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Oregon Pythian News

Girards Receive University's Hilton Award



In October Al (Jerry) and Jacquie Girard were invited to Las Vegas. Mexico New where they were awarded the prestigious Award Hilton which is the Honor that is given to a Non -Alumni who supports the New Mexico Highlands University and its students.

With the help and guidance of the Foundation Jerry and Jacquie set up an endowment fund in the name of Robert Girard in 1999 to provide scientific research grants to graduate and undergraduate student in the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Robert was working on his Master's degree at Highlands when an accident took his life. Working with the Foundation staff over the years, they have been successful in growing the corpus of the endowment to provide grants to each of the three schools within the Department of Behavioral Sciences. Al (Jerry) and Jacquie, University faculty and our Friends in the Pythian Order have supported this cause. Highlands makes such a difference in the students' lives and the endowment funds enable students to do research and obtain their degrees. The ability of the faculty to relate to the students creates a bond that fosters a desire to achieve more and to put their research to use upon graduation. The endowment fund helps Highland students continue this work and is important because of our son's desire for research. Through this fund in his honor, the Pythian order can be proud of helping create the endowment fund and helping students achieve their goals.

Working with the Foundation, over the years Jerry and Jacquie have made the trip to Las Vegas, New Mexico (which is 120 Miles North of Albuquerque) annually for a meeting with the Foundation and Department Heads of Behavioral Sciences who oversee awarding the grants to find out what we can do to further support their efforts.

We are grateful for the support that the Pythian order has given us with their funding which has allowed us to grow the endowment in his name.

Grand Chancellor Randy's Message

Hello to all Brothers & Sisters;

This is all new to me. I was the quiet one that sat in the back of the room in school.

Now that I am the Grand Chancellor, I have been thinking of a way for more publicity to the public, to increase membership. So far my thoughts have been participating in parades, I am still working on the Portland Rose Parade, with that on Channel 12 a lot of people will see us. If that can't work then



maybe Brothers and Sisters can get a banner for their Lodges and Temples, then all join in assorted parades .

Also I would like to hear from each Lodge & Temple, for their goals and projects for this year. If there is any thing that the Grand Lodge can help with, to our limit.

I went to the Hermes Lodge #56 for an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This was for Luke Brown (future member of that Lodge).

My first Grand Council meeting is in January at Hermes Lodge along with their crab feed that they have each year.

Merry Christmas and New Year!

Randy Tipton, Grand Chancellor

Thank You from PGC Ed Yates



Oregon Knights and Sisters,

In October of this year you all know that Gaston Lodge hosted the 2013 Grand Convention and Banquet. From the response I heard during and after the convention we had successful meetings and the Banquet was well attended and received.

Without the assistance of some key members of Gaston Lodge it would not have happened. First off. Stan and Gerald, great job of keeping us all in line and focused. Rick and his cooking crew, what can I say but "Great job. The food was superb." Sheryl. your desserts were heavenly. Mike H great job—without you I would have been lost. All the rest of you from Gaston. great job by everyone.

Ed Yates, Past Grand Chancellor

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Grand Chief Leatha's Message



Happy Holidays to all my Brothers and Sisters;

Since Grand Temple in October I have made my first official visit. Donna Johnson and I went south to Thermopylae #37 in Grants Pass November 3, 2013. We had such a great time. In our conversations going north and south we found out we have so much in common. We were served a fantastic lunch of Mexican food (which is my favorite). I was very nervous since this was my first visit and a new experience for me. The ladies in this temple do so much for the community.

I will be making my next visit to Willamette #45 November 13, 2013. My last visit this year will be December 19, 2013 at Phoenicia-Rose #10.

I would like to reiterate what Supreme Audrey mentioned to us at Grand Temple. Don't forget our military and save those manufactures coupons. I will get the information on where to send them and forward the information to your temples.

