



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Kudos to Gaston Sisters and Knights

August 2021—Gaston’s Knights and Sisters once again presented an amazing Wapato Showdown. It consisted of a their annual parade, antique auto show and steak feed.

Wapato Sisters served steak dinner to 433 people this year. With help from sponsors they were able to keep the fee down to \$20. This year the Sisters raised over \$3,000 which they put to good use helping on their community service projects.

Wapato Temple is to be commended for continuing their bi-weekly meetings to keep their members informed and engaged. In order to keep members safe from COVID-19, they held some of their meetings virtually using Googlemeets. Other times they had “blended” meetings with some members attending in person at Gaston’s Pythian Hall and others attending virtually from the safety of their homes. Well done!

Editor’s note: As Grand Chief, my official visit to Wapato Temple was held on Thursday, Oct 7th, right before our Grand Temple Convention. Both Grand Senior **Barb Christopher** and I attended virtually. I commend **MEC Jan Van de Walle** for the excellent job she did presiding over their “blended” (in person/virtual) meeting. I was very impressed to hear the huge success the Sisters had with their steak feed which raised so much money for helping their community. And I thank the Sisters for the lovely gift they gave me for attending. In PLE&F, Kathlene



2021 Community
Steak Feed



433 SERVED!

Thank you to all those who joined us! See you next year!



OPN Editor's Message

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

Grand Temple Pythian Sisters is pleased to inform you that we're bringing the OPN out of "vacation mode" now that Kathlene has finished her 2-year term as Grand Chief. We decided to start with the Holiday issue.

According to our Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's reports we currently have enough funds to print and mail 2 issues. The next issue will be in late spring—to promote Pythian Fun Weekend, 2022 Supreme and Oregon's Grand Convention.

OPN Boosters: Many of you donated \$10 at our last Grand Convention which was October 2019 in Wilsonville. When my computer crashed in Feb 2020 I lost 6 years of data which included the most recent OPN Booster list. I was serving as Grand Chief at the time plus we were dealing with COVID and not having many activities to write stories about. As such, we didn't publish any issues in 2020 or 2021 until now. We carried your names forward on the Booster list. That said, we would appreciate more contributions now. For any of you who wish to continue as Boosters, please send \$10 payable to Grand Temple of Oregon (noted "OPN") and mail your check to G.Sec. Sherri. (Her address is on page 15). Thank you..

I offer special thanks to contributors for this issue: Rebecca LohKamp, Sarah Owens, Carol Jenkins, Kelly Rae Martin, Alan LohKamp, Charlie Van Domelen plus all of you who post good news on social media sites. Great job everyone. I also want to recognize **Mike Harmes** who is the Knights' Web Master who posts the OPN to the OregonPythians.org website. Thank you Mike! And a big thank you to **Shelley Corby**, who proofreads the OPN before it goes to our printer!

I'm sending all best wishes for a better New Year in 2022. Hopefully COVID will die out and we can get back to our get togethers and activities.

With Pythian Friendship,

Kathlene

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*May the New Year
bring you Peace,
Health and Happiness.
With Love and Hugs,
The Lacy Family*



Grand Chief Barb's Message

Dear Sisters, and Brothers,

I would like to thank the Sisters for giving me the opportunity to serve as Grand Chief. It is a great pleasure and honor to accept this office.

My motto is "Dream for the Future". With dreams we are able to make plans to help us both grow in our personal life's and as a group. I am hoping that we as sisters, continue dreaming of all the possibilities ahead of us. Reaching out in our communities and helping in whatever way we can.

I have chosen the Pythian colors as my colors.

My flower is the yellow Rose which signifies friendship.

I will continue to support Doernbecher's Child Life Department and have started a new project with a quilt I designed in celebration of 125 years of the Sisters being in the State of Oregon. The funds raised for this quilt will benefit the Grand Temple of Oregon. I will be selling tickets for both projects thought out the year.

I'm always thinking ahead and have asked for help making another quilt for next year. I have picked a beginning quilt pattern. I have checked out most of the kits that Phoenicia-Rose Temple had picked for blocks. As they are being returned to me, I'm able to start putting them in rows and sewing them. If you have some of these block kits, I would like to receive them back no later then at District convention.

I have started making my official visitations to Thermopylae Temple #37 in Grants Pass and Fern Temple #46 in Yamhill. I will be posting more information about visitation in the future. We have a facebook page "Grand Temple of Oregon Pythian Sisters" if you are able to look there for more information.

We should all be thinking about our up-coming installations. Please let me know who is being your installing Officers as soon as possible so I can mail the information and forms needed to them.

As we are entering into the holiday season, I would like to Thank everyone for taking some time to reach out to others and see how we could help. Wishing you all good health and happiness for the holidays.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

In P.L.E. & F.

