

# Oregon Pythian News

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## Hillsboro Pythians in Relay for Life

The Hillsboro Pythians are again are having a team for the Relay for Life. This is American Cancer Society's fund-raiser for research and cure for cancer. If you would like to be involved, please call either Maureen at 503-357-1631, John Lacy at 503- 709-6658 or 503-681-8209 and Darrell Henry at 503-627-0918. Next fundraiser will be a spaghetti and bingo evening at 5:00 PM January 3rd at the Hillsboro Pythian hall.

Hillsboro Pythians have a web page a [www.acsevents.org/relay/or/hillsboro](http://www.acsevents.org/relay/or/hillsboro). Click on Hillsboro Pythians to sign up for our site. We would like

to raise at least \$2,500 for the relay for life. We will need walkers for the relay. We are required to have at least 1 person walking on the track at all times during the relay. Some of us are camping out overnight but we could always use extra people during the day to help out, visit, talk to others about the Pythians, listen to the entertainment and have fun!

Next Relay for Life will be held in Hillsboro June 20th and 21st 2009. At the start of the relay on Saturday, the survivors of cancer have the first lap and they would like to have as many people as possible show up for the start. See Chi or

Maureen for sign-up sheets. Anyone who walks on the relay gets a free tee shirt. Survivors get a different colored tee shirt to wear for the relay.

The theme is "Take Cancer Out of the Game!" There will be raffles or contests during the day and evening. At 10:00 PM, the luminary ceremony will begin. The luminaries are white bags filled with a little sand in the bottom and a lit candle to light up the decorations and story of the person being recognized. Usually it is to honor a survivor or to honor the memory of one who we lost to cancer. The bags go

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Lodge representatives accepting AED devices

## Eagle Scouts from

With the others that didn't have time for the special celebration, we didn't get photos. There was Ronnie VanDyke, he became Eagle Scout in June of 2007, his Eagle project was a weed control removal for a 1/4 mile on the east side of Hagg Lake, he is now in the

US Marines. Then there was Mathew Wallace, he became Eagle Scout in August of 2007. his Eagle project was bridge at Hagg Lake. He also went into the US Marines. Last there was Andrew Wallace, he became Eagle Scout in June of 2008. His

Eagle project was to clean up some of the path trails around Hagg Lake, his career is undecided.

More Eagle scout information on page 9



## 2008/09 NEW Grand Lodge Officers



Jerry Girard  
Grand Chancellor



Mark Erickson



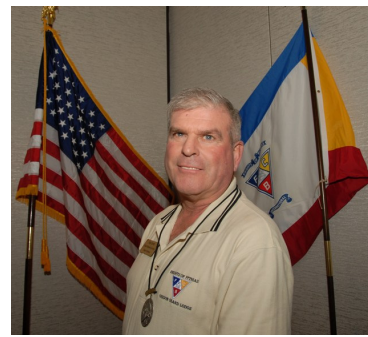
Bill Peal  
Prelate



Don Heriford  
Treasurer



Mike Harmes  
Secretary



Bob Smith  
Master at Arms



# Pythian Sword Story

Before I explain the markings on your particular sword, let me give you a brief history of the Pythian Order. You will see how it ties in with the various scenes that are usually found on Pythian swords:

The Order Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington DC on February 19, 1864 by Justus H. Rathbone. It is based upon the story of Damon and Pythias, two very close friends during the time of ancient Greek history. Damon was sentenced to death by the tyrant king, Dionysius, and his friend, Pythias, offered to stay as a hostage for four hours so that Damon could visit his family one last time. No one expected Damon to return and face his fate, but at the very last moment, Damon, true to his word and his friend, appeared at the place of execution. The king was so amazed at this show of loyalty and trust that he freed both men. In those days, most men wore helmets, shields, swords, and a variety of weapons. That is why they are so predominant on the swords.