District convention will be held on my 3rd 2014 this year in Eugene with Helmetta #29 and Thermopylae #37 hosting temples. The D.D.G.C. will be Paula Talbot. My Grand Chiefs project is the North Portland Music Academy. I have been in contact with the directors about having some of the students play for us during convention. When they get back to me I will let Paula know so she can put it in the program.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the upcoming year bring you all the Joy and Happiness you need.

In P.L.E. & F.

Leatha Tyra, Grand Chief



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Words From Grand Secretary Mark Erickson



Brothers and Sisters,

If someone had told me that I would be elected Grand Secretary, I would have told them to stop joking with me.

At Grand Lodge, I was wearing 3 hats:

- Reporting for Supreme Lodge,

- Being a Past Grand Chancellor, and

- Serving as Grand Representative for Ivanhoe Lodge.

At Election time, I found that Mike Harmes wanted to stop being Grand Secretary. To my utter surprise and shock, I was nominated, elected and installed!

For the month of November, it was very difficult to get ahold of me as I was moving and was lazy when checking my email. The New Year is approaching fast and that means a new semi-annual password and an annual report.

I will be reporting at Grand Lodge, the date of receipt of the annual report. Our statutes state that lodges who are late do not get representation at Grand. Please try to finish the report and get it to me by January 31st.

I am sorry to have gotten a slow start after being installed as Grand Secretary. Please contact me if you need supplies from Supreme Lodge.

I wish all members of the Knights of Pythias a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally,

Mark Erickson, Grand Secretary

PS—I plan on holding this office for 1 year and then passing it on to someone else. If you want to be that someone else, please contact me.



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

This year has flown by, and once again Thanksgiving and Christmas time are nearing. Grand Chief Donna Johnson had a very well-run Grand Temple session, which was held at the Red Lion in McMinnville. This year was the first time the Sisters and Knights have held their sessions separately. Saturday night the Sisters traveled to Gaston Lodge where the Knights were holding their sessions to attend the Grand Banquet hosted by the Knights. We had a wonderful turnout and were served a delicious meal; a grand time was had by all.

We were graced with Supreme Chief Audrey Wetterwald's presence, as well as three Sisters from California, four Sisters from B.C., Canada, and our Supreme Treasurer, Margaret Grochocki and her traveling Sister companion from Utah. Having all these visitors from other states as well as our Supreme Chief made it a very special Grand Temple session.

For the first time in several years we welcomed a new member, Paula Talbot of Helmetta Temple #29, to Grand Temple. It was also very refreshing to have four younger Sisters helping out and learning the ropes. It was a real pleasure and inspiration to see the fresh spirits of these young Sisters as they gave a boost to *our* spirits.

Our newly installed Grand Chief is Leatha Tyra, originally from Friendship Temple #8, which was in North Plains, and now from Phoenicia-Rose Temple #10 in Hillsboro. Since we joined the same Temple, I am really looking forward to working with Grand Chief Leatha. Unfortunately, due to our typical winter weather, I will probably not be able to make it over the passes to attend most of her official visits. If I don't see any of you at her official visitations, then I will hope to see you at our District Convention in Eugene co-hosted by Helmetta Temple #29 and Thermopylae Temple #37 with Paula Talbot recommended for DDGC.

At this time, I am getting the end-of -year reports ready to mail out. Secretaries, please read and carefully follow all instructions in your letter to save time and aggravation later. The annual reports are due in my office no later than February 20th—or before, if possible. As always, I am never too busy if you have questions or need supplies.



This is a busy time of the year, but please make the time to invite friends, neighbors, coworkers, others you know, or anyone you may meet to become a Pythian Sister. Our organization has a lot to offer, and we each need to try to get new members. Don't leave it up to the other Sister; she may be thinking you are doing something about it.

Until my next article, may you ALL have

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS IN THE NEW YEAR!!

Sherri Sievert, PSR, Grand Secretary

Eugene Proud of Their New Grand Lodge Officers

Helmet Lodge #33 in Eugene Oregon is proud of the three members who recently joined the Grand Lodge as leaders for the coming year. On the left is Mike Talbot, elected Grand Vice Chancellor.