Barb Christopher, Grand Chief



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
May the upcoming year give you many blessings
In P.L.E. & F.
Barb Christopher G.C.*

Grand Secretary Sherri's Message

It is good to be writing an article for our *Oregon Pythian News* again! I have missed knowing what is happening around our state in our Temples and Lodges. I want to say how much you are appreciated, **Kathlene**, for all the hard work you put into producing this newsletter.

I would like to congratulate **Kathlene Henry, PSC**, on a well-run virtual and in person Grand Temple this October. We had an attendance of 32 people, which included a vast number of out of state Sisters, who were able to attend by zoom!

Congratulations to our new **Grand Chief, Barbara Christopher!** I am thrilled that she gets to have her year as Grand Chief. She would love to hear any ideas or comments that you might have. I wish all the new Grand Officers good luck! It is a special



year for you, when you become our leader, who we will look for answers. Prepare yourselves to be our leader by studying our ritual and constitution. This will help you be a beautiful and knowledgeable Grand Chief.

Our motto is "*Find A Need And Fill It.*" Find where there is a need in your community, then try to think outside the box and step forward to fill it. Poll your members for skills and interests and use them. As we are reaching out to gain new members, let us remember that the best recruitment tool is our having fun while helping others. Invite people to be a part of your activity.

This is the time of year when we complete our end of the year reports. Mine are due to Supreme by April 1. Please have your reports to me before mine are due. Thanks for your help.

Wishing everyone a Healthy, Happy Holiday Season and a Merry Christmas!!!

Sherri Sievert, PSR, Grand Secretary



Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Margaret Grochocki & Bea Cragun



Wishing you the best Christmas gifts of all ~ the love of family, the warmth of home and memories so good you just can't stop smiling!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Gwen Rhodes
Supreme Junior




2021 OPCEF Report



To the Officers & Members of Oregon Grand Lodge and Oregon Grand Temple:

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF) Board is pleased to announce 10 successful scholarship candidates for the current school year (2021/2022).

News

January 2020, the Treasurer announced that Oregon enacted a new business tax which will add to the income tax we currently pay, this is in spite of our status as a domestic non-profit.

January 2021, we welcomed two new members, Directors Lonnie Winkler and Christian McVey.

May 2021, we bid Director Shelley Corby a fond farewell, presenting her a certificate of appreciation for her over six years of service to OPCEF (Fall 2014 – Spring 2021).

Last year's scholarship recipients received \$650 each:

- Ella Burgess – Diana Lodge #63
- Jordan Burgess – Diana Lodge #63
- Tyler Funk – Glencoe Lodge #22
- Briley Heller – Delphos Lodge #39
- Sydney Hoffman – Glencoe Lodge #22
- Hope Luttrell – Damon Lodge #4
- Kaci Luttrell – Damon Lodge #4
- Sequoia Nelson – Gaston Lodge #104
- Andrew Newton – Phoenix Lodge #34
- Grant Polk – Phoenicia-Rose Temple #10

2021/2022 Scholarship Candidates are represented by the following Lodges and Temple:

- Damon Lodge #4 – 4
- Delphos Lodge #39 – 2
- Gaston Lodge #104 – 1
- Glencoe Lodge #22 – 1
- Phoenix Lodge #34 – 1
- Phoenicia-Rose Temple #10 – 1

All students are encouraged to apply every year for the OPCEF scholarship. Any Oregon Pythian member in good standing, their spouse, 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 and applications are due by Tax Day, typically April 15th, of each year. Scholarship applications are available from any Knights of Pythias Lodge or Pythian Sister Temple, or by contacting OPCEF directly at:

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

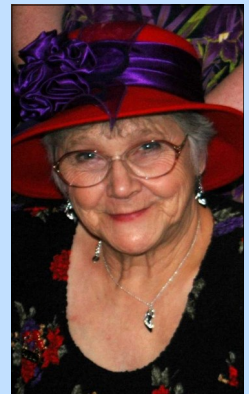
The Board invites you all to support continuing education for Oregon Pythians! Donations of any size are deeply appreciated and are welcome at the address listed above.

John Murchison, President
Sarah Owens, Secretary
Stan Shope, Treasurer
Lonnie Winkler, Director
Christian McVey, Director

Greetings from Vesta Poteete

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

*PS—I moved in November. Here's my new information:
6386 Road D. 3 NE, Moses Lake WA 98837
New Email:poteete@gmail.com*

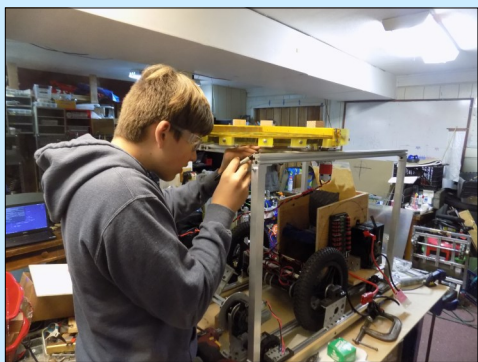


Ivanhoe Knights Continue Support for FRC Robotics Team

For 15 years FRC Team 1432 has been assisted by Ivanhoe Lodge to participate in the FIRST Robotics Competition. This has enabled us to assist many students who were expected to drop out of high school to graduate and most went on to college.