The inscriptions and designs vary. The only requirement is that they meet certain dimensions. The long narrow sword is used for parades and drills because it is easy to handle. The short stubby type is used whenever one has to be placed in a semi-permanent position, such as on the open Bible which is present at all Pythian gatherings. (We are a non-sectarian fraternity but we ask that all members believe in some form of Supreme Being. We do not specify any particular religion or denomination).

Swords are still used in our rituals and ceremonies but they are mainly owned by the subordinate lodges. In former times, many Pythians prided themselves in

their ability to do "floor work" as we call performing during the rituals and ceremonies. The swords were individually designed and inscribed, and presented as tokens of esteem by friends and family, much as we would now give an inscribed gavel, a plaque or some other expensive gift.

The following markings are those that are commonly found on swords:

The man in the helmet with the lion on top signifies the highest rank (Knighthood). There were three steps to reach full Knighthood – Page, Esquire, and Knight. It is the same in reaching full Knighthood in our fraternity as well. The lion means leadership.

"FCB" stands for FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY, and BENEVOLENCE- the three cardinal principles of the Order to which we adhere very strongly, even today. You will see it wherever Pythianism is mentioned

On some swords, you will see the letters "U R" (not V R) which stand for Uniformed Rank. Just after the fraternity was founded, a very elite group of Pythians fashioned themselves into a militaristic type of organization. They had their own military uniforms, they referred to their lodges as military units, they called themselves by military titles, they went to "encampments" instead of conventions, and they even had their own set of rules and regulations based on that of the U.S. Army. They excelled in marching and in drills, but the group became very disruptive to the Order

and the last unit was finally disbanded in the 1950's. The Uniformed Rank used the Lily as its official flora but the Knights use the sprig of myrtle, which signifies love and victory. It is placed on the casket of a brother to show that he was loved by his fellow Pythians. The Knights picture a falcon which signifies vigilance, whereas the U R used the dove as its official bird.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, grew out of drill corps units that had been organized in the various lodges after the order was originated in 1864. Bear in mind that many of the members of the Knights of Pythias were men who had been active in the Civil War and who enjoyed the disciplined way of life. In 1876, under the leadership of James R. Carnahan of Lafayette, IN, there grew a movement to consolidate these various drill corps into a separate but attached organization. In 1878, the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias came into legal being by action of the Supreme Lodge. The membership mushroomed. The URKP was organized completely along U.S. Army lines into Companies, Brigades, Regiments, etc. Named as Major General or Commanding Officer was James R. Carnahan. The emblem chosen for the organization was that of the Lilly and the URKP became known as the "Army of the Lilly". As the veterans of the Civil War began to pass on, there was a declining interest in the Uniform

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# News from Phoenix Lodge

May 12, 2008

Charlie VanDomelen and John Lacy of Phoenix Lodge of Hillsboro delivered a defibrillator to Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Cornelius. The center is a health clinic for migrant workers in Washington County. They will use it in their mobile clinic van. At the center we talked to Ignola Duyck who is the manager of community outreach. While we were

there they said that another thing that they need help in getting is new child car seats.



## Pythian Sword Story Continued

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Rank, and the membership began to quickly drop after WWI. In about 1950 one of the last national encampments was held. Shortly after that time, the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias removed the Uniform Rank as an official auxiliary of Pythianism

The child, man and woman in some scenes are Damon and his family saying farewell for the last time. The scene with the man looking out of a building and the group of people exemplifies the site of the execution and the throng that was waiting for the event to start.

The man pulling down the pillars of a building is Samson of the Bible. He



is mentioned in our teachings as representing strength.

There are many types of weapons shown on the different swords. The jewels and pendants which our officers wear around their necks during meetings show a particular weapon or combination thereof, and each officer's rank is represented by a different weapon. The other decorations and designs have no special significance.

The words "In Esto Perpetua" can be found on some swords. That

means "This will be Forever" or words to that effect.

