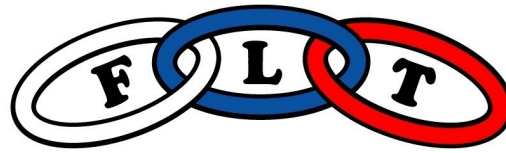


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**By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
with summer's best of weather
and autumn's best of cheer.**

- Helen Hunt Jackson

Samaritan Odd Fellow Lodge Presents "Sci-Fi Drive-In Bingo"

**SAMARITAN ODD FELLOWS LODGE
10282 SE MAIN ST. MILWAUKEE, OR**

**OCTOBER 3RD AT 6PM
OCTOBER 4TH AT 4PM**

**Sci-Fi Drive-In
BINGO**

TICKETS: WWW.TORCHSONGENTERTAINMENT.COM

Enjoy all the fun from the safety of your own vehicle in the back parking lot of the Samaritan Lodge. Our intergalactic MCs will call Bingo numbers while over the top space cadets, mischievous aliens, and martian monsters roam the lot. Musical numbers, comedy, entertainment, and plenty of surprises await you between bingo rounds as well as snacks and soda available for purchase.

TICKETS: \$20 per car includes 20 Bingo cards and a reserved spot. Tickets must be purchased online in advance to secure your parking spot. **VIP :** \$35 includes 20 bingo cards, a dauber, a VIP spot right in front of our Bingo MCs, and a bag of fresh, gourmet caramel corn. Spaces limited.

TICKET LINK: <https://torchsongentertainment.square.site> October 3rd @ 6pm & October 4th @ 4 pm

- Please print your email confirmation or have it ready to show on your smart phone when you check in. Your name will also be on our guest list. We will not be sending actual "tickets"
- There is no limit to how many people you have in your car
- Extra bingo cards are available for purchase at \$1 per card or 6 cards for \$5
- BYO markers, crayons, or pens for marking up your bingo card, or purchase a Bingo dauber from us for \$2.50 (quantities limited)
- Tickets are non-refundable
- We will still play Bingo even if it rains.

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Grand Master *Gordon Corda*

Rummage Sale / Swap Meet

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all are safe, staying cool during these hot summer days and using those sunglasses I presented on my official visits.



I have had conversations with several lodges that are continuing to do the work that is needed in these uncertain times, whether through a food bank or helping the unemployed. It is with regret that I report that the Annual Hahn Farm All Degree Day scheduled for September has been cancelled, we will see you next year.

I was looking forward to again representing Oregon at Sovereign Grand Lodge and enjoying fellowship with members of our Worldwide Order. September brings even more challenges but I believe that our Order will be stronger after the Covid health problem wanes. Please remember our members who are in the high risk category, even a quick call to check on them. If ever there was a time for the Golden rule, this is it.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Grand Master Gordon Corda



A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it. - unknown

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Samaritan Lodge is having a Rummage Sale/Swap Meet on September 12th & 13th, Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 4 pm. Now is a good time to clean out your closets, spare bedrooms, garages, basements or attics and earn some extra cash.

Rent an outdoor 10x10 space (bring your own table and pop up tent) for \$20 or a 10x10 space with table provided (limited number of tables) for \$25. To reserve a space, contact Chris Ladd at (503) 348-8501.

If interested in donating items to Samaritan for their Rummage Sale we will accept clean and gently used items which can be dropped off every Wednesday at Samaritan Lodge between 9 and 4 pm. Please contact Chris Ladd if a different drop off date or time is needed.

The Rummage Sale will be held indoors. A limited number of shoppers will be allowed to enter the Lodge at a time. Masks will be required and social distancing applicable.

There will also be hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks available for sale, as well as Sweet Betty's Sweet caramel corn.

Hope to see a lot of friendly faces at this event! Spread the word! Remember . . . *One Man's junk is another Man's Treasure!* You never know what kind of treasures you will find, unless you're there!

Putting your best foot forward at least
Keeps it out of your mouth. -Morris Mandel

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Assembly President *Merrilea Manning*

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we are having, and staying safe and well as we continue to navigate the Covid-19 crisis. Remember we are all in this together.



I am amazed by the ongoing efforts of people to reach out and assist those affected by the pandemic. Volunteers are angels among us, from making deliveries to families or individuals that cannot travel, to donating time or items that are needed to keep people safe and healthy. Please thank those that serve others. Thank everyone; elbow bump, air hug, a warm friendly "hello" as we are all learning to interpret muffled speech. Let us continue to uplift each other as we maneuver this trying time. Your acts of kindness will make someone else's day better and yours as well. Maybe that is the silver lining in this challenge, the opportunity to become more aware and compassionate to those around us. I believe so!