Frank Proulx was named Grand Master of Arms, and Frank Mellor as Grand Council Member at Large.

The Lodge looks forward to supporting these new Grand Lodge Officers in the coming year.

Article and Photo submitted by Jerry Girard





EUGENE PYTHIANS CONGRATULATE ED MUTH



Holiday Greeting from Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

It's getting to be that time of year again... not just for the holidays, but to start thinking about filling out scholarship applications! Applications are due in by April 15th and it's never too early to get started.

All students may apply every year for the OPCEF scholarship. Any Oregon Pythian member in good

standing, their children, grandchildren, or relatives of a deceased Oregon Pythian who was in good standing at the time of their passing, is eligible to apply. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required. Scholarship applications are available from any Knights of Pythias Lodge or Pythian Sister Temple, or by contacting the OPCEF directly at:

OPCEF c/o Gaston Lodge PO Box 507 Gaston, Oregon 97119

This past year, we had the pleasure of announcing nine

scholarship winners for the 2013/2014 school year. We were pleased to be able to help these deserving students achieve their educational goals:

Steven Basquez Trevor Hancock Wendy Hancock Douglas Bruce Tyler Lantz S Michael Saul

Taylor Cooper Sydney Hoffman Thurman Miller

The OPCEF Board continues to serve in the following capacities:

John Murchison, President Sarah Owens, Secretary Eric Howden, Treasurer Ed Yates, Director Stan Shope, Director

Please keep the OPCEF in your thoughts during this time of giving. Scholarship funds are heavily dependent on your donations and donations of any size are deeply appreciated.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

The OPCEF Board



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Grand Chancellor Ed Presents Awards at Grand Banquet



Herculena Happenings

Linda Reyburn being presented with her 50-Year Service Pin by Carolyn Swanson and Vesta Poteete at 2013 Grand Temple Session.



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Happy Holídays from Indíana! Ken Moder PGC & Jíll Unger-Moder PGC

Glencoe Supports Our Troops With Fundraiser Trip

Knights of Pythias Glencoe Lodge #22

Gienebe Louge #22



Please join the Knights Of Pythias in a bus ride to Chinook Winds Casino. This is a fundraiser for Support Your Troops. Our lodge, with community support, has donated over \$5000 to the troops.

Depart Glencoe Lodge at 10AM on Sat, Jan 25th, 2014 (31520 NW Commercial St North Plains) Depart Chinook Winds at 7:30PM on Sat, Jan 25th 2014 (Return to 31520 NW Commercial St North Plains)

Seats are limited, so first come, first serve.

Cost is \$15 per person due at sign up. \$5 will be refunded to each passenger upon boarding \$15 will be refunded to all active military and veterans. In other words, military are free.

We will allow additional cash donations to the troops fund on the bus. We plan to have a raffle on board the bus on the return trip. All funds raised will go toward the Support Your Troops fund.

Each passenger must provide: full name, birthdate, phone number. address, and Winner Circle card # if you have one when reserving your seat.

Each passenger will receive: \$3 off food coupon, Winners Circle Membership Card, and \$10 free slot play.

Please contact: Roger Newton: reoportland@yahoo.com to reserve your seat.

Everyone is invited to join us on this trip. Please contact Roger Newton at phone # 503-516-6558 or by email at reoportland@yahoo.com to reserve your seat. Please call by January 5th (or until we're full). We will pick up and drop off at both North Plains and Gaston Lodge.

Oregon Grand Convention

Oregon Pythians and members from California, Utah and British Columbia convened the 3rd weekend in October for our State Pythian Convention. **Grand Chancellor Ed Yates and Grand Chief Donna Johnson** presided over the Knights and Sisters' sessions. Meetings went smoothly and everyone took advantage of breaks to enjoy some time visiting.

The weekend began with hospitality hosted by Gaston Lodge. Next came Friday's Joint Representatives' Banquet where the members enjoyed good food and fellowship. After the Banquet, the Sisters met for their Memorial Service which was beautifully done by Herculena Sisters.