Some swords have the skull and crossbones symbol. That signifies the mortality of man as compared to the immortality of the Supreme Being which most national fraternities ask their prospective members to believe in. We stopped using that symbol many years ago.

In most cases the value of a sword is more sentimental than actual. It is priceless as a family heirloom but not very valuable on the open market.

They can be found on the internet for around \$150. A brand new one from the factory, with no markings at all, will now cost about \$325.00

Written by Al Saltzman,  
PSC



# Grand Chancellor's message

Grand Lodge 2008 is now behind us and a new year is ahead. The Grand Lodge meeting was a

Great success, Grand Chancellor Darrell Henry is to be congratulated for a well run meeting. There have been some ideas floated to make the annual Grand Lodge meeting better for those attending, like making the report more informative so that the representatives can go back to their Lodges and explain the measures that were presented at Grand Lodge. Another idea is to make time in the day for enjoying and exploring the

sights at the Grand Lodge site. This should encourage a better attendance and be enjoyable for all who attend.

The Wild Horse casino was a great place to hold the meeting and, with the expansion that is planned, it will be even better. Those who didn't attend missed a wonderful experience. The facility was outstanding, the food and service was some of the best we have experienced. Next Year, I'm sure you will be happy to know, we have just signed the contract with the Oregon Garden Resort which is just

being completed in Silverton. The dates next year are October 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>, which is one week later than normal due to scheduling conflicts. So be sure and mark your calendars. The room rates include free admission to the Garden which has grown since many of us have last seen it. We'll be able to enjoy the beauty of the Garden in the evening as well as stroll about the gardens.

This year for the first time the Grand Lodge has established a fund to help out fellow Knights who may need a little

assistance in these trying times. The Oregon Pythian Assistance Fund was approved and funded to provide funds on an as needed basis. The+ fund will not provide large amounts of

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## GRAND CHIEF VISITS WILLAMETTE #45

A group of fourteen sisters met at Murphy's Bar & Grill in Dallas, Oregon, on Wednesday, November 5, 2008. We had quite a variety to select from and the conversation was lively. Thereafter, we met at the Masonic Lodge for a meeting at 1 :00 p.m. Introductions included the new Grand Press Correspondent Carol Jenkins and new Grand Guard Esther

McKibben. Past Grand and Past Supreme Representatives were Cheryl Bergman PSR, Ann Ross PSR, Marilyn Stevens ASR, Bernice Balschweid PGC, Glenyce Buxton PSR. Rosenna Powell PGC. Helen McKibben PSR, and Kaye Pomerleau PSR. Grand Chief Sandra Ryan was introduced at the altar, by Manager Bernice Balschweid and given Grand Honors and

paraded around the meeting room before being seated next to MEC Cheryl Bergman. Assisting MEC Cheryl Bergman, were Arlene Kimball, Excellent Senior, Helen McKibben, Excellent Junior, Bernice Balschweid, Manager, Carol Jenkins, Secretary, Linda Rosenbalm, Treasurer, Farrell Furst, Protector and Esther McKibben, Guard.



## Pythian Fun Day

It is time for an encore for the activity day that promises adventure for all. We are planning our Central Oregon adventure weekend for July 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Bend, Oregon. The weekend will begin on Friday with a meet and greet activity for our members and families. A hospitality room and activities are planned. We will be



### 2009 Big Event

asking you to declare what you want to eat at our Saturday BBQ. We are asking participants to book their own reservations at the facility of their choosing. Many will choose between motel,

camping, condos or RV Park. What is your preference? We plan to grant a stipend to help members defray the expense. On Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 9am at the High Desert Museum. A brief

orientation and photography talk will be conducted at the museum. We will then explore the wonders of the High Desert Museum. Then at noon all are released to have

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# GRAND TEMPLE OF OREGON

## 112th Annual Session

Registration took place from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the Wild Horse Resort in Pendleton, Oregon on November 10th, 2008. Practice for seating of the officers and the memorial took place in the afternoon.

