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The Grand Lodge Office
will be closed
November 25th - 27th.

At this time of year we are reminded of how much we have to be thankful for. My wish for you this Thanksgiving is that you find yourself surrounded by those you love. - Kate Summers

How The Odd Fellows Got Their Name

There are some legends which give the name "Odd Fellows" a history dating back to ancient Rome, but most likely the name originated in 18th Century England. Until that time, only the aristocracy had established such philanthropic societies, and it was "unheard of" that common men would organize a mutual aid fraternity. These extraordinary laborers were called "Odd Fellows". Because of their work to relieve the distressed and to educate the underprivileged, the name of "Odd Fellows" was given them. From these special sources came the characteristics of this fellowship that have brought so many remarkable benefits to people throughout the world.

In a cold calculating world as ours, it is still considered "Odd" for one to be willing to share his worldly goods with the less fortunate - odd that such a group does not stop to ask why others have not done so but who consider it an imperative duty, one that must be discharged. This is a theme for the most laudable emulation, the brightest gem of consistency of fraternal character.

This is the character of Odd fellowship. It teaches humility, that power alone by which man is enabled to govern his own sentiments when provoked and to bear patiently the anger and revenge of others when exerted against him.

An Odd Fellow is one who is alert to the interest of all around him and ever ready to lend a helping hand.

OUR BASIC CREED

Genuine Friendship, which hears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, is the first step toward progress and personal enrichment, and the teachings of Temperance, Prudence and Justice.

Love, is the basis for all life's ambitions, service to humanity, and more family oriented.

Truth, the imperial virtue, promotes economic stability, equality under law, freedom of enterprise, the highest of ethical standards, and lasting peace, the ultimate goal of fraternity.

Universal **Brotherhood of Man** under the **Fatherhood of God** is imperative to the survival of the world, and can be accomplished only through the practice of fellowship and understanding among all peoples and nations.

From the International Odd Fellow, April 26, 1969

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year,
because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings.

Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are. - Joyce Giraud

Grand Master Gordon Corda

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving, celebrating with family.

I hope to begin making Official visits to Lodges that are meeting again following guidelines. The Grand Lodge committees are doing their utmost to carry out their duties using zoom meetings and small in- person meetings when possible.



Although some time has passed, please reach out to members, some who may have lost everything. I believe we can reach out statewide to help those most in need.

I had a nice visitation to Harrisburg Lodge and heard about their donation to a local preschool.

This upcoming Holiday season may be unlike any other, but let's be thankful for what we do have.

In F.L.T,
Grand Master, Gordon Corda



The Grand Lodge Office will be closed

December 23rd - January 1st.

OPOF articles are due on the

14th of each month.

NO exceptions in December,

The Editors will be

in the office on the 15th.

There are always too many Democratic congressmen, too many Republican congressmen, and never enough US congressmen. - Unknown

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ADDRESS BEFORE THE 14TH DAY OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.

Assembly President Merrilea Manning News From Jesse T. Jones park

Last month I asked for people to let me know about something good they experienced in 2020. With November being the month of Thanksgiving and counting our blessings, it would have been great for me to share some of them with others. However, I only received one response to my question of “*What is ONE good thing that happened to you this year?*” Peggy O. from Washington texted me . . . “*this summer took on the yard and planted a vegetable garden*”, plus “*got lots of vitamin D*” while doing it. Way to GO Peggy and Thank you for sharing!



Even though people didn't let me know about the good things happening in their lives, hopefully everyone has good things happening. I hope everyone votes this month. Also please take the initiative to call and check in with your fraternal Sisters and Brothers. On November 1st we turned back our clocks to standard time and due to winter approaching with shorter days and longer nights it can be very depressing for some people. So please make the effort to be the friendly bright spot in someone's day.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you are including some of those delicious new recipes you tried out these past few months in your holiday meal. I will be counting my entire fraternal family as one of my Blessings as I say grace on Thanksgiving!

