

# Odd Fellow

**May 2021**

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 Assembly Officers..2:00 PM



Of all the special joys in life,  
 the big ones and the small,  
 a mother's love and tenderness  
 is the greatest of them all. - Unknown

## "Friendship, Love and Truth" - James Montgomery 1799

When "Friendship, Love, and Truth" abound  
 among a band of brothers,  
 the cup of joy goes gaily round,  
 each shares the bliss of others:  
 Sweet roses grace the thorny way  
 along this vale of sorrow;  
 The flowers that shed their leaves today  
 shall bloom again tomorrow:  
 How grand in age, how fair in youth  
 are holy "Friendship, Love and Truth!"

On halcyon wings our moments pass,  
 life's cruel cares beguiling;  
 old time lays down his scythe and glass,  
 in gay good humor smiling:  
 With ermine beard and forelock grey,  
 his reverend front adorning,  
 he looks like winter turn'd to May,  
 night soften'd into morning.  
 How grand in age, how fair in youth,  
 are holy "Friendship, Love and Truth!"

**2021 ZOOM Grand Lodge,  
 Rebekah Assembly &  
 Grand Encampment Sessions  
 May 13, 14 & 15**

From these delightful fountains flow  
 ambrosial rills of pleasure:  
 Can man desire, can Heaven bestow,  
 a more resplendent treasure?  
 Adorn'd with gems so richly bright,  
 we'll form a Constellation,  
 where every star, with modest light,  
 shall gild his proper station.  
 How grand in age, how fair in youth,  
 are holy "Friendship, Love and Truth!"

# Grand Master **Gordon Corda**

Greeting Brothers and sisters

I wish everyone a fun and exciting Memorial Day. Please remember the reason for memorial Day is not just BBQs but a thank you to service members who have given their all.



This is the month for our Grand Lodge Session where we will choose our new leadership. Please support them as you have myself. Thanks everyone and especially my Officers for being dedicated for my extended term. I thoroughly enjoyed each and every visit. It has been a honor to be your Grand Master where I had the chance to meet a great group of people from all over Oregon.

Thank you President Merrilea Manning for being my counterpart and friend during the past two years.

I will miss seeing everyone in person at our annual sessions. I really looked forward to the fellowship with Oregon members and members from other jurisdictions. I wish we could break bread together.

My last official is to Klamath Falls. It should be a lot of fun.

Thank you to the editors for their hard work.

All in all this has been a great experience with lasting memories that I wouldn't trade for anything.

Thank you again.

My trips around the sun are over, time to put on my sun glasses and relax.



Friendship Love and Truth,  
Gordon Corda, Grand Master

# Assembly President **Merrilea Manning**

Happy Mother's Day to all my Rebekah and Odd Fellow sisters! My term as President of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon has come to an end and it is with mixed emotions I write this last article as President, so I will keep it short. I thank you for the honor of being your President, my only regret is that Covid prevented me from doing all the things that I had planned during my year.



I also thank all my Officers, Committee and Board members for serving these last two years. Congratulations to all the incoming officers . . . I wish you all a fantastic year!

Please be sure to read this entire Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow issue for updates on our Zoom Sessions. I hope everyone has registered for Assembly as I would love to see everyone's smiling faces again.



In Friendship, Love & Truth!  
Merrilea Manning, President



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**Join our ZOOM Installation of  
Grand Lodge &  
Rebekah Assembly  
Officers on  
Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 pm**

# Grand Patriarch Michael Guerreiro

# Rebekah Assembly President Marlene Gray's 2021-2022 Assembly Top

Wow, here it is May 2021, our first Zoom Grand Encampment Session is just days away and my years as your Grand Patriarch are coming to an end. I look back at these two years with a lot of gratitude for all the kindness and hospitality I received from the Oregon Encampments. I got to know many Patriarchs as I visited each Encampment three or four times either in person or Zoom meetings.



Many people helped me through these two years and I thank them for their help and suggestions, especially PGM Gary Hahn, PGM Ron Kunze, Grand Secretary and PGM Gary Clark. The members of Hillsboro Encampment have supported me throughout these years and deserve a lot of the credit for my successful time in office.