FRC Team 1432, the robotics team working in the basement of Ivanhoe lodge, has had a couple of challenging years because of COVID. In 2020 we were able to participate in only one of two district competitions before they were shut down due to COVID. The team ended the completion on the number 2 alliance for the finals. We had a working robot that finished 32nd in the Oregon and Washington. We had determined how to change things for our next competition so that we would end up much higher in the standings. Then they were canceled. Because of everything being shut down, we were unable to do our community outreach or our fundraising.

In 2021 there were no in-person competitions. For that year we were asked to design a game that could be



used for a future competition. The team designed an innovative and cooperative game that would use elements from the previous year's games. The team built a model game using a 3-D printer and submitted it via Zoom. It was well received by the judges.

After that there were no opportunities to do any fundraising and our sponsors were likewise restricted in their abilities to fundraise for their own programs as well. Despite all of these trials we have a committed team of students who have raised \$8,000 for the coming year's competition, but we are still \$2,000 short of being able to compete.

We only have until January 8, 2022 to raise the money. Any assistance anyone can give would be much appreciated. Ivanhoe Lodge has not been able to do any fundraising this year and Boeing was unable to help the team this year either. Checks can be made out to FRC Team 1432 and sent to Ivanhoe Lodge at 5400 SE 84th Ave, Portland, Oregon 97266; or mailed to Alan Lohkamp at 5730 SE 47th Ave Portland, Oregon 97206. We recognize that fundraising has been difficult for everyone everywhere and we appreciate any help.

Thanks to you all and we hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year full of good health, love and family.

Article and Photos by: Alan Lohkamp, Lead Mentor FRC Team 1432

Upper Photo: Student and mentor consult on robot issues

Lower Photo: Working on robot for competition

Ivanette Temple Carries On

Greetings to all of our Brothers and Sister Pythians.

Ivanette temple has continued to meet via Zoom during the pandemic. Last July we were very excited to have our first face to face meeting and were looking forward to doing it regularly again. We made plans to participate in a holiday bazaar and started collecting supplies to make items to sell. Then everything went south on us and we were back to meeting via Zoom and the bazaar was canceled. It has been a hard time for all of us.

Many of our Sisters have been tested in these trying times. **Sister Karen Ellis** lost her husband to the heat last summer, **Sister Rebecca Lohkamp** had to quit work due to health complications, **Sister Corey Bethune** needed to leave the temple for personal reasons. Congratulations to **Sister Tasya Cantu** on starting a new job as a home health aide that she loves and for being elected to the position of Grand Manager in October.

We are all looking forward to a new and better year when we will participate in the holiday bazaar next year and once we can meet together again safely we will spend time together making wonderful things to sell. Our thanks to **Sister Shelley Corby** for making the beautiful angels, bells, and ornaments and for hosting our meetings on Zoom. She is so talented!

Yours in P.L.E. and F.

Sister Rebecca Lohkamp



Grand Lodge Convention in Pendleton

October 16—Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias met at Pendleton's Lodge Hall with **Grand Chancellor Scott Swartout** presiding. GC Scott made presentations to **Supreme Prelate Don Stamm** and **Grand Secretary Charlie Van Domelen**.

The afternoon outing was the Underground Tour of Pendleton.

2021-2022 Grand Officers: will be led by **Grand Chancellor Ray Cable**.



Grand Lodge officers for 2021 - 2022



Memorial Tributes

Mark Erickson, PSR, PIR

December 12, 1951 - June 28, 2021

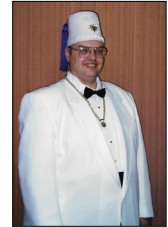
Mark lived the last eight years of his life in Milwaukie, Oregon, passing away at home on June 28, 2021. Mark had not been well for several years. Mark was born on December 12, 1951 to Roy and Bonnie Erickson. He was the youngest of two brothers and one sister. He was preceded in passing by his parents and sister.



The Pythian Family was his life. He was a member of: The Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan (D.O.K.K.), and Nomads of Avrudaka. He served these organizations faithfully and received honors of: Chancellor Commander of his home lodge Ivanhoe #1, Past Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary Domain of Oregon, Past Supreme Representative (PSR), Past Imperial Regent (PIR), and Deputy Supreme Chancellor (DSC).

Mark's father, Roy Erickson, was a great role model to him. Prior to his father's passing, Mark and his father attended Knights of Pythias meetings together. Later, after his father passed, Mark found great joy traveling to various Pythian Family events with his mother, Bonnie Erickson, before her passing.

He was preceded in passing by his parents and sister. Mark is survived by two brothers and their families.



Before and after retirement, Mark participated in as many Pythian events that he could. He loved attending them sharing the moment with fellow Pythians. Many events were in Oregon including Festivals, Banquets or in Canada at the Far West Conclave or the BC Grand or wherever in the US.