Past Grand Chief's dinner and Joint Representatives dinner was at 7:00 pm Friday evening, with the Memorial Service held after dinner.

The Memorial Service was beautifully done by Herculena Temple #27,

Meeting convened at 9:00 am

Saturday morning with Judy Murchison giving the welcome and Herculena Temple #27 seating the officers. Roll call and the normal order of business. Introductions: Manager Maureen Murphy escorted the Supreme Chief, Sheila Stooksberry to the altar and she was given Supreme honors, seated to the right of Grand Chief Tanya. Past Supreme Chief, Kathlene Lacy Henry and visiting sisters from California and Washington were also introduced. The Friendship luncheon, Grand Banquet, Funds 4 Fun breakfast, and Altruistic luncheon

were an well attended. Santa Darrell and his helpers received generous contributions. Don Lacy talked about the importance of Santa and his helpers visits to the various places recommended by the Knights and Sisters.

Sunday morning elections resulted in the following:  
Grand Chief - Sandra Ryan,  
Excellent Senior - Elizabeth Evans, Excellent Junior - Maureen Murphy, Grand Manager - Leatha Tyra, Grand Secretary - Shelley Corby, Grand Treasurer - Robyn

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## Grand Chancellor Words Continued

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moneys to individuals who need them but, it will assist those who may need little help with utilities, repairs or bills. A Knight need only apply to their local lodge or a fellow Knight can apply for a brother Knight for a grant which would be reviewed by the local Lodge, then be forwarded to the Grand Lodge to issue the grant. It's hoped that the local

Lodge will consider matching these grants.

This year it is hoped that we can develop ways to create an organization that will help people and one that people will want to join. Just as the Pythian Fun Day that was held this year in The Dalles to encourage members and friends to come and enjoy a day together did. Bill Peal did a great job in organizing the

event this year with its photo contest. I have asked him to organize another event and he is busy working on another for next year in Bend. Look for more information on this event which will be held this summer. It will be a Pythian event that you will want to attend.

Fraternally,  
A. Jerry Girard



**Jerry Girard**  
**Grand Chancellor**



Thanks to Jim Aldrich for the 2008 best picture award

## Pythian Fun Day is a time for everyone!

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lunch on their own and then embark upon the adventure of their choosing. Each person or family is responsible to book or arrange the adventure of greatest appeal. All are asked to take pictures of their

experience to share with your friends. Then, at 6 pm Saturday evening, we will assemble at a park for a grand BBQ. This will be the time for visiting and sharing our experiences with our friends. We will download our pictures

and quick slide shows will display our various adventure experiences. Sunday morning we will have breakfast and ready ourselves for the trip home or for some, the continuation of our vacation experience. It is sure to be **A Time To Remember!**



# PARADE AND CAR-SHOW A BIG HIT

"It's like having Christmas in August", Elena Rasmussen, co-owner of the Gaston market declared, as she described her feeling of participating in the Gaston Good Old Days annual parade held the Friday evening before the Wapato Showdown car show held every August in the town of Gaston. She also said it was "the most fun I have in the summertime, and I enjoy all aspects of this weekend". Even though Elena admitted that she works incredibly hard the weekdays leading up to the parade, she said it was certainly worth it.



This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year for the Gaston parade, and the 12<sup>th</sup> year for the Wapato Showdown car show. These two events are both sponsored, once again, by the Gaston Chapter 104 of the Knights of Pythias. "It truly takes a team effort to pull off both of these events", said car show chairman Chris Anderson. "We need all the help we can get in addition to our thirty one members", he said. The KOP can count of the cooperation of many Gaston community members who aren't afraid to roll up their sleeves and help set up and tear down all the equipment and facilities required for both events.

The parade started at 7 pm, with the over sixty entries winding their way through the streets of Gaston. The Gaston Good

Old Days parade is now so popular that the population of the city (about 700 souls) swells to double that number as many people show up to view the variety of parade entrants, from classic cars to horse drawn buggies, to equestrian teams, to floats sponsored by many of the business and agricultural establishments. The parade is truly a source of pride to everyone involved, and has grown in popularity and size every year.