I have to take this opportunity to thank all my Officers who have served right along with me for these two long years. Just to remind you my Officers are Grand High Priest Alan Jackson, Senior Warden Gary J. Kniss, Grand Scribe Pearlie Stewart, Grand Treasurer Joyce Clark, Junior Warden Phil Mundy and Shirley Mathews, Grand Color Bearer Patty Fries, Inside Sentinel Lloyd Fries, Outside Sentinel Ron Kunze and Grand Parliamentarian Robert Worthington.

There are two officers to whom I owe special thanks for going above and beyond the call of duty. First is Grand Scribe, Pearlie Stewart for getting everything we need ready to hold our first Zoom sessions. Without her, I could not possibly be ready for this new way to hold our session. Joyce Clark got the books and budget ready for us. This lady said she would help me way back when I ran for Junior Warden. Every time I write something, she is there to go over it and make it into something you can understand. She has been my guardian angel.

And so, with thanks to everyone, I am looking forward to assuming the office of PAST GRAND PATRIARCH.

In FL&T, FH&C  
Mike Guerreiro, Grand Patriarch

All Past Presidents, Rebekah Assembly Elected and Appointed Officers and Assistant Officers of President Marlene Gray are encouraged to order Marlene's choice of her special outfit. The top is from Creative Touch and is a Cape Top, silver lame' with silver overlay. You will need to send Creative Touch your bust, waist and hip measurements with a check for \$59.00 information for charging to a Visa or Mastercard, the cost of the top would be \$62. Please note when ordering; Rebekah Assembly of Oregon Officers for 2021-2022 Silver lame with silver overlay cape top. Creative Touch, 817 Terra Bella Drive, Milpitas, CA 95035; email: [creativetouch@ibongo.com](mailto:creativetouch@ibongo.com); web site is [creativetouch.ibongo.com](http://creativetouch.ibongo.com);

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



Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Sessions are on Friday May 14, 2021. You will receive the ZOOM link you will need a few days before our session. The link will give the starting time. I look forward to seeing you at sessions.

For those of you that were expecting to receive a voting ballot, you did not get one because we will be voting by acclamation. There were no contested offices this year.

Advanced proceedings have been mailed to all elected and appointed officers, Past Presidents, and delegates.

The Rebekah Assembly Executive Board voted to follow the Grand Lodge of Oregon's decision to suspend all new life memberships until after our sessions in May. Legislation is being proposed in Grand Lodge to change life memberships. Please wait to send in any new life memberships until after sessions.

Most lodges are meeting again. Please follow all safety regulations in place for your county so that we can stay open.

Take good care of yourselves.

Mary Houle' Secretary  
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

## Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge Welcomes New Members

In March we welcomed four new members by conferring the Initiatory Degree virtually. Our degree team, PGM Alan Jackson, James L. Dodge, PP Rhoda Davis, Alan Whitmore and Past Grand Matriarch Susan Jackson did a great job. We plan to perform a virtual degree day to confer the rest of the degrees soon on a Saturday morning. Our new members are Ryan Hoover, Barbara Hanten, Scott Nelson and Joseph Hilleary. After our new members become 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree members we will put them to work with veteran members on a Degree Team. We have several families looking forward to the opportunity to participate on this degree team to build membership in Lebanon.

## Grand Secretary's Corner Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

As it is now only two weeks before Grand Lodge Zoom Sessions, I would like to remind everyone that the Zoom link for each Unit will be sent out on Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>. We have received a lot of calls. The Grand Master is appointing an electronic meeting committee to host the sessions for each unit. They will be in charge of hosting the meetings and verifying all that are in attendance. If you have not yet installed the Zoom App on your computer or phone, I encourage you to do this well before the day of sessions. This is free to do and it is easier if you set up a free Zoom account. I will not be in charge of assisting members on how to log on. We will need everyone's email addresses or phone numbers in order to verify your membership status. You can call Melinda in the Grand Lodge office to make sure she has your information. Once again we are only sending this link out to those that are registered. Please don't wait until the last moment to do this. I will not be available for phone calls during the Units' meetings, my cell phone will be turned off. Grand Master Gordon will appoint someone to be available for assistance if needed, you can call 503-236-9300. Please bear with us, this is our first time holding and running a Zoom Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly.

If you have not yet done so please send in your updated list of Lodge officers, (Lodge Cards), even if you have kept the same officers.

I will see you on Zoom.