Please continue to respect social distancing guidelines and wear a mask when you are out. This is required to ensure your safety as well as others, there should be no exceptions. Once again, remember we are all in this together so take care of yourself and continue to watch out for others as well!

In Friendship, Love & Truth!
Merrilea Manning, President



All general statements are false. Mark Twain

Being superstitious brings bad luck. unknown

Exaggeration is a billion times worse
than understatement. Frank L. Visco

***On one hand I'm decisive,
but on the other hand, I'm not.*** unknown

If there's one thing I can't stand, it's intolerance. unknown

***Always remember you are unique,
just like everybody else.*** Margaret Mead

Given a 50-50 chance, you will be wrong
90% of the time. Andy Rooney

Give me ambiguity, or give me something else.

Lynne Sears Williams

A Blast From the Past...

What it Means to be a Rebekah

Have you ever stopped to think of what it means to be a Rebekah?

To be associated fraternally and socially with people that promote the welfare and happiness of others, to have the constant enjoyment of each other as friends, and to prove that friendship by serving needs in times of sorrow and joy, is indeed a privilege.

There is no way of judging or measuring the goodness of the work of noble women who modestly toil together for the success of Rebekah Odd Fellowship.

Be proud that you are daughters of Friendship, Love and Truth, who use the Lily as a signet of purity, learning the lessons of industry, as exemplified in the Bee Hive; and of the never failing Order which pervades all nature, as taught by the Moon and Seven Stars; possessing the gentleness and pure mindedness as borne on the wings of the Dove.

Other Orders may make more show and display more glitter of fashion than the Rebekah branch of Odd Fellowship, but no where else on this earth will the Pink of affection and the Green of immortality be welded together more firmly and presented to as worthy a group of sisters as those of the Rebekah Degree.

Keep our principles aflame in your hearts and pass along the good. Every new day brings fresh opportunities, opportunities to lift up sad hearts, to say kind words of good cheer to all with whom we come in contact, to console some sorrowing neighbor, to dry a child's tears, to give hope, strength and assistance to those who need it. No day is ever lost if you have put one touch of happiness into the life of any man, woman or child. That is the Rebekah way.

May your good deeds bring to each of you the richness of a life filled with love and joy and warm ties.

Sincerely and fraternally,
Ethel N. Gibbs, Rebekah Assembly President
Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow July, 1956

It would be pretty weird if we each had an evil twin. And while I would be disappointed if it turned out 'I' was the evil one, it would certainly explain a lot. - unknown

Be silly. Be honest. Be kind. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all have survived the heat. It sure got hot up here in Portland as we suffered temperatures of up to 106 degrees.

There has been a lot of questions concerning the conferring of degrees while we are still under the State of Oregon's Covid Guidelines.

Lodges that are open can still confer degrees but in a manner that protects the membership and follows the guidelines set forth by your county.

Please make sure you are following the guidelines closely. We had one Lodge that received a very stern warning from the county their building is in for ignoring the occupancy limit. It just so happened a county commissioner drove by and saw the infraction. They almost imposed a fine, but instead issued the warning. So, please respect the guidelines or your Lodge may end up paying a fine.

Many Lodges are still not allowing members into their buildings. In those Lodges, the Trustee's have met and weighed the safety options and have had to make decisions based on the safety of their members and their county's guidelines. Each county is different and it is the Lodge's job to ensure they are following the rules.

On May 30th of the year 2020 a message was sent to all Jurisdictions to let you know the Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions scheduled in August were cancelled by vote of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Representatives. This was done as set forth in the Sovereign Grand Lodge Code of General Laws: Chapter I, Article VII, Sections 3 & 4 respectively. Oregon Representative Votes for the Odd Fellows were Ronald Kunze, PGM (yes) and Gordon Corda, Grand Master (yes) and also with the votes from the following branches: Grand Encampment of Oregon Representative Kenneth "KC" Carr III (yes) and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies Representative Sheryl Rohde (yes). With an overwhelming count of yes votes the Sovereign Grand Lodge sessions were cancelled for 2020 to resume in August of 2021.

On August 14, 2020 another electronic request for votes was sent to all Jurisdictions to approve the 2020 – 2021 Sovereign Grand Lodge budget. The budget was passed with all of Oregon's Representatives voting yes.

Please note: The Grand Lodge office is currently closed due to Covid. Myself and Melinda are still able to



Continued, Grand Secretary: assist you, so please email or call either of us.

Lodge Secretaries, both Odd Fellow and Rebekah, please remember to notify the Grand Lodge Office either by email, text message or phone call if your Lodge has reopened.

