall

Theta Rho President *Stephanie Wigle*

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing well! I am writing this letter in June before my Assembly so next month get ready for my final article.



Thank you to everyone who has supported me through this year! I have felt the love and support from all of you and I want to give you all a big thank you! There are no words to describe how much all of you mean to me especially after this year.

Eta No. 94 had a blast in Seaside presenting to the Oregon Rebekah Assembly and the Grand Lodge. Myself and Bethany Struthers received the honors ceremony for completing the Honors Program. President Brenda Spence presented us with our honors jewels and Thank you to everyone who participated in the Honors Ceremony. Especially to my mom who took much time and energy putting it together.

I have had a good month, school was over on June 15th and I am so excited for summer! Yes, I will be busy and only be home about one and a half weeks out of the three month summer but I'm ready for all the memories I'm going to be making along the way!

On the 9th of June I went to the Oregon reception for all the leaders of the Order. I wish all of them a great year!

Last month I also had another Caravan huddle, and again this year I left right after Theta Rho Assembly to drive to Idaho to meet up with my Caravan group.

I had a wonderful time in June and hope you did too!

In Happiness Through Service,
Stephanie Wigle

Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47 and Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47

After our sessions we are back into our routine. On Pearl's first meeting back, we initiated a new member. On Lebanon's first meeting in June we also initiated a new member.

On June 2, we had our annual pancake breakfast during the Strawberry Festival. The proceeds will go to community projects.

On Memorial Day, our PG Chuck Bennett gave the Memorial Day address. He also presented the wreath for the Chosen Few. PG Ken Cornett presented the wreath from Lebanon Lodge and NG Brenda Spence presented the one from Pearl Lodge.



Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252



Roseburg Rebekahs took Rebekah and Odd Fellow flags to the IOOF Cemetery and Roseburg Memorial Gardens.



Our annual cemetery clean-up was done just before Memorial Day with a huge volunteer turnout. We were able to do some major removal of bushes penetrating through our fence from the neighbors. We had enough people to drag it to two big burning piles. The grass was mowed and trimmed around the markers. American flags were placed on the Veterans buried there.

Litter pick-up was done on our designated three miles here in Lorane with eleven people collecting nine bags of litter in record time.

We held our annual dinner out and will be on vacation during July and August.

See you all in September.

Alice Pellham

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In Memoriam

Jacqueline McChesney
Doris Barton
Patric Harkins

Bertha Rebekah Lodge No. 188
Carnation Rebekah Lodge No. 157
Villa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 124

Canyonville
Wallowa
Milwaukie



July 6-8 Holiday Weekend at Jesse T. Jones Odd Fellows Park



Friday

6 pm Potluck in Pavilion..Bingo to follow bring white elephant gift for prizes

Saturday

7- 9:30 am Fundraiser Breakfast in Pavilion \$5.00 each suggested donation. Pancakes, eggs, ham, biscuits & gravy and coffee
(Scavenger Hunt Adult & Kids clues will be handed out at breakfast)

10am Park Board Meeting in Meeting Room

1pm Parade through park- decorate your self and your ride. Prizes at finish line. Scavenger Hunt prizes awarded at end of Parade.

6pm Potluck in Pavilion Picnic theme.. Bingo to follow bring white elephant gift for prizes

Sunday

7-9:30 am Fundraiser Breakfast in Pavilion \$5.00 each suggested donation. Pancakes, eggs, ham, biscuits & gravy and coffee

10am Devotional Service in meeting Room

News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

Due to members not bringing their cards when they use the park, we are asking that you present your current membership card; whether you are here to camp, be an extra vehicle or a visitor. You must be in good standing, meaning all dues have been paid, in order to make reservations and to use the park.

If you are a new member who has paid their dues and are waiting on a new card, please bring proof of payment or have your secretary contact our park office!

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding,

In Friendship, Love and Truth!

Jesse T Jones Staff

My Country — Tis of Thee — Sweet Land of *Liberty* of Thee I Sing

Welcome New Members

Golden Rule Odd Fellow Lodge No. 78

Bobbi Cruz

Del Aldridge

George Geer

Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellow Lodge No. 196

Kathryn E Stevenson

Jerimiah C Butts

Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50

Ronald Stock

Luke Polich

Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47

Mary Worsham



F L T Three Links Breakfast



- Pancakes.....2**
- Eggs.....Scrambled**
- Link Sausage.....3**
- Coffee, Tea or Juice**
- \$5.00 Per Person**
- Children under 4 free**

**Estacada Odd Fellow Lodge No. 175
267 SW 2nd Ave, Estacada
Saturday, July 28th 8:00 am-12:00 noon**

**Start your Summer Celebration with our
Three Links Breakfast**

Muscovite Initiation at Grand Lodge Sessions



Tillamook Muscovites

The Muscovites held an initiation after the banquet at Grand Sessions in Seaside.



