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Then Join hand in hand,  
brave Americans all!  
By uniting we stand,  
by dividing we fall.

~ John Dickinson

## 2020 Pilgrimage for Youth Cancelled due to Covid-19

It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing that the 2020 Pilgrimage for Youth tour has been cancelled. This decision was put off as long as we possibly could in hopes that the covid-19 virus would run its course and be over with. Our youth's health and safety is our top priority. I have already shared this with the jurisdictions that were sponsoring delegates this year, but I thought all the jurisdictions needed to hear this. The cancellation will also be posted on the SGL website. More information will come in the next few days about next year's program. I would like to thank every jurisdiction that sponsored delegates this year and also those lodges that sent in donations for our program. The donations will stay in the account for next year's tour unless you want a refund. More information will follow in the next few days with options for your delegate fees from this year.

The Board of Directors met by zoom on May 15 to deal with the issue of the tour cancellation and also set next years tour dates for [July 3-16](#). The Board also agreed that the delegates that were supposed to go this year will have the option of attending next year. The age requirement and one year left in school will be waived as a one time consideration to make this possible for them. A huge thank you to our Board of Directors for making this happen!

## 2020 Sovereign Grand Lodge Cancelled due to Covid-19

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Due to the restrictions in place from the current Covid 19 Pandemic with regard to social distancing in place and the fact that the Hotels and Convention Center are not open at this time with no definite date to do so, the Executive Committee has communicated via Zoom and agreed that it is not practical or safe for our membership to travel and/or meet this year.

A majority of the Grand Representatives of record are in agreement to **not** meet.

The Hotel asks that you cancel your rooms. If you cannot find your confirmation number or are having difficulty making contact, e-mail: [ioofthesgl@ioof.org](mailto:ioofthesgl@ioof.org) and we will assist as best as possible.

Stay safe and healthy.

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Fraternally, the Executive Committee

E. Wesley Nelson

Charles L. 'Chuck' Lusk

Michelle L. Heckart

Terry L. Barrett

Harless A. Turner

Douglas E. 'Doug' Pittman

**Continued:** Thank all of you for supporting our program. Our youth is our future.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Leonard Bolton, Executive Director

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# Grand Master Gordon Corda

# Welcome New Members

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Happy birthday America and Happy 4th of July to everyone. As summer kicks off I hope everyone has had a chance to get out and take in some sunshine. It hasn't been easy keeping up with which county is in which phase, but Grand Lodge has a committee working on making sure lodges continue to reach out to members who don't have internet to make sure their voices are heard and votes are counted. Brad Probst has been great at spearheading this. Thank you Brad. Thank you P.G.M. Gary Clark for putting together a work party to help clean and trim grounds at the Lebanon I.O.O.F cemetery. It was nice to work along G.P. Mike Guerreiro, Scott, Mike and past G.P. Lisa. The loss of groups of volunteers because of Covid left the staff needing help. Jesse T. Jones park is open and will have a 4th of July celebration although on a reduced scale. Please support our park !!



I appreciate the membership having confidence in myself and the Grand Lodge officers to weather this storm. With support from our brothers and sisters, we will.

In F.L.T.  
Grand Master Gordon Corda




Peace and friendship with all mankind is our wisest policy, and I wish we may be permitted to pursue it.. -Thomas Jefferson

- Freewater Odd Fellow Lodge No. 202**  
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**Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge No. 70**  
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- David Boyer  
 Martha Smith  
 Kyle Forslund  
 Gabe Pocol  
 Johnny Weber  
 Michael Dunks

I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent the government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.

-Thomas Jefferson

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# Assembly President Merrilea Manning

# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary Mary Houle'

It is hard to believe that it is already July and half of 2020 is over. I hope that in spite of the pandemic, quarantine, protesters and riots that everyone remembers what a great country we live in as we celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



We also belong to a great fraternal Order known for helping those less fortunate or in need. During this pandemic, members of Rose City Rebekah No. 170 and Samaritan Odd Fellows No. 2 have continued every week to prepare complete brown bag lunches for the homeless. Please let Grand Lodge know what good works you or members of your Lodge have been doing during these challenging times.

I am looking forward to start visiting Lodges again in the near future. In the meanwhile, everyone stay safe and healthy!

In Friendship, Love & Truth!  
Merrilea Manning, President



## Oregon Lodges are Re-Opening



Members of Douglas Odd Fellow Lodge No. 14

We must reject the idea that every time a law is broken, society is guilty rather than the lawbreaker. It is time to restore the American precept that each individual is accountable for his actions. – Ronald Reagan



Happy summer everyone,

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

Before I forget, I will be out of contact July 26<sup>th</sup> through August 6<sup>th</sup> as it is once again time for me to go on my family's annual camping trip.