In Friendship, Love & Truth!
Merrilea Manning, President



Welcome New Members

Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1

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| Victoria Greenway | Alissa Hagenauer |
| Duke Harmon | Tonia Kuenzi |
| Willie Leach | Kolbein Torresdal |

Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge No. 7

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| Larry Lemaster Sr | Kimberly Lemaster |
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Hello again my fellow members. We have had the most varied, interesting and stressful year here since I started working at the Park in 2009. Covid 19 restrictions, fire danger causing dune closures, and equipment and major sewer situations. What has made this year still a joy to work for you is all of our members. Everyone was so happy to be able to get out and relax, spend time with their families, and see friends (even if it was at a distance) that the atmosphere was so friendly and caring. Also each time a new difficulty has been thrown up we have had members who have stepped up and volunteered to help if they could. Your taking part and making this campground your own is what makes such a difference. Guests are always remarking on how , friendly and helpful our members are. Just a note, we will not be inputting next years reservations until after the first of the year. We need to acquire a new reservation program and are going to try to finish the year out with the current version. If we do not have your current email address, please call and update your profile. Stay safe and well and we hope to see you all very soon.

Mary and Park Staff

When turkey's on the table laid,
and good things I may scan,
I'm thankful that I wasn't made
a vegetarian. ~ Edgar A Guest



No dream is too big. No challenge is too great
Nothing we want for our future
is beyond our reach. - Donald Trump



K.C. Carr III PGP

You have to think anyway, so why not think big?
- Donald Trump



Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

With Thanksgiving right around the corner I want to extend from Myself and Melinda a very warm and joyful Holiday. Thanksgiving came about somewhere after the year 1890, with representations of the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people and this began to reflect a shift of interest to the earlier harvest celebration. By the beginning of the 20th century, the Pilgrims and the **Thanksgiving** holiday were used to teach children about American freedom and how to be good citizens. On December 26, 1941 the United States House of Representatives agreed to the amendment, in turn President Roosevelt signed the resolution on December 26, 1941, thus establishing the fourth Thursday in November as the **Federal Thanksgiving Day holiday**. If you can help a person or family in need during these times, I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated. Many Lodges have their individual programs to help others in need already and I thank them for doing this.

Lodge Secretaries, your annual on-line report links will be ready for your input soon. I thank the IT committee chairman David Sheer of Peninsula Lodge No. 128 for helping set up these reports annually. Just setting up the Odd Fellows membership report sheets consumes almost 4 long days and the financial sheets consume about a full week so David has gone above and beyond to help your Lodges with a much easier report for you to fill out. We all thank him. For the Secretaries that are new, please let me know if you were not forwarded the online links and I will get them to you. Both myself and Melinda can send them. Once you get the reports in November you can start on the membership sheet if you want. Please remember we lock the online sheets on January 31st at midnight because that is the due date set forth in the Grand Lodge of Oregon By-Laws.

To all Odd Fellow and Rebekah members in the Jurisdiction of Oregon. We still have an Oregon Eye committee whose purpose is to assist low income members who are in need of glasses here in Oregon. If you are in need of a new pair of Eye glasses please contact the Grand Lodge office and we will get you an application. Once you fill out the application and return it to the Grand Lodge office. I will notify the Eye Committee who will meet to determine if you qualify and what

From Your Holgate Board of Directors

We are still not completely done with the re-bonding, but we did receive our audit report for the first two quarters of 2020. I must say it is a very good looking report as compared to the audit report we received from the previous administration. We are very happy with the new audit company.

We are still running stronger than ever and will continue to do so with the guidance of our current Board of Directors and our excellent Holgate Center Administrative staff, as well as the employees who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. We will bring further updates as they happen.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Ronald Kunze, Chairman
Holgate Center Board of Directors

As we approach the Thanksgiving season let us be mindful that we are citizens of the United States of America, which stands today as the leading nation of the world, with resources and wealth that are almost unlimited and with a future of marvelous possibilities. We in America have much cause to be grateful.

Pacific Odd Fellow

November 1939

funds are to be granted. If you have already purchased your new glasses please send the receipts in with your application and the committee will determine how much funding you are to be reimbursed.

Secretaries, Grand Master Gordon Corda has asked that you please send your Scheduled Zoom meeting links to me at grandsecretary@oregonioof.org for each and every electronic meeting you are having during this pandemic. All Odd Fellow meetings are open to any member in good standing, therefore this will be a very good way for us all to stay connected.

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



**"Every time a politician tells the truth,
another pig gets his wings." ~ Sher Surratt**

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'



Happy Thanksgiving everyone,

Most of our Rebekah Lodges are meeting again. I hope you are all following the rules with masks and social distancing. I know we all miss seeing each other and getting to visit so please stay safe and well as we begin to meet again.