Left to right: Jim Hurliman, Sue Hurliman, Abby Hoffert, Adam Schwend, Rex Trogden, Geoff Hoffert and Brett Hurliman



Above : George Ellis, Larry Safley and Bonnie Tomski
Muscovites: Gary J. Kniss and Willilam Steele

Patriarchs Militant at Sessions in Seaside

The Mooscow Duchy of Muscovites (Tillamook) gathers on the last Thursday of each month at a different restaurant in the area for dinner at 6:00. After dinner we come back to the lodge hall and pack bags of food for at risk youth. We have teamed with the local school district, who identifies the children, and we provide the labor.

Our thought is that during the school year these kids are getting lunch each day at school, but what happens on the weekends? Our goal is to provide a minimum of 2 proteins (usually peanut butter and peperoni stick) 2 grains (usually two different granola bars) and two fruits (apple sauce and a fruit cup). Anything extra is a bonus. We usually have 7-9 items per bag. The schools need just over 100 bags each week. We fill the bags and deliver them to the schools on Friday morning.

Bret Hurliman



Memories From 2018 Grand Session in Seaside



Members taking the Grand Lodge Degree



Oregon and visiting Past Rebekah Assembly Presidents



**Sovereign Grand Warden E. Wesley Nelson
IARA Vice President Patty Heighton**



Oregon's new GM and Oregon and visiting Past Grand Masters



**Grand Master Gary J. Kniss
RAP Brenda Spence**



**Brenda Spence
Rebekah Assembly
President**



**Gary J. Kniss, Grand Master
& Stephanie Wigle
Theta Rho President**



Introduction of visiting Dignitaries



New Rebekah Assembly Officers for 2018-2019



New Grand Lodge Officers for 2018-2019

Grand Encampment



Vickie Beaver, P IARA President presents Meritorious Service Jewel to Darrell Beaver, PGM



Dee Pickett presents Meritorious Service Jewel to Charles Pickett



Liz Guerreiro presents Meritorious Service Jewel to Mike Guerreiro



Gary Clark, PGM presents Meritorious Service Jewel to Joyce Clark, PPR

Meritorious Service Jewels were awarded at the Fraternal Banquet



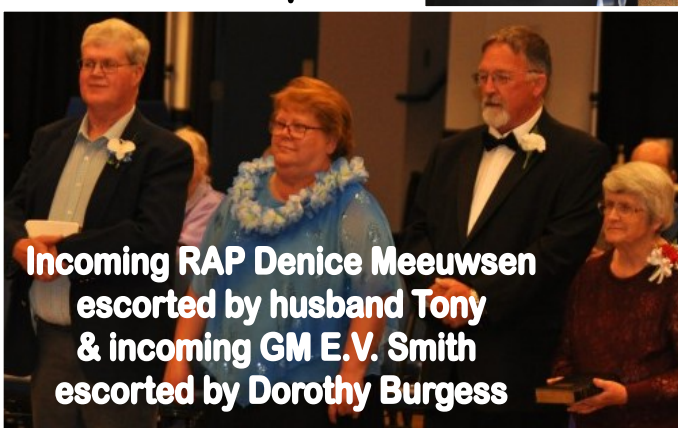
Past Grand Patriarch KC Carr & Paran No. 29 passing the Grand Encampment Banner to new Grand Patriarch, Lisa Corda and her Encampment Golden Rule No. 28



KC, PGP presenting Lisa, GP with Jewel



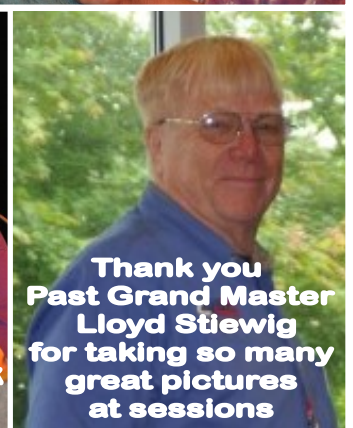
Teresa Dyer, PGM Presenting her Mother Dora with her Past Grand Matriarch Jewel



Incoming RAP Denice Meeuwesen escorted by husband Tony & incoming GM E.V. Smith escorted by Dorothy Burgess



Allan Jackson, PGP Presents Homemade Myrtlewood Crook to Lisa Corda, GP



Thank you Past Grand Master Lloyd Stiewig for taking so many great pictures at sessions

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