Mark also enjoyed his extended family around the Portland area and would follow many on Facebook. He would join them for Holidays, Christmas, Thanksgiving and the 4th of July and for special occasions, birthdays and anniversaries. The three Erickson brothers and their immediate families would gather together for an annual dinner when his older brother Neil and his wife would visit from California. Mark's favorite pastime was reading – he read many books and could not seem to get enough.

Mark passed away at home on June 28, 2021 from a heart attack. He was a humble man, a great role model and a devoted Pythian. Serving as a Pythian gave Mark's life meaning and a deep purpose as he lived "to promote friendship and to relieve suffering" by extending the Pythians principles of friendship, charity and benevolence.

Mark is interred in a crypt in the Terrace Colonnades Mausoleum # 3 at Lincoln memorial Park. No public memorial is planned. The family encourages contributions be sent to the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

The following tribute and photos were submitted by Mark's older brothers Neil and Gordon Erickson:

Mark was born on December 12, 1950 in Portland, Oregon to E. Roy and Bonnie Erickson joining a sister, Ellen and two brothers, Gordon and Neil. The family picture was taken in 1952.

The Erickson family lived in Portland and for a while in Spokane (1958 – 1962). While in Spokane Ellen passed away. After returning to Portland, Mark attended Roosevelt High School, where Roy had graduated in 1933. Mark graduated in 1969. Mark then attended Portland State University graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree.



Mark worked as a computer-data systems-programming consultant until 2001 when he retired. His work experience prepared him to assist with a Pythian computer workshop in 2005.

Roy seen here in a 1951 photo served as a Pythian since the 1940's was a great role model and he introduced Mark to the Pythians at an early age and Mark joined the Pythians.

Roy, Bonnie and Mark looked forward to attending Pythian events together. One was the Medford Grand Lodge in 1990 where Roy, Mark and Bonnie were attendees.

Mark loved people, especially children and youth. He loved seeing their enthusiasm and innocent smiles. Several times he wrote for the Pythian News about youth activities reminding the membership that they must be "Passionate to be a Pythian" and to focus on their community service. Mark's passion showed when he helped to serve the youth by distributing bicycle helmets.

Mark in his "celebration" attire in August 1999.

Michael Howard Talbot Sr.

August 20, 1947 - December 3, 2020

A 35-year resident of Cottage Grove, Michael Talbot passed from complications due to Agent Orange exposure.

Michael is survived by his wife Paula Ann Talbot, five children Michael Talbot II, Katrina, Francien, Fred and Velton, his mother Ruth Talbot, three brothers and a sister, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces. His father Fred V. Talbot has passed away.



Mike was born August 20, 1947 in Modesto, California. He first met his wife in 1963 in high school at Ceres Union High School. They graduated together in 1965, and married in 1966. Shortly before his Marine Corps deployment to Vietnam, Michael and Paula had their first child, and they named their son after Mike to carry on his namesake.

Michael had many interests and hobbies including freelance photography, an interest and vocation he shared with Paula, to the extent of building his own darkroom to develop their photographs. Mike enjoyed riding his Honda Gold Wing motorcycle, building remote control airplanes from scratch and flying them, and science fiction novels and media.

Mike played drums and sang in Sally Duncan's band Easy Country and had a cameo in the movie, Good Luck, with Gregory Hines.

He was ranked the number two ASE certified mechanic in the country by General Motors, he was a published author of a science fiction thriller called, "Last in his Class," he was a Past Grand Chancellor of the Oregon Knights of Pythias 2017-2018, and he was an ordained minister, marrying one of his granddaughters shortly before he passed.

Memorial Tributes

Mary E Parker, PSC

February 16, 1929 – September 18, 2020

Mary Parker, 91 of Big Long Lake in Kendallville, Indiana passed away on Friday, September 18, 2020. She was born on February 16, 1929 in Pike County, Indiana. Mary was a daughter of the late William and Modie Hostetter.



She was a graduate of the International Business School with an Associates in Business Administration. Mary retired from Eagle Pitcher after many years.

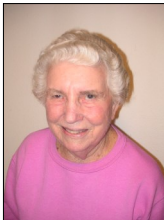
She was a dedicated member of the Pythian Sisters for over 70 years earning the rank of Past Supreme Chief. Mary was elected to Supreme Chief in 1996 and served as Supreme Chief in 1998. Mary served as Chairman of the Supreme Law Committee for three Supreme Convention sessions. Starting in 2006, Mary served on the Endowment Board until her death. Mary was also a member of the Kendallville VFW. Some of her passions were spending time at the lake, working outdoors, campfires and flowers.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Cathy, and son Rollyn, six grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in passing was her husband Dale Parker; late husbands, James Chelf and Richard Coverdale; six brothers and one sister.

