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Coming Events

Sept. 1-3....Grand Encampment Weekend..

Jesse T. Jones Campground

Sept. 15.....All Degree Day..Hahn Farm

Sept. 16.....Encampment / Canton Degree Day..Hahn Farm Sept. 21.....Eye Committee Meeting..Grand Lodge Office **Year again...**

Oct. 6......FL Convention..Coquille

It's that time of Welcome



Estacada Odd Fellow Lodge No. 175 Holds Annual Three Link Breakfast





Every summer the City of Estacada holds their "Summer Celebration" in July. In 2017 Estacada Odd Fellows decided to have an annual "Three Link Breakfast". Last year we didn't do so good. We over bought groceries and didn't advertise enough, so we didn't even break even. This year we joined our Chamber of Commerce so we can advertise through the city, put out a lot of flyers and learned how to shop. WE MADE A PROFIT! We are discussing what project or projects we can dedicate our funds to. We are also planning on having our "Three Link Breakfast" more times a year so we can establish a following and get to know our community better.

Picture above left: Ken Sjaastad, Dan Tooke, Bruce Haney and Marty Hare. Pictured right: guests and Larry Hare far right

Lost and Found

Found at the Lebanon Lodge Hall after the reception on June 9th a magnet with a Past Noble Grand Jewel and year button on it. Contact Vickie Beaver at 541-259-2373 or dvbeav@proaxis.com if you think it might be yours.

Grand Master

Here it is that time of the month again to do another article for the OPOF. Well I could tell you that it has been a little on the hot side 90-100 degree weather, but I think most of you already know that because we all must go outside sooner or later. But I will tell you driving a combine for



grass and wheat harvest sure has changed from when I was a kid driving a John Deere 45 combine back in the 60s & 70s when we had flow around air conditioning and a water bag to drink from, now we have cabs with GPS, radio, or satellite radio, soft adjustable seats, oh yes, lets not forget stay cool AIR CONDITIONER. The friends that I work for, all they wanted me to do is just drive, no turning wrenches' just keep going back and forth, at a fast speed of .8 to 1.8 mph that is if I was lucky. Well enough of what I have been doing for most July and August.

In a few days I will be joining the rest of the Oregon Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, heading to Baltimore for Sovereign Grand Lodge. We will be there for about a week or so. Going to Baltimore I feel like a kid going to Summer Camp for the first time, all the excitement of going where I have never gone before (like when I joined the USA NAVY) then the reality set in. I have a lot of work to do as a representative. Now that it's getting time to go, my mind is starting to think, do I have all the right clothes packed and ready to go, the right suit jacket and slacks, shirts and ties, will I remember the right signs and passwords, do I have my ticket, did I put down the right dates for going and coming. The real question is, do I real know what the heck I'm doing? But then I call Ron Kunze, the man with all the knowledge, and what does he tell me, "just relax things will work out and remember if you forgot it here we can buy it there and hope and pray you don't screw up too bad, for you're not the first nor the last one to go to Sovereign Grand Lodge."

By the time you read this article we will have made it home safe and sound, and I hope somewhat smarter than when we left. I really hope that I made a lot of new friends and that I did not talk their ears off and that I can remember their names, titles and where they were from.

Just a reminder to check in on friends and members,

maybe just to say hi and to remined them to drink plenty of water and to see if they may need any help. With all the smoke in the air, some have trouble breathing or other problems. Just remember we all need help some time, and it's easier to give help then it is to ask for it. Also remember it may be us who need a little help or even just a visit from someone. With that, I've got to go to work for the last time in my combine, so remember have fun and always play nice with your friends and fellow members.

FL&T, EV Smith, Grand Master

Grand Master's Itinerary

Sept. 4....joint meeting, Bandon No. 133 & Coquille No. 53..Bandon..7:00 pm

You spend 90% of your adult life hoping for a long rest and the last 10% trying to convince the Lord that you're actually not that tired. ~ unknown

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Assembly President Denice Meeuwsen

Grateful for where I'm at, and excited about where I'm going.

This month marks my first official visit of the year. I only have one so far. Everyone I had planned to visit was either not ready or things just didn't work out. But I'll take what I can get. October will be busier, so watch



for the agenda I'll have at the end of my articles.