Fraternally,

Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary

I have friends who seem to have it all: A wonderful spouse, good kids, college education, nice car, house, spiritual maturity, high morals, etc. Sometimes I find myself thinking, "why can't I have a nice car, too?" unknown

Continued from front cover, Sci-Fi Bingo:

How our Drive-In style event works :

-Cars will be parked every other space as directed by a parking attendant who will guide your car. We will instruct you in parking in a way that will face the Bingo MCs. The lot will be open for cars to start parking 1 hour before show time.

-An attendant will then come to your car to check you in, and deliver your Bingo cards. Masks on, please.

-Attendants will also come around to your car to take any snack and soda orders. You can alert an attendant that you need something by putting on your turn signal. We will have a square to take all major debit/credit card. For safety reasons, no cash will be accepted.

-Guests are welcome to keep their windows cracked and masks off during Bingo, but if an attendant approaches your car, you must put your mask back on.

-What do you do If you get a BINGO? Simply honk your car horn and put your hazard lights on to alert our MCs. An attendant will come to you to check your card. If your Bingo is "good." you can tell our attendant which prize you'd like and they will bring it to your car.

-Bathrooms: The bathrooms inside the lodge will be available, but use at your own risk. We will have an attendant inside to monitor usage and to clean them intermittently throughout the evening, but we cannot guarantee the bathrooms will be cleaned after each use. Prepare accordingly and BYO sanitizing products.

-If you need to leave your vehicle for any reason, masks are required and will be enforced. We reserve the right to remove any party from the event who refuses to follow social distancing and mask wearing guidelines.

Grand Patriarch *Michael Guerreiro*

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

Dear Patriarchs and Matriarchs,

Welcome to September and the continuing saga of the Covid 19 pandemic! Things don't really seem to be getting any better and, in fact, have been worsening at the time I'm writing this. I believe we are still able to meet, however must continue to practice social (physical) distancing, wear masks and sanitize all surfaces at the end of our meetings. Although it is not the way we would like our meetings to go, all Encampments should resume meeting in September unless we get another directive from our elected officials. I'm sorry to say the all degree days for both Odd Fellows and Encampments at the Hahn farm have been cancelled for this year. I encourage all of you to continue to recruit members and perform the degrees in your lodge building. You might find it fun to do while boosting your Encampment.



At the time I am writing this article, Jesse Jones Park is still open and very, very busy. A great summer at the park and with Labor Day weekend, a great time to call in to see if there are any spaces available. We will have a parade filled with your patriotic decorations, but we will not be able to host the fund raiser breakfasts we have all enjoyed in the past. However, even without the breakfast to attend, it should be a great weekend and you can donate to the projects that will improve our park. Those breakfasts have funded many park improvements and the Staff and Park Board would love to see donations coming in for the next special project.

I have a task for every Encampment to complete at their September meeting; Assign a photographer and a record keeper, then count your pairs of socks. I would love to see pictures of every group completing this fun task and a final count before you distribute your socks for the colder weather. You will see some of the results in the OPOF and maybe some of your pictures. Then you will need to get started on collecting socks again to bring to the 2021 annual meeting in Salem, I will combine these totals with the additional pairs you collect and will announce the great sock hop winner at that session. So remember, count those socks, record the results with pictures and a written total and send that to me after your meeting then distribute the socks to those in need.

Remember to reach out to your members, get them out to your meeting and make sure they are doing well with our new normal. They may need a phone call or

Hello everyone,

Fall is beginning, school is starting up and most lodges are returning after summer vacation although somewhat differently than what we are used to. 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. Work is different also.



Lodge meetings will be different but I know that we can make a difference in our communities as we work together. Remember to be safe and take care of each other.

Fraternally,

Mary Houle', Secretary

Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

Just a note to all Rebekahs and Odd Fellows to thank everyone for the many cards of condolence we received on the death of my Mother, Ruth Canby. Just about every Past President and Past Grand Matriarch sent a card, most with a note reminding me of how well regarded my Mother was and telling a special memory or loving thought about her. One memory I have is of a special group of ladies who called themselves the 29'ers not because there were 29 of them or they were 29 years old when they met, but because they were all Rebekahs and were all born in 1929. I hate to say it but I believe my Mother may have been the last surviving member of that special club. They were from all over the state and through their friendship and conversation they realized this special bond. Again, my special thanks to all for your expressions of sympathy to me and my family.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

Joyce Clark, Past President



Continued, Grand Patriarch: virtual visit to lift their spirits. Wear your mask and wash your hands!