Minnie Rosenna Powell, PSR

October 31, 1920 – November 8, 2019

Rosenna Powell passed away at age 99 on Friday, November 8, 2019 at her home at Brookdale Retirement Center in McMinnville, Oregon. She was one of eleven children. As a young child, the family moved to Lafayette, Oregon. At the age of 16, she met John Powell and they married on June 17, 1938. They moved to Pike and then to Yamhill, where they lived together for over 50 years. They had four children.



Rosenna loved her flower garden, travel, games, bowling and word searches, and she was always crocheting or embroidering.

She joined the Pythian Sisters in 1950 at Fern Temple #46 in Yamhill. She served many positions there and later joined as a dual member with Una Temple #26 in Aurora. Rosenna was elected into Grand Temple as Oregon's Grand Senior in 1998 and served as Grand Chief in 1999-2000. Her year as Grand Chief was held in Pendleton; her daughters, Bernice and Beverly also had each of their Grand Chief sessions held at the same hotel in Pendleton.

She is survived by three children, Chris, Bernice and Beverly: nine grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She loved her family, and her Pythian Sisters and Brothers; she will be missed very much!

Marilyn Kay Stevens, PSR

October 18, 1944 – July 4, 2021

Marilyn Stevens, age 76, of Grants Pass, died Sunday, July 4, 2021, right as the fireworks started. She went out with a Bang!

Marilyn was born October 18, 1944, in Portland, Oregon to Keith and Leona Frankenbery. While in high school, the family moved to Monterey, California, where she met her husband, Bruce Stevens. They married, July 25, 1962, and resided in Grants Pass. Together they had three children, Julie, Daniel and Catherine; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She



Tributes prepared by Sarah Owens for
2021 Oregon Grand Temple Sessions

was preceded in death by her parents, sister, and grandson Paul Folk.

Marilyn worked as a library aide at Fruitdale School for many years. She was an active member of Pythian Sisters Thermopylae Temple #37, served as Grand Chief in 2003-2004, and earned the rank of Past Supreme Representative. Marilyn was a loyal friend, and loving wife and mother, sewing, cooking, and always helping anyone in need.

Jean Elizabeth McWilliams, PSR

February 26, 1932 – May 6, 2020

On May 6, 2020, Jean McWilliams passed away unexpectedly at Providence St Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla, Washington. Jean was born February 26, 1932 in Davenport, Florida, moving to Milton-Freewater, at age 12 with her family. Jean was second oldest of five sisters, born to Ralph and Joanna Gibbs. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister.



Jean spent her teenage years in Milton-Freewater, participating in many social activities, including varsity cheerleader, and being crowned as a Milton-Freewater Pea Festival court princess. She graduated from McLoughlin Union High in 1950. After meeting her husband in the local canneries, she married James Louis McWilliams on June 3, 1950. They raised four children, Deborah, Mary Jo, Sharilyn and James. She was also the grandmother of nine grandchildren, to include Justin (in heaven), and six great grandchildren. Her husband preceded her in death in 2016.

Jean was active in the Pythian Sisters of Herculena Temple #27 in Milton-Freewater. She served as Grand Chief in 1968-1969, and earned the rank of Past Supreme Representative in 1978. She was a Pythian Sister for over 50 years.

Jean was active in First Christian Church in Milton-Freewater, where she played a leadership role until her death.

Jean's career included working as a police dispatcher in the 1950's for the Milton-Freewater Police Department, then as a bookkeeper for the city's utilities department. In the 1960's she became her husband's chief assistant and bookkeeper after he purchased the local Western Auto Store. They retired to Florida in 1987; moved to Yuma, Arizona, and back home to Walla Walla in 2005.

Jean involved herself in many activities, and spent time with friends and family. She was an avid Oregon Duck fan, attending games with her son, Jim, and watching them play on TV.

Esther Alice McKibben, PGG

May 18, 1925—November 26, 2020

Esther was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota to parents Henry and Thelma Tamke. She married Morris McKibben and they had 3 children, son Gale, and daughters Susan and Sharon, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, son and daughter Susan. Esther lived most of her life in Springfield, Oregon. In her later years she moved to Bend, Oregon to be closer to her daughter, Sharon.



Esther kept active in three organizations: she was a member of VFW Auxiliary, she was a 50-year member of Home Extension, and a 50-year member of the Pythian Sisters. She became a Past Chief in Eugene at Helmetta Temple #29 in January 1975. She attained her Grand Temple degree in October 1979. She filled the position of Grand Guard at Grand Temple from 2008 until 2014, attaining the rank of Past Grand Ritualistic Officer. Esther also kept busy knitting. She made hats for kids, lap robes for veterans, and much more. She loved gardening and had a green thumb.

Oregon Pythian Sisters Grand Convention

Photos by Roxane Beatty, Kathlene Henry and Barb Christopher

After having to move the location of our Grand Convention twice due to COVID-19, Oregon Pythian Sisters managed to hold our first ever “blended” Grand sessions on Sunday, October 17th. Ten members attended in person + 22 Sisters via Zoom gave us a total of 32 in attendance. Thank goodness for technology to help keep so many of our members safe from COVID – 19 while attending from the comfort of their homes and offices!