As the holiday season begins we need to remember our Brothers and Sisters who may be alone for Thanksgiving and send them a card or give them a phone call. I know that they will enjoy having someone remember them.

It is time to get busy if your lodge plans to sponsor a delegate for the Pilgrimage for Youth Program. Time slips by and you do not want to miss the opportunity to help a youth in your area go on this life changing trip next summer.

I will be sending our Per Capita dues statements this month and hope you all enjoy paying your dues. The Rebekah Assembly Secretary (oh yeah, that's me) appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

All lodges should have their life membership interest checks by now. If your lodge has not received a check yet please let me know.

I will see you at a meeting soon and hope you each have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mary Houle', Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



The year has turned its circle,
the seasons come and go.

The harvest all is gathered in
and chilly north winds blow.

Orchards have shared their treasures, the fields,
Their yellow grains, so open wide the doorway,
Thanksgiving comes again!



In the U.S. today, you are considered innocent
until appointed to a public position
by the President. - Ambassador William Powell

Grand Patriarch Michael Guerreiro

Dear Patriarchs,

Here we are entering November looking forward to our traditional Thanksgiving with family and friends while still dealing with the Corona Virus and wildfires that are not completely extinguished. I believe we all thought by this time the fires would be out and the Covid 19 pandemic would have been largely behind us. But life has not returned to "normal" and we still aren't sure what the new normal will be.



As I have been reminding everyone every month, I urge you to check with all your members at this time to see if they need any assistance from their Brothers and Sisters. I also have written about our ongoing "Sock Hop", the need for our socks in the homeless community is probably soaring. So count the socks you had as of September and send me the results with pictures. Then you can start distributing those socks to people who really need them in your area. Hillsboro Encampment has distributed their collection of socks to the homeless already. I need those numbers ASAP to continue the tally in the friendly "Sock-Hop" competition. It's not too late, get those socks counted and get me the results. I have made a couple of visitations this fall starting with Hillsboro Encampment No. 84 and Willamette Encampment No. 2 and by the time you read this, I should have paid a visit to Heart of the Valley Encampment.

In getting back to the work of our Order, some of the Encampments are finding a way to meet. Please let me know what your Encampment is doing to meet and don't forget to count those socks! AFTER you count your socks, let me know your number and inform me of when and where you are meeting.

It is time to get out the rakes and start gathering those leaves that are falling in your yard or at your meeting space. Fall cleanup is a task that offers a wonderful chance to get out, enjoy the fall colors and breathe the fresh smoke free air.

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



Politicians are like diapers. They both need
changing regularly and for the same reason.

- Mark Twain

A.M.O.S.

The members of AMOS have continued to support local efforts of the community. Recently AMOS members along with Odd Fellow Brothers and Sisters have joined with other organizations to support firefighters, first responders, and fire evacuees in the fire ravaged Santiam Canyon.

The Elks and Lions set up a food service in Gates, Oregon to provide meals to those individuals in the area, many of whom have lost everything. They have been joined by Masonic members as well as Odd Fellows and AMOS members. They have been operating on donations in order to provide meals to these people. Donations from these groups and others who hear about the Santiam Canyon Fire relief are what is keeping this project viable.

In F,L,&T
Gary J. Kniss



From The Sovereign Grand Master E. Wesley Nelson

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters,

I came upon this story the other day and I would like to share it with you.

THE WISE OLD MAN

A man of 92 years, short, very well-presented, who takes great care in his appearance, is moving into an old people's home today. His wife of 70 years has recently died, and he is obliged to leave his home. After waiting several hours in the retirement home lobby, he is told that his room is ready.

As he slowly walks to the elevator, using his cane, the nurse describes his small room to him, including the sheet hung at the window which serves as a curtain. "I like it very much", he says, with the enthusiasm of an 8-year-old boy who has just been given a new puppy.

Surprised, the nurse says "Sir, you haven't even seen the room yet, hang on a moment, we are almost there."

"That has nothing to do with it", he replies. "Happiness is something I choose in advance. Whether or not I like the room does not depend on the furniture, or the décor – rather it depends on how I decide to see it." He continued. "It is already decided in my mind that I like my room. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up."