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

Mike Guerreiro, Grand Patriarch

Hahn Farm All Degree Day Cancelled



Hello everyone. Sorry to report that the annual All Degree Day at the Hahn Farm is cancelled due to the Covid-19 epidemic. Currently only 10 people can gather together in Washington county and as there are more outbreaks of this disease that number may be further reduced. This would make it nearly impossible to confer the degrees and keep everyone socially separated. We will be doing some degree work in our lodge hall in Hillsboro going forward and will try to let you all know. Those of you who have candidates please let me know so we can keep you advised. I hope you are all staying safe and healthy.

Thanks everyone,
Gary Hahn, Montezuma Secretary

Make it a September to Remember. - unknown

A.M.O.S.



As we know the annual California Cave Degree has been canceled due to the Pandemic. That however has not slowed down the Grant's Pass Odd Fellows and our Fellow AMOS Samaritans down South. An outdoor degree will take place with all the correct social pandemic requirements. I have been told that the Samaritans will be doing the cooking for the event. Always good to see Odd Fellows and Samaritans rise to the cause. We thank you brothers and sisters.

Fraternally,
Gary J. Kniss

Hillsboro Encampment Donates 257 Pairs of New Socks to the Homeless



Hillsboro Encampment No.84 jumped the gun and counted their socks in August with our main bean counter (Treasurer) Steve Love pictured with our 257 pairs of socks. Hillsboro Encampment owes much of our success to our Montezuma No. 50 Odd Fellows, Hillsboro Rebekah Lodge No. 54 and the Sunset Promenaders Square Dance Club for making sure we have a nice donation of new socks for the homeless. Not only that, but just a few days after our socks were counted, one of our Hillsboro Rebekah Lodge members donated 20 pairs which is the first donation for the next count before we head to our Grand Encampment Session in May 2021.

Help Wanted

The IOOF Cemetery in Lebanon is asking for some help. We are in desperate need of a good working dump truck. Does anyone know of someone selling one at a decent price, or better yet if they would like to donate one for a tax break. We are a nonprofit. We would appreciate anyone willing to spend a few hours working on the grounds at the cemetery. Please contact Brenda Spence our Manager/Sexton at 541-451-1114. Thank you.

Rhoda Davis

Lodge Card Updates

If your Lodge is listed below, the Grand Lodge Office needs your Lodge Card update NOW.

Lodge cards will be in a near future OPOF.

EVEN IF YOUR OFFICERS, MEETING DATE, TIME OR ADDRESS HASN'T CHANGED, PLEASE CONFIRM IT WITH US

Odd Fellow Lodges:

Oregon No. 3	last update 2019
Columbia No. 5	last update 2014
Spencer Butte No. 9	last update 1018
Occidental No. 30	last update 2019
Coquille No. 53	last update 2019
Villa No. 124	last update 2019

Rebekah Lodges:

Ruth No. 4	last update 2018
Mamie No. 20	last update 2019
Beulah No. 35	last update 2019
Roseburg No. 41	last update 2019
Sylvia No. 43	last update 2018
Pearl No. 47	last update 2019
Unity No. 51	last update 2018
Hillsboro No. 54	last update 2019
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Vespertine No. 74	last update 2019
Leone No. 84	unknown
Shamrock No. 113	last update 2019
Mt Pitt No. 167	last update 2018
Bertha No. 188	last update 2018
Redmond No. 204	last update 2018
Rainbow No. 212	last update 2018
Juniper No. 229	last update 2018
Seafoam No. 250	last update 2018
Lorane No. 252	unknown

A Blast From the Past... Vocal Speedometer

This is an idea somebody suggested the other day. While it is still very much in the experimental stage, the device would operate with a phonograph attachment. Its remarks might run something like this:

At 35 mph: Too fast for city driving. We hope you're in the country.

At 45 mph: Your car is still under control, but watch the car behind the car ahead of you. Have you had your brakes tested recently?

At 50 mph: Your responsibility is increasing—keep your eyes on the road.

At 60 mph: are your insurance premiums paid up to date?

At 70 mph: You drive. This attachment will do the praying.

At 80 mph: Someone will probably have this car repaired. If so, we would like to sell him a new speedometer to replace this one, which in a few moments is going to blaze along with you. So long!

The Pacific Odd Fellow February 1940

The garden still is green
and green the trees around,
but the winds are roaring overhead
and branches strew the ground.
And to-day on the garden pool
floating an autumn leaf;
how rush the seasons, rush the years,
and, O, how life is brief! -Richard Watson Gilder

- Einstein

Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.

In Memoriam

Sherry Baker
Shirley Mingus
Jim Swegles

Umpqua Rebekah Lodge No. 173
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Secretary's Name _____

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Hello September! Thanks for the reminder that change can be beautiful