Two more differences were:

- 1) Abbreviated 1-day session; and
- 2) We met at Hillsboro’s Pythian Lodge Hall building. *(Thank you, Phoenix Lodge!)*

We appreciate **Brothers Charlie Van Domelen and Alan LohKamp** for providing both special equipment and technical knowledge so we could use Zoom for our meeting. In order to for the “Zoomers” to see all of us in the meeting hall, we wound up using a laptop, a projector and 2 iPad tablets. We also had a big projection screen at the back of the hall so those who attended in person could “see” the faces of our Zoomers on the big screen.

Special Guest, Supreme Chief Joan Way attended via Zoom for the entire day. We appreciate her positive approach and encouraging words. She told us *“We are in extraordinary times—which take extraordinary measures to keep moving forward. Onward & Upward”*:

Supreme Manager Roxane Beatty surprised **GC Kathlene** by flying in from Maryland for our Grand session! It was a fabulous surprise! She quickly volunteered to fill in helping with videography, taking photographs and serving as Acting Supreme Senior for **GC Barbara’s** Installation Service.

Since we only had 1 day to accomplish all that we normally do in 2 days, GC Kathlene’s primary goals were HARMONY and PRODUCTIVITY. With everyone’s promptness and cooperation we managed to do most everything on the day’s agenda. It really helped to have everyone’s reports ahead of time in an Advance Report which was provided to the Sisters by email.

To set the right tone for our meeting, we began the day with our beautiful Re-Obligation Ceremony, GC Kathlene is especially fond of this service because it reminds us of our timeless principles and why we joined the Pythian Sisters. It also leaves everyone with a feeling of solemnity, connection and gratitude. Each of the Grand Officers read their parts for Purity, Love, Equality and Fidelity. **PSRs Maureen Murphy and Shelley Corby** beautifully performed the floorwork of the Senior and Manager roles. **Alan LohKamp and Laurie Hoodenpyle** read the parts and lit the candles for the Knights and Sisters. The ceremony was designed and written by **Oregon Sister Cobie Delespinasse**.

Special thanks go to SPGC Shelley Corby and her husband **Brother Don Cobry** who spent a few weekends at the Pythian hall, getting it ready for our meeting. Shelley also made beautiful “flying angels” in Kathlene’s colors of purple and jade to decorate the hall and as gifts for the attendees. (Angels, programs and letter were mailed to the Zoomers!)

Coffee hour treats and luncheon were provided (free of charge) by 4 Sisters:

Rebecca LohKamp, Shelley Corby, Barb Christopher and Kathlene Henry.

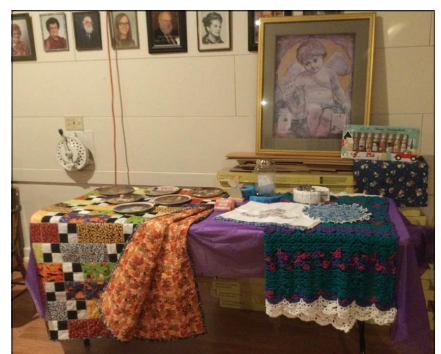
Sarah Owens and Jennifer Searles provided the decorations and “cupcake river and waterfalls” for **GC Barb’s** reception in the afternoon. So creative!!

Sarah Owens compiled and presented an impressive and lovely Memorial Service for 8 of our members:

- PSC Mary Chelf Parker
- PSR Rosenna Powell
- PSR Marilyn Stevens
- PSR Jean McWilliams
- PGG Esther McKibben
- PSR, PIR Mark Erickson
- PGC Mike Talbot
- Knight Paul Martin Folk

The Charter was draped and white roses were placed ahead of time to limit our Grand Officers’ exposure to COVID-19.

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Oregon Grand Temple

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Our Election of Officers resulted in the following slate of

Grand Temple Officers 2021-2022:

- Grand Chief — Barb Christopher
- Grand Senior — Sarah Murphy
- Grand Junior — Jennifer Searles
- Grand Manager — Tasya Cantu
- Grand Secretary — Sherri Sievert PSR
- Grand Treasurer — Heather King
- Grand Protector — Paula Bice
- Grand Guard — Laurie Hoodenpyle
- Grand Press Corr — Donna Johnson PSR
- Sitting Past Gr. Chief — Kathlene Henry

GC Barb Christopher's Installation was beautifully performed by Risa Rikken, Sarah Owen, Shelley Corby and Roxane Beatty. Barb's granddaughter Mackaylah presented the Bible, escorted by Barb's sons Brian and Chuck. In GC Barb's acceptance speech, she told us that she has 2 main projects for her year:

- 1) 125-year Pythian Sisters Quilt (see photo)
- 2) Doernbecher's ChildLife program.

