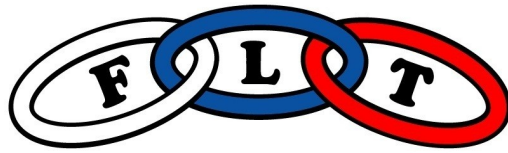


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*Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly & The Encampment Sessions are Cancelled until May of 2021*



# Grand Master Gordon Corda

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As most everyone knows Oregon's Grand Lodge Sessions have been cancelled until May of 2021 and the decision was made to keep all 2019 -2020 Officers in their current office. This year was a unique one to say the least. I will continue to do my best for the Odd Fellows in this next trip around the sun. I am confident all the other Grand Officers will do the same.



Due to the stay home, stay safe order there have been many questions about the when and how to proceed. We are trying to stay as informed as possible with things changing almost daily. I was disappointed not to be able to make my last 3 official visits, because of the shut down in March. These lodges will be my first when we can travel again. I know members are anxious to begin "in person" meetings but due to state mandates we are not eligible unfortunately. Many lodges have used Zoom, Skype or conferences calls, this has proved very useful. On a positive note, Jesse T. Jones park is open to self -contained R.V.s with safety protocols in place. I look forward to beginning my visits as soon as possible and again meeting wonderful brothers and sisters.

Please stay safe and enjoy this time with family as the Odd Fellows will continue to do the things we have always done... help where help is needed.

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Grand Master Gordon Corda

Signs and passwords may be used to prove membership in the Order, but the best sign is unblemished character and an abundance of good works. *Pacific Odd Fellow, May 1898*



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You're allowed to scream, you're allowed to cry,  
but do not give up. - *unknown*

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# Assembly President *Merrilea Manning*

# A.M.O.S.



As we are all in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the members of A.M.O.S. Al Jibneh Sanctorum have been involved within the community.

In Grants Pass members have continued to serve the community with masks and hand sanitizer. In Tillamook while practicing social distancing and sanitizing between uses, Samaritans helped the high school students divert their boredom by looking at the moon through a high-quality telescope. It appears from the student's comments that the evening was a success. Thank you, Samaritans, for being a part of the community.

In the metro area food was gathered for a food bank. We chose the Portland Police Sunshine Division because of its historic ties with the Odd Fellows. For those who are not aware an individual named Harry Circle became an Odd Fellow and a Portland Policeman in 1903. He started to hand out food for those in need and did it on his own. As time passed the program continued. As Harry Circle progressed through the ranks of both police and the Odd Fellows fraternity, the program continued to grow. He rose to the rank of captain with the police department and was a Noble Grand of our Woodlawn Lodge. This piece of history was learned by a tour of the Odd Museum in North Portland at the Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge. It was indeed a pleasure to enlighten the workers of the Sunshine Division of the tie to our fraternity.

The story has one more piece. We were asked if we would consider taking our products to a downtown food kitchen as they were in desperate need due to the rising numbers at their door. We arrived at the Union Gospel Mission where workers were most eager to accept our donation. They too were told of our Odd Fellow family. It was good to help some people in need as well as let the community know The Odd Fellows are still on the job after 200 years of service.

Fraternally,  
The Shieks and Samaritans of A.M.O.S.

I hope all the Mothers out there had a wonderful Mother's Day! I spent several hours of the day talking to my children and friends on the phone. My oldest daughter who lives in New York is recovering from the coronavirus. Thankfully, she is the only one that I personally know who has gotten the virus. I want to thank everyone for their prayers.



I know everyone is anxious for the quarantine to be over so that we can get back to our normal lives and routines. But it is better to be cautious and play it safe for a little bit longer. Grand Lodge is taking steps to guarantee that when we do resume meetings not only are we in compliance with the State, but our members are also protected from potential illness.

Please continue to call and check in with your Lodge Sisters and Brothers, it is always nice to hear a friendly voice. I want to wish all the Dads out there a Happy Father's Day!



In Friendship, Love and Truth!  
Merrilea Manning, President

## *Harney Odd Fellow Lodge and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge Dedicate Bench*



The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Harney Lodge No. 77 and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43 of Burns are honored to share with the community a

bench that has been installed in the I.O.O.F and Rebekah section of the cemetery. Noble Grand Robert Hornbeck stated that the bench is in memory of all Past, Present and Future Members of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, who have been dedicated members of our Order. The bench can be found just down from the chapel.