In FL&T,  
Ronald Kunze,  
Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Oregon

I look back on my childhood  
and thank the stars above.  
For everything you gave me,  
but mostly for your love. ~ Wayne F. Winters





# News From Jesse T. Jones Park

# Albany Odd Fellow Lodge No. 4



**Thank you to all my work day Volunteers!** We had a drizzly start to our work day but were able to finish some larger projects. We had ladies organizing and cleaning in the pavilion, crews digging out the drains, crews resurfacing the lower playground deck, building a roof for the deck to the Tahoe, clipping ivy ,and much more. Sadly we had to have the crew also remove the big yellow slide as it has had too much abuse and been broken. We still have the metal slide , and for now that is the only one we will have unless we can find another metal one that will last. We have gone through 3 of the hard plastic slides and they just do not hold up.

Just another reminder for you to please call 72 hours before arrival to prepay for your site or let us know you wish to pay with cash or check upon arrival.

Memorial Day weekend reservations need to be confirmed no later than the first week of May if you have not done so already. Please call or email to confirm your reservation.

Mary and Park Staff

Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night.

Rainer Maria Rilke



On March 17th we held the initiatory degree virtually by the degree team-Allan Jackson, James L. Dodge, Dave Deland, Brian Bowman, and Keith Bowman. We conferred the degree on three new members-Murroy Sim, Josh Treigle and Phil Major, all during our regular lodge meeting. We are going to do the other three degrees on a Saturday morning. We hope in the near future we can get our new members through the degrees in person again.

In FL&T,  
JL Dodge, Noble Grand

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## A.M.O.S.

Well a term has ended and what an unusual year it has been. Never has there been a year like this for any of us. We did however stay connected and continued to do some good deeds in the community. While working with Odd Fellow brothers and sisters throughout the realm our members as well as the community have benefited from the efforts of our Samaritans.





With a new term commencing a new slate of officers are taking their place to guide Al Jibneh Sanctorum. The new Grand Monarch is KC Carr with the ever able and reliable Brett Hurliman as Registrar. Venerable Fryer is Gary J. Kniss.

As ever in FL&T  
Gary J. Kniss

**ZOOM SESSIONS PLANNED FOR 2021**

The Grand Lodge executive committee met on December 5, 2020 in a Zoom meeting. It was decided unanimously that our 2021 Grand Lodge sessions would be held by means of electronic Zoom. The Rebekah Assembly will meet on May 14, Grand Lodge meets on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the Grand Encampment meets on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Since we are having our sessions via zoom and telephone this year, we have to think outside the box on how to get everything done. We are asking for nominations for Officers and Board Members from all of our members before our sessions. There will be no opportunity to nominate “from the floor” since we will all be in different places, so please take a few minutes to look over this list, and decide who you think would do a great job in the position, then send your nominations for Odd Fellows to Ron at the Grand Lodge office to Mary for Rebekahs at the Rebekah Assembly office and Pearlie Stewart for Encampment. Be sure to check with those you are nominating to ensure they will accept the nomination and office if they win the election. Later we will be sending out ballots, so we have the results of the election during our session. We have listed those already nominated or holding the position on the following page.

For members that don’t have the capability to use zoom to join in the session, you may plan to join another member who can use Zoom. Members, if you can use Zoom and know of others who don’t have the capability, please contact them and offer an invitation to join you in your home or maybe at the Lodge hall so they can participate. You may also be able to listen and participate using just your cell phone, please explore all the possibilities so you can join us for the 2021 Sessions.

 <h2 style="margin: 0;">2021 ZOOM Sessions of</h2> <h1 style="margin: 0;">ALL UNITS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Jurisdiction Of OREGON</p> <p style="margin: 0;">May 13-15 2021 Thursday-Saturday</p> 
<b>CHECK ALL THAT APPLIES TO YOU</b>
<p>ONE PERSON PER FORM <span style="float: right;">LODGE NO. _____</span></p> <p>Check if Elected Grand Lodge Representative _____</p> <p>Check if Elected Rebekah Assembly Delegate _____</p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Title _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>I will be joining the ZOOM Meeting for...Check below, one or all meetings you would like to join</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The time for each meeting to be announced at a later date</b></p> <p>Grand Encampment, Thursday, May 13th _____</p> <p>Rebekah Assembly, Friday, May 14th _____</p> <p>Grand Lodge , Saturday, May 15th _____</p> <p>I will be attending via my own computer connection _____</p> <p>I will be attending via phone connection _____</p> <p>I hope to join another member to participate _____</p>
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