International Association of Rebekah Assemblies has been canceled this year. If you have hotel reservations you should cancel them.

Several members have called about the password for this year. We keep the same password until next year. We use President Merrilea Manning's password until a new President is installed.

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

Have a wonderful July and be safe!

Fraternally,  
Mary Houle', Secretary  
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

Don't bother trying to join the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. It turns out they're against all three. —unknown

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed Monday July 6th - Friday July 10th In an emergency Grand Secretary Ron can be reached @ 503-319-5159

# Grand Secretary's Corner

## Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

Now that it's Summer I hope everybody enjoys getting out and enjoying the outdoors and living life to the fullest.

As most of you know many of our lodges are back into full meeting status and are starting to pick up all their activities. If your Lodge has not called the Grand Lodge office yet please do so as soon as possible and let us know if your intent is to be open or not. If you have called already please ignore this message.

Grand Secretary Assistant, Melinda is back in the Grand Lodge office finely and it is so nice to have her back. You don't know how much someone does for you until they are gone for seven weeks.

As many of you know Jesse T. Jones Park is now open and there are policies for checking in due to Covid-19, so please respect those guidelines.

There are many lodges that still have not paid the Grand Lodge per capita dues. I mailed them out in February and they were due on April 1st. If you're one of the secretaries please remit as soon as possible so your lodge will remain in good standing with the Grand Lodge.

If you would like to submit articles for the OPOF please remember to have them in by the 14th of each month. We welcome stories about what your Lodge has been up to and any events that you are planning. You can also send pictures.

I want to remind everyone that the Grand Lodge Officers and committees remain the same and will continue until our Grand Lodge sessions in the year 2021.

Please have a wonderful summer and enjoy.

Ronald Kunze., Grand Secretary



# From Your Holgate Board of Directors

Your Holgate Board of Directors would like our membership to know the Holgate Center is doing an outstanding job. We are gaining strength with our finances and are surviving the Covid-19 challenge that we were faced with. Your Holgate board continues to monitor the Holgate Center and Director Dane Jensen is in constant contact with Chairman Ronald Kunze updating them on a weekly basis.

With hospitals back doing surgeries our occupancy rate has jumped and that is very good for our income.

I personally thank all of the employees of the Holgate Center for the outstanding job they have done during this pandemic. Not one of them backed out of coming to work, they stood fast in their commitment to helping people in need with their health concerns. So once again as I write this article I say thank you to all employees of the Holgate Center from the bottom of my heart.

All three buildings at the Center are still on lockdown to protect our patients. Executive director Dane will let us know when this changes.

Your Holgate Board of Directors



The deck is stacked in favor of those who serve others, have good values and work hard.

Just as it should be. - Larry Winget

The clearest way to show what the rule of law means to us in everyday life is to recall what has happened when there is no rule of law.

- Dwight D. Eisenhower

# Grand Patriarch Michael Guerreiro

# News From Jesse T. Jones Park

Patriarchs, Brothers and Sisters,

Most of Oregon has now moved to stage 2 of the reopening plan which I believe is where we will stay until a workable vaccine is developed to fight or eliminate the Covid 19 Virus. It looks like this is our new normal for the foreseeable future which makes going about the business of the Order more difficult. With so many events and activities canceled, we may have lost touch with some members and had less communication with other Encampments in our state. Please take the time to call a member to check in and see how they are doing. Hopefully, everyone will soon be back to regular meetings following the new guidelines for staying safe as we gather together. I ask that you let me know when you resume your meetings, since I will remain your Grand Patriarch until our next annual session, I would like to visit your Encampment again.



Jesse Jones Park is doing well with the reopening, while investigating what changes must be made in the rules as we move into phase 2. Mary will keep everyone informed, in fact she may already have an update in this edition of the Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow. The Park Staff and Board members are doing everything they can to ensure everyone that is able to make a visit finds that the park has been well cared for during the time we were unable to camp.

Last week I had the privilege of helping at the Odd Fellows Cemetery in Lebanon. Montezuma Lodge No. 50 members, Mike St Clair, PGM Gary Clark and I worked with Grand Master Gordon Corda, Past Grand Patriarch Lisa Corda and the staff from the Cemetery on a massive mowing and trimming day. The Cemetery Manager, PP Brenda Spence provided us with a tasty lunch and by 4:00 major improvements had been accomplished. Of course, we tried to practice social distancing while helping make the cemetery even more beautiful.