Let our watchword be:  
Everyone at his post; and no grumbling.

*Pacific Odd Fellow, March 1898*



# Grand Secretary's Corner

## Ron Kunze

Brothers and sisters,

Melinda is back in the Grand Lodge office and I am so relieved. It was not a fun 2 months without her. Anyway you will start receiving, once again, the OPOF by mail. We had to shut down the Grand Lodge office due to the Covid-19 restrictions but are now allowing her to return to work. If you need to visit the office, please let us know and we will set a time. We are still under essential personnel only until phase one is over. Let's pray this is very soon.

Many have heard that Oregon's Grand Lodge has been cancelled this year. There will be no Grand Lodge sessions and the Grand Lodge officers will remain in place until election time in May of 2021. All committee members will remain the same.

I have made a trip to Burns, Oregon to assist Harney Lodge No. 77 and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge packing up their Lodge items in the building for them to be placed in the Grand Lodge museum. Both Lodges will continue on and start meeting in another facility to be announced in the future. It was understandable that they could not maintain the upkeep of the Lodge building so it was approved for sale. I thank Patti Kunze, Grand Master Gordon Corda and his wife, Grand Marshal Lisa Corda for traveling with us to help box items. We accomplished this in two days and we will be going back in two weeks to bring the boxed items back to the Grand Lodge office in Portland, Oregon. Thank you again Patti Kunze, Gordon Corda and Lisa Corda.

Please continue to help all of those who may be afflicted. As Odd Fellows and Rebekahs this is our duty.

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



# From Your Holgate Board of Directors

The Holgate Center is aggressively making the necessary changes to stay ahead of the Covid-19 virus making sure the infection rate stays minimal. The Staff and employees have done an outstanding job. As I write this article (May 20<sup>th</sup>) our campus is still on essential personnel only in the buildings. We are doing better than expected compared to the other facilities here in Oregon and we must thank Dane Jensen for the outstanding leadership he has shown during this crisis.

There was a patient I knew well who was living in Friendship Health Center until his passing. (This was expected). His wife had nothing but good to say about the treatment he received and also how well she was treated before and after his passing. Our employees are the best and I am grateful for them. The compassion they show towards their patients and their families is beyond imaginable. We should all be proud of our Holgate Center.

Ronald Kunze, Chairman



Below left to right:  
Richard Merritt,  
Ron Kunze,  
Patty Kunze &  
GM Gordon  
Corda

Above left to right: Grand  
Master Gordon Corda,  
Patty Kunze, Lisa Corda,  
Jacquelyn Caizza, Ron  
Kunze & Richard Merritt.



Left, left to right: GM  
Gordon Corda,  
Robert Hornbeck,  
& Richard Merritt



“A father is a man who expects his children to be as good as he meant to be.”

- Carol Coats

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

Hello to all of my Sisters and Brothers,

I hope you are all safe and well. If you have not heard, Oregon's 2020 sessions are cancelled. I am really going to miss seeing all of you at sessions this year. All of the elected and appointed officers as well as committee members stay in office until our 2021 sessions. If you are unable to continue in the position you are in please contact our President Merrilea Manning and let her know.



District Deputy Presidents also stay in office for another year. If you need any forms or help please give me a call or email me and I will do my best to help you.

I know this is a challenging time for all of us. Please, if you need anything give me a call, even if it is just to talk. I am home most days. I do get to go to work about once a week and see different walls.

Take good care of yourselves and each other. Remember--We Are Rebekahs.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as your Secretary. I promise to do my very best and look forward to working with all of you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Mary Houle', Rebekah Assembly Secretary

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A St. Louis woman, whose husband is in the habit of coming home tipsy from "Lodge," decided to frighten him as a cure. The other night she arrayed herself in a frightful apparel, and when the boozy husband entered the door she said in a dreadful tone, "I am the devil!" "That so? Shake. I'm your brother-in-law-married your sister." *Pacific Odd Fellow, October 1897*

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*Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice.*

# Grand Patriarch *Michael Guerreiro*

Patriarchs, Brothers and Sisters,



I hope you are all faring well under the continued orders to stay home and stay safe. There are many who are braving the danger to make sure we have fuel for our vehicles, food for our bodies and health care to all who are in need of it. There are many others who continue in their jobs because they are able to practice "physical distancing" while they work and are considered necessary. My thoughts and prayers are with all who are dealing with whatever this situation brings to their lives.