Immediately following the parade, almost everyone flocks to the local city park and ball fields for the annual barbeque Steak dinner. The Gaston market, in conjunction with the local high school boosters club, once again provide all the delicious steak, potatoes, salad, bread and drink to satisfy any and all appetites. The KOP-sponsored beer garden is open during this timeframe for liquid refreshments, but don't drink too much, as all members must be on duty the next morning to welcome about 400 classic cars and 50 motorcycles to the Wapato showdown car show. This is the major fundraiser for the Gaston KOP lodge, and it takes an incredible amount of planning, organization and execution to make it a successful show. The



**Winners Trophies**

local population obviously likes it, as attendance runs about 2,000 strong for the 8-hours of the show.

Although Lodge #104 members work long hours preparing, hosting and putting it all away, it has become the one "can't miss" event for the local population. This is the major fundraiser for the lodge, and proceeds support everything from local high school sports teams, to Boy Scout troops, to local organizations needing funding. So mark your calendars for August 21st and 22<sup>nd</sup> of next year so you won't miss the next edition of the parade and car show in Gaston.





# Pythian Sisters

## 2008 Grand Temple Officers



Front Row: G.Sr. Elizabeth Evans, SC Sheila Stooksberry, GC Sandy Ryan, SPGC Tanya Bancroft, G.Mgr. Leatha Tyra

Back Row: GPC Carol Jenkins, G.Sec. Shelley Corby, SR, G.Jr. Maureen Murphy, GP Sharon Johnson, G.Treas. Robyn Neeley, ASR, GG Esther McKibben



# Grand Temple of Oregon Continued



Grand Chief Sandy Ryan and PGC Bernice Balschweld

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Neeley, Grand Protector - Sharon Johnson, Grand Guard -

Esther McKibben, Grand Press Correspondent - Carol Jenkins, Three year trustee - Linda Reyburn, three year audit

## Hillsboro Pythians have a Newsletter!

Does your lodge have a newsletter? What a great way to keep all your members informed of current events. Everyone is busy these days and just a simple 2 page of information can make a dramatic difference to all those wishing to stay informed. Yes, I know the one to the right is very nice and

fancy but you too could make a newsletter. It can be a very simple letter add a few graphics and there you have it a news letter. Do not be afraid to try.

Randy  
OPN Editor

committee - Irene Clink.

The visiting Sisters from California and Washington presented Grand Chief Tanya with gifts and how nice it was to visit with everyone. The Sisters from Herculena Temple presented Grand Chief Tanya with a lovely flower arrangement at the start of her session. Grand Chief Tanya's session was well conducted and went smoothly. Grand Chief Tanya was very appreciative of the support and assistance she received from all the temples, especially help from her Temple, Herculena #27.

Session adjourned in due form. The resort conference rooms were spacious and attractive, the

staff was very helpful. A Hot Air Balloon group was also at the resort and many of us were able to watch the early morning lifts.

Carol Jenkins  
Grand Press Correspondent

## Grand Secretary of Oregon

Fellow Pythians

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

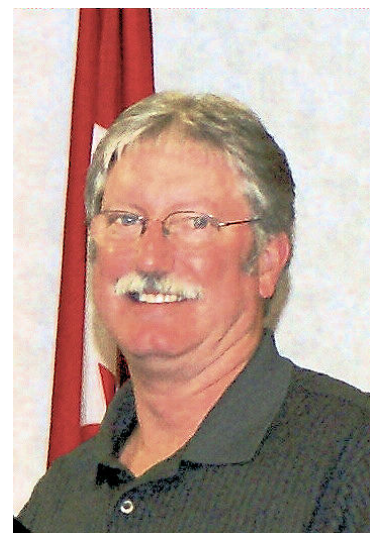
As you are probably now aware of I am the Grand Secretary for the Domain of Oregon. Please be prepared for plenty of mistakes as I learn this arduous task of serving you.