In the next issue of the Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow, I'll write about the sock drive and plans for continuing to collect socks for our citizens who really need some help.

I'm sorry you have to put up with me for two years. I'm striving to be the greatest two year term Grand Patriarch Oregon has ever had, wait, Oregon has never before had a 2 year Grand Patriarch.

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



I am glad to see the park full again. We have a few changes, everyone is allowed back and we were able to open the playground this week. We are still actively sanitizing the restrooms through out the day. The showers are closed at Ten so our crew does not have to be up cleaning bathrooms till midnight , then up again at 7 in the morning to help out. The pavilion remains closed, and we are having to bag the ice due to Covid. You must call 72 hour BEFORE your reservation date and pay by credit card. Tell us of all vehicles that will be with you for your stay and let us know if you need ice. Please do not invite anyone to come if they will not fit in your site as, we have so many reservations that we are leaving the side road area for day use. If you have any question please call me There will be no holiday fundraiser breakfasts for the 4<sup>th</sup> or Labor day but on the 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a parade. Please use lots of decorations and we will show off our patriotism.

See you all soon Mary and Park Staff.

It is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their own selfish purposes. -Andrew Jackson

America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves. -- Abraham Lincoln

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# Muscovites go Online to Fundraise



On May 23, Portland's Czar Heidi Davis held an online fundraiser for Odd Fellow charitable giving. The live online show was called the "Wheel of Impressions". Those who logged in were able to make direct song requests of the Czar, as well as requesting voices for her to impersonate while singing. The Czar took requests for two and a half hours and raised \$520.



## News From

### Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellow Lodge No. 196 & Juniper Rebekah Lodge No. 229

Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellow Lodge and Juniper Rebekah lodge awarded scholarships to the following local schools.

- Madras High School, Madras
- Juan Huerta-Hernandez: \$500.00
- Kelsie Olivera: \$500.00
- Culver High School, Culver
- Coy Aldrich: \$500.00
- Felicia Belvoir: \$500.00
- Crook County High School, Prineville
- Trent Brinkley: \$500.00

Dorothy J. Burgess, Noble Grand



No man is above the law and no man is below it:  
Nor do we ask any man's permission  
when we ask him to obey it.

~ Theodore Roosevelt

# A.M.O.S.



We still find the Samaritans of Al Jibneh Sanctorum busy in their local communities benefiting the members of those areas. Starting down South we find the Samaritans in the Grants Pass area working in the Odd Fellow Cemetery. With gravesites being adorned with flowers and bouquets for Memorial Day, these items needed to be removed and usual maintenance conducted. In the metro area we're still looking to the Sunshine Division with its Odd Fellow ties, the Samaritans were sent to a local church with food items donated to become part of the church's food baskets for the needy.

In Tillamook we have seen a good thing grow. The Samaritans have seen a positive growth in the moon and star watching evenings. What had started to be an activity to break the boredom of the shelter in place for children has now become a family event with families purchasing their own telescopes and bringing cots to the Odd Fellows yard for unobstructed views. Thank you, Samaritans, for facilitating an event that benefits local families and has the Odd Fellows being the place where the star and moon watching takes place. Samaritan and Tillamook Odd Fellows, you rock!!!

Fraternally  
Gary J. Kniss GM

I like to see a man proud of  
the place in which he lives.

I like to see a man live so that his place  
will be proud of him.—Abraham Lincoln

Justice will not be served until those who are  
unaffected are as outraged as those who are.

- Benjamin Franklin

We hold these truths to be self-evident:  
that all men are created equal;  
that they are endowed by their Creator  
with certain unalienable rights;  
that among these are life, liberty,  
and the pursuit of happiness. —Thomas Jefferson

**Desiderata** Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence.

As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,  
even to the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter,  
for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble;  
it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;  
many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love;  
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.

But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings.

Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars;  
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,  
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be.

And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life,  
keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,  
it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.



It is easy to take liberty  
for granted,  
when you have never  
had it taken from you.

- Dick Cheney



We will stand by the right,  
we will stand by the true,  
we will live, we will die  
for the red, white and blue.

- Unknown

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## *In Memoriam*

Kenneth Dickerson  
Chris Woolcock

Freewater Odd Fellow Lodge No. 202  
Mt. Scott / Star Odd Fellow Lodge No. 188

Milton Freewater  
Milwaukie



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**What people do is who they are-what they say has little bearing**  
**Larry Winget**