Saturday mornina our meetings convened. That evening we met for our Joint Banquet at Gaston Lodge Hall. The meal was prepared by chefs from Gaston Lodge and the meal was served by students from Gaston who were earning money for their activities. After dinner we heard messages from Grand Chancellor Ed and Grand Chief Donna. Supreme Audrey Wetterwald Chief brought greetings and told a humorous story to the delight of all. Grand Chancellor Ed presented several awards:

On Sunday morning the meetings reconvened including Election of Officers.

Grand Lodge Officers 2013 / 2014:

Grand Chancellor — Randy Tipton Grand Vice Chancellor — Mike Talbot Grand Prelate — Don Allen Grand Secretary — Mark Erickson, PSR Grand Treasurer — Mike Harmes, PGC Grand Master at Arms — Frank Proulx Councilors at Large:

Corkye Funk

Frank Mellor

Grand Temple Officers 2013 / 2014:

Grand Chief Leatha Tyra Grand Senior Virginia Mellor Grand Junior — Cheryl Bergman, PSR Grand Manager — Paula Talbot Grand Secretary — Sherri Sievert PSR Grand Treasurer — Robyn Neeley PSR Grand Protector — **Farrel Fuerst** Grand Guard — Esther McKibben Grand Press Corresp. — Bev Cox, PGC Sitting Past Grand Chief — Donna Johnson.

Next year's convention will again be held "separately." The 2014 Knights' Oregon Grand Convention will be held at the Lodge Hall in Aurora, Oregon with the Sisters meeting at the Red Lion Hotel in McMinnville, Oregon. We hope to see everyone there for another Grand time!

Photos by Paula Talbot, Bill Peal, Bob Smith and Mike Harmes







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Eugene's Chili Challenge



We, the members of Helmet Lodge #33 in Eugene, Oregon feel that we make the best chili in the state of Oregon! If you agree ---well, thanks!

If you disagree, then say so --- BUT be ready to put your Chili where your mouth is----wait---wait --- that's what you do with chili!

What I mean is "IT'S CHILI COOK OFF TIME!" Who's ready to join in?

Contact Mike Talbot to sign up. Phone: 541-942-9588 Email: revmkell@yahoo.com

We'll choose time and place when we see who all is interested in the challenge!

Gaston's Bingo Night

On Saturday, November 16th Gaston Lodge held our second attempt at a bingo fun night. Not only did we have a great time, we also



turned a tidy profit. We also had non-members from the community attend and have some potential new members.

It appears that we will be doing this quarterly. We will try to get information to our surrounding Brothers and Sisters when the next event will occur. You are all invited.

Submitted by Ed Yates

Saving Memories

As the year is quickly approaching the end I was thinking about all the things that I had wanted saved for family and friends. I came across my wedding pictures in a book taken over 30 years ago. I wanted to keep them and share them.

I started the labor intensive task of flatbed scanning them. After 3 pictures I was done. It was just way too much work. Then I found this place called Scancafe. I was skeptical at first thinking there was no way, but since I had the negatives I took a chance on them doing the job for me.

Well, it was a most pleasant experience! They notified me by text every step of the way and what they do is a very good job. My pictures were over 30 years old and had faded in color so they color corrected each picture.

Now I am taking advantage of having them do 500 more. It might take a long time but I intend on saving all of my pictures from a huge hope chest. Now I can back them up in several places and have the peace of mind that I will never lose them.

Submitted by Mike Harmes



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Glencoe Lodge Chili Cook-Off



Michael Basile, Justin King, Kevin Hardwick and Michael Harmes at Chili Cook-Off

Glencoe Lodge #22 participated in the City of North Plains Chili Cook Off this year serving beer and wine to over 300 people. Each year the city invites the community to make their best chili and bring it to the community center to contest for best chili in town. This year was our first year of serving drinks at the event which was a success. Glencoe Lodge provided the beer and wine complimentary, while the Boy Scout sold pop as a fund raiser.