She offered this quote from Pablo Picasso: "The meaning in life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away." Towards that end she encouraged each of us to do something we love and find ways to help our communities by giving that gift away.

She also encouraged us with this quote:

"The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams."

Next she presented to Grand Guard Laurie Hoodenpyle a beautiful Firefighter Quilt that she designed and created, as a fundraiser for Gaston's Fire Department. (See photo)

All Grand Officers introduced their family members and temple Sisters.

After the meeting was over we held the drawing for the Grand Chief's project and Barb's beautiful purple and green quilt. Risa Rikken won Barb's Halloween Quilt; Sherri Sievert won the purple and green quilt.

Then we adjourned to enjoy the lovely reception and treats hosted by Sarah Owens and Jennifer Searles.



Pythian Fun Weekend—La Grande

Article by Christian McVey
Photos by Christian McVey and Ray Cable

On July 14-18, the Oregon Pythians and their families enjoyed our yearly campout.

The 2021 Funday's was attended by 52 Lodge and their family members. At Grande Hot Spring Resort in the scenic Grande Ronde Valley of Northeast Oregon, situated 8 miles south of downtown La Grande. On Friday, we enjoyed the Baker City museum. It was a great little museum, and it had one of the best rock collections I had ever seen and had pictures of the Baker City Knights of Pythian Castle. Unfortunately, the Lodge is inactive. After the tour of the museum, we attended the Miner's Jubilee in Baker City. It had lots of good food and exhibits. Saturday's adventure was to Sumpter Valley Dredge to tour the old gold dredge. They also gave lessons on how to pan for gold. My two grandsons purchased pans and wandered up steam, and panned for gold for about 30 min. My youngest grandson Dylan (8) found about 5 flakes of gold. Activities during our stay included: swimming in their pool and hot tub, horseshoes, cornhole, bike riding, kayaking, playing cards and fishing. Saturday night, we had a potluck dinner attended by all, lot of great dishes and nobody left hungry. Sunday morning the Grand officers cooked breakfast for everyone before they departed for home.



Baker City, Oregon Pythian Castle



Ray and Christina Cable with Debbie Sneathen aboard the Sumpter Valley Train



(Left) Grand Chancellor Scott Swartout, and (Right) Vice Chancellor Ray Cable



Lodge and Family members attending Saturday dinner




Aden McVey's catch of the day

Supreme Lodge Knights Poster Contest

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
International Poster Contest**

This year's poster subject:
*"Go Green,
Help Save the World"*



**SUPREME LODGE
(NATIONAL) PRIZES**


First Prize.....\$1,000
Second Prize.....\$500
Third Prize.....\$250
4th thru 8th Prize.....\$100

Additional prizes may be available at state and local level judging

ABOUT THE KNIGHTS
The Knights of Pythias was founded as a non-sectarian organization on February 19, 1864 in Washington, D.C. The principles of the Knights of Pythias are *Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence*. The members are pledged to practice these principles in their daily lives.

The Order is based upon the story of Damon and Pythias, historical characters of ancient folklore who displayed devoted friendship for each other. Therefore, this year's poster theme is especially appropriate to the Knights of Pythias.


Poster Tips:
1) Message must be understood at a glance.
2) Message and artwork—the simpler the better.
3) Color is great!
4) Check with your local advertising company for advice.
5) Ask your art instructor to review.



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High School Poster /
Visual Arts Contest**

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**High School students
can win \$1000.00**

See inside for more details

FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Knights of Pythias Poster Contest entitled "GO GREEN, HELP SAVE THE WORLD" is open to any student enrolled as a Freshman (Grade 9), Sophomore (Grade 10), Junior (Grade 11), or Senior (Grade 12) in any Junior or Senior High or Parochial School in the United States and Canada; or equivalent level home-schooled students.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

- Poster may be on any color cardboard, 14 inches by 22 inches (35.6cm x 55.9cm) uniformly. **DO NOT DEVIATE**
- Any two dimensional medium may be used. (computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting, etc.)
- All the art must be ORIGINAL. No copyrighted material may be used in the development of or in the actual entry.
- On front of the poster near the bottom, in letters not over 1/4 inch high must appear the following:
"SPONSORED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS."

- Each contestant must legibly print name, grade, school, home address, phone number and email address if applicable on the back of the poster.
- State winners will be determined by local Knights of Pythias lodges. These winners must be determined not later than April 30th. Check with a local Pythian Lodge for their judging deadlines.
- The winning poster from each participating local lodge will be submitted to the State or Provincial Knights of Pythias organization to determine a winner by May 15th. This state or province winner will be submitted to the Supreme Secretary, no later than June 15th.
- All posters will become the property of the Knights of Pythias and will not be returned after the judging.

ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED!