Last week I received a call from a member (and friend). She called to tell me her fellow lodge members liked my article from the August OPOF. I was tickled to hear that, since I usually write by the seat of my pants and never really know what I'll write about until the computer clicks on. Maybe that's not how some of you do it, but it's who I am.

I feel a bit intimidated to be "advising" others about our lodges, their business or problems. Believe it or not I do get advice from those I trust and they give me ideas also. It's a responsibility and most of all a commitment that I have never taken lightly. This year has been a quick study for me and I am learning "under fire" for the most part.

During the visitations this year I plan on bringing information to you about Life Membership, By-laws and Non-contributing members. There seems to be some confusion (and questions) on these topics. When I visit your lodges have your questions ready so we can try and work through this and get the answers we need.

I've started my "work year" already. Most of you know I do Daycare for some cute boys in my life. But this year I'll only have 2 for most of it. Today I had one help me put my paperwork together. Emmett was impressed, because his words exactly, "Gramma, you sure have a big mess." Well, that's one way of putting it. I'm always organizing one thing or another. But, my husband hasn't seen the neatly stacked row of containers I put out in the shop yet. Let's hope he waits until I leave for Baltimore. But what he doesn't know is that it's going to grow even more.

My family has been great at supporting me in this journey. They laugh at all the "junk" (their words, not mine) I have piled up. I'm always on the phone and they're getting good at taking messages for me. And sometimes they get the names right too!

I hope all of you enjoy the rest of this warm summer. Stay cool, be safe and enjoy your family and friends. And I'll try and behave myself in Baltimore. So happy to be Oregon's representative this year!

In Friendship, Love and Truth; Denice Meeuwsen, President

President's Itinerary

Sept. 20...Prosperity No. 104..Klamath Falls..7:00 pm



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Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

It has been a busy summer. I hope your summer has been a good one.

We are still getting some late increase in membership forms from Lodge Secretaries. Please



forward your increase forms on newly initiated members to the Grand Lodge office as soon as you can.

I would like to touch a bit on sponsors. When you sponsor a new member, (on their application) you should follow through and see that those new members are welcomed into the Lodge they joined. We all join Odd Fellows for a reason and if it was to utilize any of the many venues then this is fine, but please remember your Lodge needs you to become an active member and participate in the many functions your Lodge has to offer. This is what your sponsor should be assisting you with. Sponsors for new membership need to be more than just a name on the application form. They should be your mentor in the Lodge.

Lodges, please remember if you are making a donation to the Grand Masters Projects, please make the check payable to **Grand Lodge of Oregon**. After your Grand Master has served his or her term I will send a check to the entity you stated in your projects. Too many times the project checks are not written to the Grand Lodge and we have to send them back for your Lodge to reissue.

In my article for October I will let you all know about the Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions in Baltimore, MA. I will keep you apprised of the legislative changes made.

The Grand Lodge Executive Committee will meet on September 22, 2018 at the Grand Lodge office. If you have a concern or would like us to address something then please let me know so we can add it to our agenda.

Have a great start to the school year.

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

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

Hello everyone,

Fall is beginning, school is starting up and most lodges are returning after summer vacation. I am back to work now, but please feel free to call me at any time. You may have to leave a message. I will



return your calls either at my lunch time or when I get home from work.

The proceedings are almost ready to be distributed and I hope to have all mailed or personally delivered by the end of September.

Now is a good time to review some of the protocol we use in our lodges, such as taking up the password, how to make motions or balloting procedures so that everyone remembers the proper way to do things. A good review can save time later on.

Remember to give members a call and remind them that lodge is starting back up after summer vacation. You may get a member to return to lodge who has not been coming for some time.

Fraternally, Mary Houle', Secretary Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

Below are verses taken from two of the favorite songs written by the poet James Montgomery in 1788 for a "Body of Odd Fellows"

When Friendship, Love and Truth abound among a Band of Brothers the cup of joy goes gaily round each shares the bliss of others and

Then let us be social, be generous, be kind, and let each take his glass and be mellow, then we'll join heart and hand, leave dissensions behind, and each prove a hearty Odd Fellow.