Two of the Knights' wives won awards for their chili: Roger Newton's wife Charlynn Newton and Michael Basile's wife Maria Basile.

Article and Photo Submitted by Kevin Hardwick and Roger Newton

Use Strong Passwords to Protect Email Hacking

Fellow Pythians,

Email hacking. I am writing this as a concerned person for all fellow Pythians. The letter to the right is an example of what happens when a hacker gets into your email. He locks you out by changing your password then emails this out to all your contacts. The deception is that you might think it is really true and if you reply to the message it is not going to your friend but to a nasty person.

Use a good password with a combination of words, letters, numbers and special characters. One technique is to use multiple words or sayings that you can remember and then just the first, second or last letter. Example like: <u>Tom is an old fart but knows how to have fun at 50;</u> **Tiaofbkhthfa50**.

I would venture to guess it would take a computer many decades to crack that password. Even just putting two words together increase the security 10 fold. Now when I saw this email below I know immediately it was not sent by him. It had been sent out as a blind carbon copy and my name was not in the address, secondly the spelling was very questionable since I knew this person and how they communicate and articulate their words. Be safe and think about strong passwords.

I need your	r help Name	*
Name		Nov 14 at 7:27 AM
successful, l	e you get this fast. I could not inform everyone about my trip to (Manila,Philippines) for a program because it v but unfortunately things turn sour, I was so terrified when we were robbed at gun and all my valuables were st ined some cuts on my right arm, but Luckly I had my passport in my hotel room to get me home.	
I've reported to the Embassy and police here but their response was just too casual. My problem is my return flight leaves in few hours from now but I am out of cash to settle my hotel bills, I have contacted my bank, but the best they can do is to mail a new card which will take 3 to 5 days to get here, I can't afford to miss my return flight, Please I need you to help me with some money, all i need is \$1,450. Please let me know if you can help me out? I promise to make the immediate refund when i get home.		

Thanks.

Reply, Reply All or Forward | More

With Pythian Friendship, Mike Harmes

INVITATION: SUPREME CONVENTION—LAS VEGAS

The 77th Convention of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and the 62nd Convention of the Supreme Temple will be held at the Riviera Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada from August 3—6, 2014.

Call 1-800-634-6753 and use code SKOP714. Luxury room is \$94.00 plus tax.

Room reservation cut off is June 30, 2014.

Do NOT use the Internet to make reservations.

Supreme Convention Banquet will be served at 7pm on Sunday night with cash bar. Cocktail hour at 6pm at the "Top of the Riviera."

** <u>Note</u>: Check convention activity schedule prior to making your flight or room reservations. **



Rose City Nomads Volunteer and Have FUN



Rose City Santha #34 Nomads of Avrudaka

When I first joined Nomads, Rose City Santha met in Portland, Oregon... hence, the name "Rose City" Santha. The Nomad members actively served and volunteered in their local and Pythian communities. They were amazing! But, they possessed a unique gift of knowing when to stop working and smell the roses, as the saying goes, and have FUN, a special Nomad quality!

As sometimes happens, a change of location was necessary. Fortunately, about twenty-one miles and thirty minutes to the West of Portland, an invitation came from Hillsboro, Oregon. The Phoenix Knights of Pythias invited the Nomads to meet in their Pythian building and become part of their Pythian family along with the Phoenicia Pythian Sisters. As time passed, the three organizations coined the name 'Hillsboro Pythians.' Projects were planned. Sometimes it was volunteering and other times the aim was simply to, have FUN. This year, 2013, the Nomads have continued to support and contribute where opportunities have presented themselves. The Nomads have supported the Hillsboro Life Relay for through attending dinners and bingo. We've supported the local Bicycle Alliance by sponsoring one bicycle and helmet to be given away. Also, we've contributed to an educational grant. We haven't



forgotten to have FUN this year as well. We support the Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra by attending their three concerts and by purchasing music which they wish to play.