For more information check the Knights of Pythias webpage; <http://www.pythias.org>
Click on Poster Contest

JUDGING
The winners of all contests will be determined by qualified judges who are required to base their decisions upon the following:
a) message;
b) originality;
c) effective display of message in specified dimensions;
d) neatness;
e) adherence to stated rules and regulations

PRIZES
LOCAL AND AREA CONTESTS
Local or Subordinate lodges will award prizes at their own expense.

GRAND (STATE) LODGE CONTESTS
The Supreme Lodge will furnish appropriate ribbons for the First, Second and Third Prize winners of each Grand Lodge contest. Each Grand Lodge will supplement these by offering other prizes at their own expense.

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INVITATION: SUPREME CONVENTION— SOUTH CAROLINA

The 2022 Supreme Convention Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters will be held at:

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Charleston Area Convention Center
5055 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
1-888-728-3025

Reservations: 1-843-747-1882

Sunday, July 31 - Weds, Aug 3
Knights of Pythias ("KPY") group rates:

Suite Style Rooms

- Double \$169.99
- Triple \$179.99
- Quad \$189.99

plus tax and fees

Parking, daily breakfast, and a nightly Manager's Cocktail hour are included In room rate. Shuttle service available

from Airport and to Tanger Outlets, Walmart, and restaurants nearby also included.

Sunday July 31 Banquet Options:

- Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Red Pepper Sauce \$65
- Braised Beef Short Rib \$80
- Grilled Salmon w/ Lemon Herb Sauce \$65

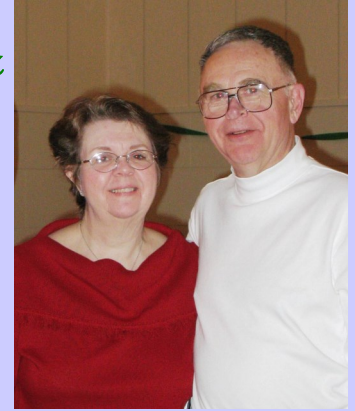
Weds, August 3 Banquet Options:

- Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lemon Garlic Sauce \$65
- Beef Tenderloin \$80
- Pecan Crusted Salmon \$65

If anyone has any questions, concerns, allergies, and/or additional needs, please feel free to contact Jon/Missy Zelasko @

missyz@sc.rr.com or 843-568-7655

Wishing everyone
a very...
Happy Holiday
&
Happy 2022!



Judy and John Murchison

Grand Chief's Visits at Thermopylae and Fern Temples

November 7—GC Barb's first official visit was to **Thermopylae Temple** in Grants Pass. The Sisters met at the home of Bruce Stevens. They had a nice luncheon followed by presentation of pretty wrist corsage and decorated cake.



November 16—Fern Temple hosted **Grand Chief Barb Christopher** for her official visit. She was introduced by **Manager Ann Myers**, officially. Ann also introduced the other officers, past and present. **Sarah Murphy, Grand Senior** also attended. The Sisters presented GC Barb with a check for her project. After lunch GC Barb passed out microwave smores to all of the ladies who were present. It was a nice afternoon of fellowship.

Article by Carol Jenkins
Photos by Kelly Rae Martin





Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our Pythian friends

*The LohKamps,
Alan, Pat, Chris and Rebecca*



*Janette Temple 68 wishes
all our sisters and knight
brothers Happy Holidays
and a wonderful New Year*



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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ **February 3** (Thursday) — Grand Chief's visit to Wapato Temple—7:00pm
- ⇒ **February 13** (Sunday) — Grand Chief's Visit to Ivanette Temple—4:30pm
- ⇒ **March 3** (Thursday) — Grand Chief's Visit to Phoenicia-Rose Temple—7:30pm
- ⇒ **March 8** (Tuesday) — Grand Chief's Visit to Helmetta Temple—1pm
- ⇒ **May 7** (Saturday) — Pythian Sisters' District Convention
- ⇒ **July 13 to 17** (Thursday—Sunday) — Pythian Fun Weekend at Old Mill RV Park, Garibaldi, OR
- ⇒ **July 31 to August 3**—(Sunday — Wednesday) — Supreme Pythian Convention—Charleston SC (See page 14 for details)
- ⇒ 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!!!!

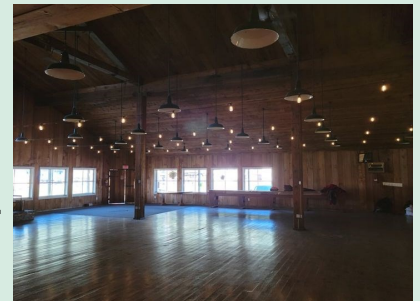
****SAVE THE DATE****

DATE:

JULY 13-17, 2022

WHERE:

**OLD MILL RV PARK—
GARIBALDI, OR**



This photo shows the beautiful dining hall where we will be gathering. Come prepared to enjoy a crab feed on Thursday. Bring your fishing gear for Friday and enjoy a scenic train ride on Saturday.

More information to follow about registrations.

Hope to see you there!!!

Grand Chief Barbara

Any questions or reservations call:

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