As we move forward I would

encourage everyone to work on **Communication**. As I see it we need better ways and methods of keeping the dialog going. Not just for a fleeting few minutes to get some small task done but a more long term method to enlighten, educate and bring all together all the time. Hence the OPN is a great

method by which to do this. Another method is writing notes or letters and sending by postage. E-mail is an instantaneous method that does work for those that have it and use it. Phone calls do work but most times persons are so busy that catching them with a phone

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# Hillsboro Pythians in Relay for Life

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around the stadium and they also spell HOPE and CURE up in the stadium seats. It is very pretty and can be seen from the sunset highway. Check the website for date, time and information of the relay. Hope to see you there!

Yours in F. C. & B.  
and P. L. E. & F.  
Maureen and Phil Murphy



## New EAGLE Scout



To the left is Nathan Moore became an Eagle Scout in January of 2007.

His Eagle project was cyclone fencing and some work on the track at Dilly school.

Now is in college working for a degree of Engineering.

To the right is Christopher Baum, he became an Eagle Scout in April of 2008.

His Eagle project was removing, and building a creek bridge at Scoggins Hagg Lake.

He hasn't decided on what to aim toward in college so he is just holding a steady job.



HAVE A MERRY  
MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW  
YEAR

GASTON 104





# A LOVE STORY

Nick and Bernice Mathieson held their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary at Delphos Lodge #39, Thursday October 16<sup>th</sup>. In all 15 members were able to show their amazement at such longevity! We had a wonderful time. Talked and played cards. Ate a great meal prepared by Mary Ann Mueller. And were star struck by the guests of honor. Imagine, two people stuck it out with each other and the kids for 70 years. May they have many more together.

Best Wishes from Delphos #39



Bernice and Nick, in the middle facing this way.



## Damon Lodge #4 Welcomes Three New Members

Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> was the initiation ceremony for receiving three new Knights into the ranks of the Pendleton Knights of Pythias. Our new members are:

- David Heehn
- David Dinubilo
- Mike Gundlach.

Mike is a teacher in the Pen-

dleton school system and brother of our Master at Arms Randy Gundlach. Mike is a sportsman and has a drift boat ready for action.

David Dinubilo is a corrections officer at EOCI. He and his wife Peggy have two sons and one daughter.

David Heehn is also a correc-

tions officer at EOCI and has lived in Pendleton for ten years. David and his wife Rachel have two daughters.

It was a well attended meeting with some 25 members taking part. Frank Baker drove over from Walla Walla to be a part of the Ceremony. It really adds a lot of class when a member has the parts down to

memory and makes the program impressive. We had a pizza party and an opportunity to visit and get to know our new members at the end of the meeting.

The lodge members are planning a bonfire and hayride on Wildhorse Creek at the Bill Peal ranch. This will be held

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call can take plenty of time and patience.

We all reside across the state and it is a difficult task to keep everyone informed of events and happenings at each lodge or temple. If you have a calendar made for yourself each year and would

like to share that with others what better method than posting it in the OPN or sending it to the Oregonpythians.org webmaster and letting me post it for you.

I see communication as a very important key to our future. This communication needs to start from one person to another then spread

to all members and work to combine us all in to a Pythian force to be noticed and recognized for all the great things we do. Please help me on this endeavor to raise communication to the next level.

Fraternally yours,  
Mike Harmes, GS





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## **YAMHILL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Jack Crabtree, Sheriff**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

January 10, 2007

## **Sheriff Receives Life Saving Device**

A year after a Yamhill County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Deputy saved a person's life using a borrowed Automated External Defibrillator ("A.E.D."), the program now has an AED of their own. Sheriff Jack Crabtree today received a device from the McMinnville Chapter of the Knights of Pythias, a local charitable organization.