As 2014 approaches the Nomads will continue to search for new and varied opportunities to serve, volunteer and have FUN. We welcome all Pythians to join with us in our activities, and have FUN.

--Rani Judy Murchison

Editors' Message



ANOTHER NEW YEAR

To all Pythians and friends ~

Thanksgiving—a time to think about family, friends and the blessings in our lives. A time to eat favorite foods and spend time with the people that we care about. The next holidays are upon us and soon, we'll be in another New Year.

Let's think about what we accomplished during the past year and make some plans for new projects for 2014.

Let's make a New Year's Resolution to invite others to join us in our Pythian activities so that their lives can be enriched just like ours are. Be Proud to be a Pythian and let it show!

A few words of thanks—to the authors and photographers who contributed items to make the newsletter so enjoyable! This edition's list of contributors includes (in alpha order by first name): Bill Peal, Bob Smith, Don Allen, Ed Yates, Jerry Girard, Judy Murchison, Kevin Hardwick, Mike Talbot, Mike Harmes, Paula Talbot, Roger Newton, Sarah Owens and Sheryl Hoodenpyle. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Without YOU, the OPN would not be possible!

The next OPN is scheduled for distribution by April 1st. Please send articles and photos to arrive by March 10th so we can process and deliver the April issue on time.

With Love & Hugs, and Best Wishes for the Holidays, *Kathlene*

PS—At our Grand Banquet, Sheryl Hoodenpyl prepared ALL of the desserts—which were delicious! I asked her if she was willing to share the recipes and she said "YES!" I hoped to print them in the OPN for everyone's enjoyment, however we ran out of space. We'll type them up and I'll ask Mike Harmes to post them on our Oregon Pythians website in the OPN section.

Greetings from Supreme Chief Audrey

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and health and happiness!



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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ **December 7** (Saturday) Hillsboro Pythians Holiday Dinner
- ⇒ December 14 (Saturday) Surprise Birthday Party for Ed Muth's 100th Birthday! —2:00PM at Helmet Lodge Hall
- ⇒ December 19 (Thursday) Grand Chief's visit to Phoenicia-Rose Temple—7:30pm
- ⇒ January 4 (Saturday) Hillsboro Pythians Dinner / Bingo Fundraiser for Relay for Life
- ⇒ January 25 (Saturday) Aurora's Annual Crabfeed Dinner— Tickets \$20 each—Contact Kenneth Swartout at 503-678-5917
- ⇒ March 17 (Monday) Grand Chief's Visit to Helmetta Temple—7pm
- ⇒ March 18 (Tuesday) Grand Chief's Visit to Fern Temple— 1pm
- ⇒ May 3 (Saturday) Pythian Sisters' District Convention— Eugene (Possible Eugene Chili Cook-Off Date)
- ⇒ July 18 to 20 (Friday—Sunday) Pythian Fun Weekend in Newport — Contact Don Allen or Ed Yates for details
- ⇒ August 3 to 6—(Sunday Wednesday) Supreme Pythian Convention—Las Vegas NV (See page 14 for details)
- \Rightarrow Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!

PYTHIAN FUN DAYS!!!! **SAVE THE DATE**



DATE: JULY 18-20, 2014 WHERE: SOUTH BEACH STATE PARK— NEWPORT,OR

We still have spots open in "c" loop in the campground and also 2 yerts. They are on a first come basis, and need to be pre-paid. The campsites are \$58.00 for 2 nights and the yerts are \$96.00.

We have not set the Saturday entertainment yet but will let everybody know when it has been finalized.

We will have a meet and greet on Friday night as before, and a potluck on Saturday evening. The Grand Lodge will provide some sort of meat for Saturday. The Grand Lodge will provide Sunday breakfast. We will request all campers to provide their own plates and silverware for both meals. Drinks will be provided for all 3 days.

Last year we had about 65 people , and hope to have more this year. Come and socialize with your fellow Knights and Sisters.

Any questions or reservations call:

DON ALLEN 503-985-9548 OR

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