Odd Fellows Roster of Portland, Oregon 1929

Grand Patriarch Lisa Corda

Depending on when you are reading this letter, we are having or we had a wonderful Encampment Labor Day weekend at Jesse T. Jones campground. It is truly amazing how many people



volunteer to help make an event like this be successful. I am grateful to all who pitched in. Special thanks goes to Christine and Robert Ladd and to Allie Mae Jeremiah who helped plan the luau from start to finish. Mary Green and her daughter Becky also receive kudos for their assistance. For those attending, we hope you enjoy/ enjoyed the total weekend!

In the works is another special weekend at the campground. Please mark your calendars for Jan. 11-13 when we are asking members from all units of the Order to help discuss and share ideas about our Encampment future.

In July I made my first visitation at my Encampment, Golden Rule No. 28. It truly was special to use the crook that PGM Allan Jackson made me. Thank you Allan and thank you members of Golden Rule for your contributions to my project—Theta Rho expense fund.

My next visitations will be Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at Hillsboro Encampment No. 84, followed by Heart of the Valley No. 26 on Oct. 10. Hope to see you there.

In FL&T, Lisa, Grand Patriarch

Grand Encampment 🎎 Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1-3 Jesse T. Jones Campground

Please come to the park and support our new Grand Patriarch Lisa Corda and the Encampment. There will be raffles, the officers will prepare breakfast: pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits. Proceeds go to the park.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire to the Luau potluck, and enjoy Hawaiian dancers.

Please RSVP Mary at the park. Let her know you will be there and what you will be bringing to the potluck. Bring your family and have a great weekend camping at the beach. You don't have to belong to the Encampment to attend.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I want to thank all of you for the many cards I have received and continue to receive. I have enjoyed each card. It is great to be remembered and I appreciate the thoughtfulness.

Since my fall and surgery in March I have been in Regency Florence in Florence, OR. 1 am now residing in the long-term care side of this facility since completing rehab and will continue to live here for the time being.

1 am receiving good care at this facility and enjoy most meals.

My address is 1951 21st Street, Florence, OR 97439 or my daughter Karen's 380 Westmont Drive, Reedsport, OR 97467

Respectfully, Shirley Wilson, Past President

Did You?

Did you go to your brother and honestly try to find out the reason and ask him just why he was back in his dues and failed to attend? Did you go as a dunner or just as a friend? Did you try to find out in the best way you could if his kiddies were ill or his job was no good? Was there coal in the cellar, did he have food enough? If the sledding was easy or a little too rough? Did you say to him Brother, we've come here today to see if you're suffering, and then find a way for our Order to help you on life's weary road, we're ready and willing to bear part of your load? Did you note his reaction, if that's what you did? Did the smile come again that his sorrow had hid? If you did and he did, there is joy in your heart and a great satisfaction, for you've done your part. And as soon as he's able you'll find him once more giving the password through a hole in the door. He'll join with his brothers in deeds that are good

and be helping some others as Lodge members should. The Odd Fellow, June-July 1947

Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47 Holds Annual Yard Sale







On August 3rd and 4th we held our annual yard sale. We had some little helpers to help set up. With part of the proceeds we are going to buy school supplies for local children.

We are now starting to plan for our Christmas Bazaar. With those proceeds we again will do some holiday baskets.

We are looking forward to getting back to our meetings.

Rhoda Davis PP

I like nonsense; it wakes up the brain cells. ~ Dr. Seuss

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Display at Multnomah County Fair



Rose City Rebekah Lodge No. 170 and Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge No. 171 had a display of items they donated to give to the youth who brought entries to the Multnomah County Fair in the foods and art departments.

Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves . ~ James Matthew Barrie



News From Jesse T. Jones Campground



We have been having a great cool summer here at the coast. We have been very busy with it being so hot in the valley this year. We celebrated with Brother Steve Fry welcoming home his son, and members of the Flying Tigers from Afghanistan in July. We made a banner and served them breakfast to express our gratitude for their service.