"I can choose. I can spend my day in bed enumerating all the difficulties that I have with the parts of my body that no longer work very well, or I can get up and give thanks to heaven for those parts that are still in working order." He explained. "Every day is a gift, and as long as I can open my eyes, I will focus on the new day and the happy memories that I have built up during my life."

"Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw in later life what you have deposited along the way."

"My advice is to deposit all the happiness you can in your bank account of memories....and you'll stay happy no matter what!"

At this time in our life we need to concentrate on the happiness that we have experienced throughout our life. Our Future is now, so remember to Motivate, treat everyone with respect, dignity and kindness. Be Optimistic, Be Positive, and above all Stay Safe.

As we go forward during this Pandemic, we must adapt so we can move forward. Our Jurisdictions are gradually opening and now it is time to start thinking about our lodges!

The above is an excerpt from the Sovereign Grand Masters' article in the September 2020 IOOF News

Let Us Know What Your Lodge Is Up To

Now that Odd Fellow, Rebekah Lodges and the Encampments are starting to meet again, let us know what you are doing. How are you helping each other and your community? Are you having a work day at your lodge hall? What plans do your lodges have for the holidays? Let us know. Send pictures (with names, must have an article to be used). We'd love to hear from you.

Send your pictures and articles to:

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O Infinite Father,
I'm grateful to Thee
For the moon and the stars
and deep rolling sea;

For beauties of nature, where e'er they may be...
For the handclasp of friends, so firm and so true;

For sunrise and sunset and glistening dew;
The fleecy white clouds and the Heavens, so blue;
For these wonderful gifts, dear Lord, I thank you!

-Gertrude T. Buckingham, "My Song of Thanksgiving"

Pilgrimage For Youth

Delegates selected for 2020s Pilgrimage, which was cancelled, are going to participate in the 2021 Pilgrimage tour.

We can also add new delegates this year. The criteria is the same, complete an essay, then win the speak-off at the local level.

Lodges will be required to have the speak-off competition prior to the December 4th deadline so they can have their delegate information submitted to the Oregon Jurisdictional Chairman, Cyndi Smith, no later than December 4th. The fees for the new delegates will be the same as last year.

Dates for the 2021 tour will be, the Delegates depart Portland Jun 29, 2021 will fly into Philadelphia and will return to Portland on July 12th. A mailing is being prepared to be sent to all the Lodges with information on how your Lodge can participate by donating money for the program or send additional students on the 2021 Pilgrimage for Youth Tour.

Morand Scholarship

Applications Now Available

It is time to make the call. Contact the Grand Lodge Office and request your application for a Morand Scholarship. Request a Morand Brochure at the same time for additional information about the Morand Scholarship program. The Morand Committee met and have updated the scholarship application forms. The Grand Lodge Office is the only source for the most recent forms. Only applications with the date 10/9/19 in the lower left corner of the page will be accepted. College age students who have completed at least one term of college by January 31, 2021 and have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The committee awards scholarships in February of each year. All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their family members are encouraged to apply. Our Brochure outlines all the criteria and directions for applying for a scholarship. Request a few of the Morand Brochures from the Grand Lodge Office. All Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges should have a few of them on hand.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is fast approaching. All applications must be in the Grand Lodge office no later than January 31, 2021. Remember, these scholarships are for members and their family who are OREGON RESIDENTS attending an Oregon school unless their field of study is not offered in Oregon.

Don't delay, request your scholarship application and brochure today from the Grand Lodge Office, then complete all the requirements in the application form to apply for your scholarship.

The Morand Educational Fund Committee will meet to award the scholarships on Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 10:00 am in the Grand Lodge Office at 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202.

Father of love! Whose tender care
Hast kept us through another year;
With tuneful voices now we raise
Our hearts to Thee in grateful praise.
For mercies past, for joys to come,
For health, and happiness, and home,
For friendship pure, for love and truth,
That crown our age and cheer our youth.
Accept our thanks, our labors bless,
and to our efforts grant success;
And to Thine honor we will raise
Unceasing hymns of prayer and praise.

Thanksgiving Hymn.. IOOF Anniversary Ceremony 1897

Memoriam

Darrell Beaver, PGM	Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47
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Gerry Reid	Mamie Rebekah Lodge No. 20
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 Elizabeth D. Gray