Here it is June, and we are not back to normal but it does seem that our State will slowly begin to reopen in the coming weeks and months. I am glad the campground has reopened in a limited way as long as we limit the number of campers and keep the communal areas closed. If you have a chance to head to Florence, remember to follow the rules now imposed about physical distancing. I am hoping the dunes will open soon so we can get back to an activity we love. Mary is checking daily to see if the dunes are open. Want to be out in the great outdoors, but not ready for a self-contained camping trip? Reports are that fishermen are having great success right now on the Columbia River; a day trip of fishing may be just the thing to get you out of the house.

Now for a news flash that I'm having mixed emotions about; Oregon's Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly have been canceled for September 2020. All elected and appointed Officers and Committee Members will retain their positions until the next annual sessions which will be in May 2021. So, I could use your assistance, if any of you have questions or ideas for what our Encampments can be doing during this time, let me know. It could give me some good fodder for future articles for the OPOF, I would love to hear from you. In the meantime, please stay safe and contact other members to see how they are doing.

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



# Memories From Past Grand Lodge, Rebekah Assembly, Grand Encampment & Oregon Battalion Sessions



2016-2017 Rebekah Assembly Officers waiting to be Installed



Eta Theta Rho No. 94 2012 Sessions



Members taking the Grand Lodge Degree



Bill Hawes, Joe Goad, Roger Schaff, GP Allan Jackson & Robert Lynn



2017 Sessions, Seaside



2013 Oregon Battalion



Grand Encampment Sessions 2016



# News From Jesse T. Jones Park

We are open here at the park for camping. The sand has been opened to Jesse Jones private access.

First and foremost I want to THANK our members from Oregon, Washington and California that sent donations to help us pay the bills for April. I have had a few more that have come in, and that will help when the bills come due for May. Many do not know how much we depend on volunteers, donations of supplies, and support of members to keep this park up and running in good condition. Again, THANK YOU MEMBERS. I am looking forward to seeing you all, it has been too quiet here.

Mary and Park Staff

**THE JESSE T. JONES PARK IS NOW OPEN FOR CAMPING TO OREGON MEMBERS ONLY. THE SAND HAS BEEN OPENED TO OUR PRIVATE ACCESS**

We have received permission from the Lane County Health Department to have our park open for camping. The following procedures must be followed to be able to operate.

**Please observe the Covid-19 guidelines.**

1. All recreational vehicles and pull behind or 5th wheel trailer units must be self-contained.
2. All restrooms and showers are closed until further notice.
3. The pavilion is closed until further notice.
4. Playgrounds are closed, bike riding and remote control car use allowed with proper distancing.
5. No large group gatherings allowed until further notice.
6. You must leave one space between each camping vehicle site at this time.
7. Pre-pay for site by phone and pick up gate card at office window upon arrival.
8. We will disinfect all high-touch areas such as spigots and electrical boxes after checkout.
9. Dog parks may be used with proper distancing and following all dog rules.
10. Keeping in compliance with the Lane County Parks rules, we are only allowed to accept Oregon members to camp at this time.
11. Notices will be posted to remind members to social distance and observe and follow the mask wearing guidelines from the State of Oregon.

Fraternally,  
Gordon Corda, Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Oregon

*Due to the restrictions  
put in place  
by the Governor,  
Heceta Lodge No. 111  
will not be holding an  
All Degree Day at the park  
in July this year*

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## Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

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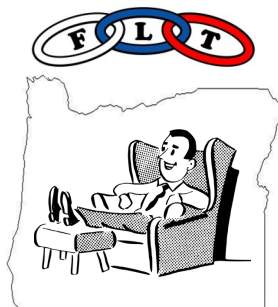
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### *In Memoriam*

Sherry Baker Umpqua Rebekah Lodge No. 173 Elkton



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**A father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow**

*- Unknown*