Please keep our members from Redding California in our prayers. Several of our members were evacuated during the fire and a few also lost their homes during the devastation. Thinking of this leads me to ask all of you to remember that you are a brotherhood, and to treat your fellow campers with the same respect, and grace that you would with your family. Many of our guests do comment on your friendliness, cleanliness, and how our members will reach out and help others. Thank you all for coming and sharing your families with us for your vacations.

Mary and Park Staff

Aloha Rebekah Lodge Donates Sports Equipment to Jesse T. Jones Campground



Three members of Aloha Rebekah Lodge No. 253 took a trip in July to Florence to deliver sports equipment the lodge purchased and donated to the Jesse

T. Jones Campground. It was a beautiful day for a drive and of course a stop for ice cream was involved.

If your lodge needs a project, call the campground, talk to Mary Green and see what else might be needed.



"Start where you are.
Use what you have.
Do what you can." ~ Arthur Ashe

Curtis Tigard passed away last week at the age of 109. He was the Grandson of the founder of Tigard, Oregon and the oldest member of Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50.

In Memoriam

Ileane Davis Curtis Tigard Lilliebelle Dunithan Rev. Robert Rapp Joyce Paulsen Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4 Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50 Mamie Rebekah Lodge No. 20 Philetarian Odd Fellow Lodge No. 8 Prosperity Rebekah Lodge No. 104 Jacksonville
Hillsboro
Coquille
Roseburg
Klamath Falls

Muscovites Bring Oregon Adventure Theatre to Holgate Center



On Sunday, July 29th the Muscovites brought Oregon Adventure Theatre (OAT) to the Odd Fellows Home of Oregon, where they gave a lively performance of William Shakespeare's "The Tempest." The play lasted one hour and forty-five minutes, and was attended by twenty-one residents.

Six of the members of Oregon Adventure Theatre belong to the Noble Order of Muscovites, and four have become active members of Peninsula Lodge No. 128. They have found that OAT's mission to bring high-quality theater to audiences that might not otherwise be able to attend a play, fits very well with the Odd Fellows mission to educate the young and visit those who are shut in due to illness, age or disability.

This is the Magic of the Muscovites. By offering a group which is open to non-Odd Fellows, that has no meeting and no dues, the Muscovites are able to introduce a lot of new people to the Odd Fellows fraternity. Muscovites volunteer at Odd Fellow fundraisers, contribute to Odd Fellow charities, and they bring with them their families, friends and associates. Even if they do not join the Odd Fellows, Muscovites bring new life, energy, ideas and woman/manpower to the lodges they are connected with.

If you would like to bring the Muscovites to your lodge, visit www.keepportlandodd.com/ Muscovites.html and fill out the application to become a Muscovite noble.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others?"

~ Martin Luther King, Jr

Peninsula Lodge Hosts bi-monthly "Coffee with a Cop"



On Saturday, July 28th Thirty-two neighbors of Peninsula Lodge No. 128 came to have "Coffee with a Cop". The event is held every other month in Peninsula's Community Classroom. Coffee is provided by Willamette's End Coffee, located across the street from the lodge.

Officers Cuong Nguyen and Zak Edner visited for two hours with Peninsula's neighbors, sharing stories and answering questions. Much of the discussion centered around property crimes and the citywide crisis caused by the high rate of people being houseless. Officers Nguyen and Edner shared some of their experiences working with the houseless and explained the challenges they face, as they do their best to protect the rights of both the housed and the houseless.

Many of the neighbors came to hear Officer Nguyen's story of coming to the United States as a refugee at the age of six. It was very moving to hear about the days his family spent hiding from Viet Cong soldiers as they fled from their war-torn homeland in search of a better life in the United States.

At the end of the event, the officers gave the children who came a tour of their patrol cars, and handed out stickers.

The next Coffee with a Cop at Peninsula Lodge will be on October 13th, from 2:00-4:00 pm.



Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113



Shamrock began their summer activities in July working in the Milwaukie Community K9-9K program under the Milwaukie Police Department. Janie Long, Joyce Steiner and Janice Straub enjoyed assisting with the set-up and visiting with dogs and owners. Joyce even won a large raffle item.