"I know for a certainty that these devices save lives," Sheriff Crabtree said. "Having one on the boat with our Marine Patrol will save a great deal of time, and may make a difference between life or death for a person suffering a heart attack on our waterways". "I am very appreciative of the concern expressed by the Knights of Pythias, and their willingness to partner with us in purchasing this vital piece of equipment". Crabtree said that the AED will be utilized year round. "We will move it to a Patrol Car in winter months, and the boats in the spring and summer".

The Yamhill County Sheriff's Office Marine Patrol program is responsible for Willamette river patrol from the Wheatland Ferry to the I-5 Bridge. This represents more than 40 river miles in three different counties. Thousands of boaters utilize the river in the summer months, with fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts enjoying their water sports year round. Access to

many areas of the river cannot be made via public lands, so the quickest response to medical emergencies is often via the Marine Patrol.

According to the American Heart Association, every year 460,000 deaths arise in the United States from Sudden cardiac arrest. Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) occurs when the lower chambers of the heart (the ventricles) suddenly stop beating normally and develop what is called ventricular fibrillation (VF). VF is a chaotic heart rhythm that is similar where the heart muscle begins quivering which prevents the heart from effectively pumping blood. If this condition is not corrected immediately; death will follow within 10 minutes. A defibrillator is the only known device/technique that stops the chaotic electrical heart activity and allows the heart to re-pace itself to a normal rhythm.

"Occasionally, the heart will re-pace itself (5% of incidents); and if the patient has received Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) in this instance; a patient will survive. Utilizing a defibrillator increases the odds of survival from 5% with just CPR, to as much as 80% if a Defibrillator is placed on the patient within a few minutes of Sudden Cardiac Arrest" Crabtree said.

When confronted by a difficult problem, you can solve it more easily by reducing it to the question, "How would the Lone Ranger handle this?"





Damon Lodge members standing tall



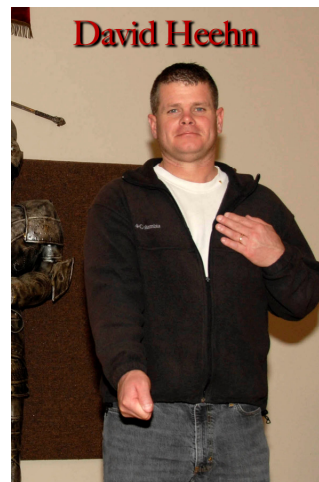
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on Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup>. This is a celebration of the coming of Winter and the holiday season. We are planning a fireworks light show along with the bonfire, smores, and the usual refreshments, to usher in the holiday spirit.

In keeping with tradition we are planning our annual Family

Night Christmas dinner for the Damon Lodge and its membership on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We plan to cook tri-tip and all the fixens. Our members have worked hard in the past year to conduct a successful program and we want to in this small way say thanks to all. Games and activities are planned for the children and the opportunity to connect with friends and family make this a very special event.



## Who goes to a Pythian Fun Day?



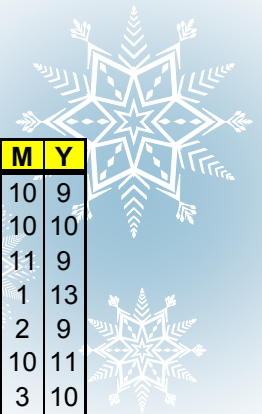
Pythian members gather round Bill Peal at 2008 Pythian Fun Weekend

Why you should. Go to Bend July 2009, be with friends, and have a memorable great time. Fun like you never had before, you get to chose what to do. You want to spend the time just doing nothing then so be it, enjoy. White water boating, fishing, golfing and even antique shopping is available in Bend. More information is coming so look for it and block those days off on your calendar to attend. Pictures are a great way to create memories that last for ever. Even though I forget names I do not forget faces.