Our sister Anna Jones, a long time volunteer with a local food pantry was selected to cut the ribbon at the Grand Re-opening of the Clackamas Services Center after the remodeling from a fire.



S e v e r a l members attended the 65th wedding anniversary of Inez and Delbert Kennedy. A large crowd enjoyed a light luncheon and video showing special events from their 65 years

together. Dale and Inez thanked their families, lodge brothers and sisters, travel club and all of their friends.

Members participated in the "Start Right" School Program

taking time to select requested items needed for low income children. An amazing amount of supplies were gathered and delivered for distribution.

It's been a busy summer with members checking in on each other, taking shut-ins shopping, visiting and enjoying lunch together. We are looking forward to our first meeting in September.

Janice Straub

Welcome New Members

Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1

Jeremy Williams Carl Weathers
Michelle Gunther Randy Jesse

Stefan Cam Larry Schmidgall
Randy Blatner Christina Blatner

Dierdorff Odd Fellow Lodge No. 54

Wayne Medley

Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47

Dustin Auten Kathryon Parsons

Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge No. 70

Dan Rehberger Vaughn Scales
Dale Sovereign Michelle Beatty

Joe Hubbard

Coquille Odd Fellow Lodge No. 53

Scott Sanders Terese Sanders

Covenant Odd Fellow Lodge No. 12

Holly Cash

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Dorin Steele Jeremy Walker
Bridget Collmar Rick Dunbar

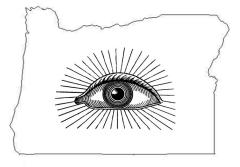
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Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellow Lodge No. 196

Lonnie Parsons

Oregon Eye Committee

The Eye Committee will have an informational meeting on Friday, September 21st at 11:00 am at the Grand Lodge Office, 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland.



Jerry Broaddus Crowned King



Our own brother Jerry Broadus from Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge was crowned king of the TOPS Club for Oregon and they are sending him to Montreal Canada.

One of the hardest things in life is to know which bridges to cross, and which to burn.

~ David Russell

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today. ~ Will Rogers

Enjoy life, there's plenty of time to be dead. ~ Hans Christian Andersen

The smallest deed is greater than the grandest intention. ~ Patti LaBelle

Please go to the link below to access a video for an introduction to the Odd Fellows in Oregon.

https://www.youtube.com/watch? y=afKeO4JgG3A&feature=youtu.be

The Hidden Treasures of Odd Fellowship, produced by Peninsula Odd Fellow Lodge for Past Grand Master Gary J. Kniss while he was Grand Master.

Ride to Honor Fallen Soldiers

Bill Filley an Odd Fellow who belongs to Spencer Butte No. 9 in Eugene is going to lead a special cross-country motorcycle ride.

Bill and about 100 other motorcyclists will ride more than 3,500 miles in 19 days through 12 states and visit the families of 63 U.S. service men and women who died while serving our country.

Bill is a ride captain of this year's third annual cross-country Tribute to Fallen Soldiers NW Memorial Torch Motorcycle Ride. He has been a rider for nine years and a ride captain for the last five or six years. Bill is not a veteran, but he rides to honor his brother, who served in Vietnam in 1967. His brother, who earned three Purple Hearts, died from a brain tumor in 1991.

During a ceremony at the start of the ride a Gold Star Family from Veneta will be honored and a Memorial Torch will be lit. The light will be extinguished at a closing ceremony on August 5th at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C. At the end of the ceremony, the riders from Eugene will lay a handmade wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Excerpts from "The Register-Guard, July 16, 2018"



Pacific North West

Department Council Sessions
Hood River, Oregon
Friday, November 2, 2018
at 9:00 am

Mustering of Recruits Sword Spell Down Sword Proficiency Exam

Decoration of Chivalry at 6:30pm Setup at 6:00pm Line up at 6:15pm

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Northwest Odd Fellows Association:

To bring about intelligent and effective planning which would enable the Jurisdictions of the Northwest to more clearly advance the cause of fraternity.

Where knowledge is attainable Ignorance is inexcusable.

~ Pacific Odd Fellow June, 1906

Fall 2018 Northwest

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One who smiles rather than rages is always the stronger

Proverb, unknown