*Hope to see yours there!*

# Thanks Boosters for all your Support

| Name               | M  | Y  | Name               | M  | Y  | Name               | M  | Y  |
|--------------------|----|----|--------------------|----|----|--------------------|----|----|
| Aaron Murphy       | 2  | 9  | Farrel Fuerst      | 4  | 12 | Merle Osborne      | 10 | 9  |
| Art & Lauri Bonnot | 1  | 9  | Frank Baker        | 1  | 9  | Michael Harmes     | 10 | 10 |
| Barbara McKee      | 10 | 9  | Frank Mellor       | 2  | 9  | Nick Skillman      | 11 | 9  |
| Beth Evans         | 10 | 8  | George Baldwin     | 2  | 11 | Naomi Kihn         | 1  | 13 |
| Betty Alexander    | 10 | 9  | Georgia Jean Byrd  | 10 | 10 | Paul Lewis         | 2  | 9  |
| Bill Peale         | 10 | 9  | Gwen Rhodes        | 5  | 9  | Pauline Terry      | 10 | 11 |
| Bob Smith          | 10 | 9  | Harry Martin       | 2  | 9  | PGC Bob Falcon     | 3  | 10 |
| Bruce Stevens      | 10 | 10 | Hazel Thornton     | 9  | 10 | Phil Murphy        | 2  | 10 |
| Carlene Saria      | 2  | 11 | Irene Clink        | 10 | 10 | Rachelle Nesbitt   | 10 | 9  |
| Carol Brown        | 10 | 8  | Jacquie Girard     | 10 | 10 | Richard Swartout   | 10 | 10 |
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Hello OPN Supporters ~

As you have surely noticed there were some problems with producing and distributing the OPN during 2008. Hopefully you also noticed that you have not been contacted with requests to support the OPN financially since Grand Convention of 2007.

Well, we're happy to report that the OPN is now back on track! Randy Tipton of Gaston Lodge and Mike Harmes, Grand Secretary, from Glencoe Lodge have taken on the challenge and burden of producing our publication. They are serving as Editor and Business Manager respectively. As you can see in this publication they have done a great job.

Some changes regarding the publication were made at Grand Lodge session in October this year. Besides appointing

new talent to produce our publication, it was decided not to publish the newsletter as frequently as we have done in past years. The new schedule for publication will be twice each year - the first of December and first of June. This schedule, as in the past, will necessitate that your submission of articles and photos be delivered to Randy by the 10<sup>th</sup> of November or the 10<sup>th</sup> of May. If an additional publication is warranted it will be made as needed.

**Now for the bottom line!** Your support by Booster contributions is still needed. As with everything else in our world, costs continue to rise, even for the OPN. *Special note: For those of you who have been long-time OPN Boosters, we've extended your booster time period by 1 year to make up for the absence of OPN issues during 2008.*

Please consider making an annual contribution to our Oregon Pythian News. Five,

ten, or even 20 dollars goes a long way in getting the Pythian news and information out to our membership. We can't promise you blessings from above but you know that you will be supporting communication to those who may not be able to make that investment themselves.

We hope that you agree that the OPN is worth supporting - with articles, photos and money. It's a way for us to chronicle our community service efforts and to share ideas across the state. It also lets us celebrate good news and keep people informed about what's going on in the Pythian Order here in Oregon. So keep sending in your articles in support of the OPN!

Darrell and Kathlene Henry



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Jean Schlinsog and her daughter Robyn Neely

October 12,2008

The Sisters of Thermopylae Temple #37 would like to honor a certain Sister who has been a source of unending support for many years.

Jean Schlinsog joined Thermopylae Temple 56 years ago, and has been an active member throughout this time. She worked her way through the offices of her home Temple and Grand Temple, and served as Supreme Representative.

Jean is also active in the Nomads, attaining its highest office as Imperial Maharani.

Her experience is invaluable and we rely on her knowledge at every turn. We are proud to bestow on Jean this Certificate of Life Membership in Thermopylae Temple #37.

With Love in P.L.E.& F.,

From Your Temple Sisters

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