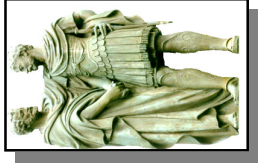


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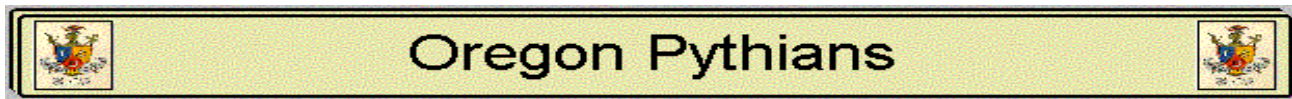
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We Have an Internet Presence ~ By Mike Harmes



Hello Oregon Pythians,

We have an internet presence. Our site is www.oregonpythians.org. I have the beginnings started with just a basic layout and now I am trying to fix the smaller details.

Just what does our site have: important contacts for each lodge, lodge location and meeting times, message from our Grand Chancellor. It tells some about the history of our order and what we are about. There is a place that has this emblem that I had called the Pythian Times, it is a posting place where ideas and thoughts can be shared between members. I did test it some and it may be a valuable tool if used. I was trying to put an event calendar together that we could use individually between lodges and capture everything in one place; I have tried about 6 different setups so far and do not have a good solution yet but will continue working on it.



Future ideas that I had would be having a forms request where when you need a specific form then you could download it and print it. I wanted to add a map direction to each lodge and give each lodge a place to put their own website if desired. Many

ideas but it takes time to get it all working correctly. This wonderful newsletter could be archived on our site so past issues could be readily looked up.

The next step I would like to do is get some inspirational persons together to brainstorm putting the ideas and content together to change the site to what would be most beneficial to us. One thing nice about having a site is we can change it as we continually develop the contents. Would you be the type of person that might enjoy being an owner of part of the site? I would like to split up some of the main tasks to reduce the necessary time involved with keeping the site up to date, an old stale site no one wants to visit.

Oh by the way, did I mention that our site has email capability? With any internet access you could have your own email. I need to get a submission form for those wishing to use this feature; we have tons of space and bandwidth to serve all our members. Please visit our website and try out some of the features, leave feedback, email or tell me what you like or dislike about the web site.

Mike Harmes
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Pythian Festival ~ November 5th and 6th

The Pythian Festival for 2005 has been set for the first weekend in November and will be at the Resort at the Mountain located at Welches (Mt. Hood) Oregon.

Yes, this is later than usual but there is a motive to the schedule. We will save approximately \$25 per night on room accommodations! Isn't that a good incentive?

The theme this year will be:

"Planning The New Pythian Year"

Our usual schedule of late spring has not seemed to lend it self to Pythians taking their new learned skills and newfound enthusiasm home and implementing them before we close down for the summer ~ thus losing momentum each year.

This year we will work on developing a plan for each lodge and temple to implement on January 1st, along with tools such as brochures, sample news releases, and public relations ideas.

Mark Your Calendar!
You Won't Want to Miss Out!

Sustain or Build

There are critical differences ~ between the attitude of sustaining or building membership!

A growing active lodge, even if the roster is a changing one, is positive for both the Knights and the community. The Knights in these Lodges have adapted to the needs of the community and to fulfillment of Pythian Principals: mainly "to do good." They accept change while maintaining a balance of tradition. It is a Lodge filled with activity or involvement and the Knights present an attitude of what can we do next!

A sustaining lodge presents a different picture! A thought pattern prevails of keeping the current activity and membership levels; in reality it is a Lodge with declining numbers on the roster, mostly due to attrition, and the inability to attract new knights. Are these lodges maintaining status quo? Perhaps! Finances are not an issue in most cases, but change is unknowingly resisted and becomes difficult. A feeling of despair is often the result.

During a discussion period at the Annual District Convention at Helmet Lodge a new member was

asked: "What are persons of a younger group interested in?" His reply, (Paraphrased) we are not interested in what was done yesterday - but what you are doing now, that we may become involved and what are the future plans?



Apparently our potential membership pool is more interested in activities in which they may participate; business-like in approach, planned, executed and results oriented. The ritualistic side of our Order, which many of us cherish, is not a drawing card – but they are receptive to a measure of it and our structure. Community involvement is a key ingredient. Can we accept what they have to offer and dedicate ourselves to change?

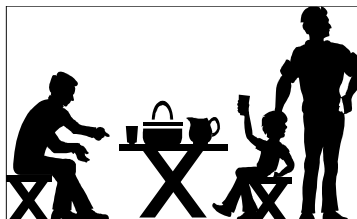
Wylie F. Nichols, SDGC

It's a Pythian Picnic ~ By Bob Murphy, Secretary Talisman Lodge

The annual Southern Oregon Pythian Picnic, hosted by Talisman Lodge, will be held August 14th at Tom Pierce County Park. This park is located about one and a half miles south of Grants Pass city limits.

It has a big play area, it borders the Rogue River, has a large covered eating area, the restrooms are close, and the park is on mostly level ground.

The area is all ours for the Day! So come one! Come All! Come and help us have a Fun Day!



Here's how to find us ~ Southbound: Take exit #55. Take a left at the 1st stoplight on Agnes Avenue.

Take left at Spaulding Avenue and keep on that road all the way to the park. **(DO NOT GO UNDER THE**

FREEWAY.) The park is down a sharp hill and across the 1st meadow next to the river.

We will look for you around noon. You don't need to bring anything but if you want to a salad would be great.

Elgin District Convention ~ Reported By Risa Rikken, DDGC

On Saturday, April 23, 2005, thirty-three Sisters and one Sister-Knight traveled back to the 1880's during a train ride on the "Eagle Cap Express".

The morning activities included a light breakfast at the train station for departing passengers. The morning continued with the Initiation of one Sister. Several of the Grand Officers joined with Past Grands and other passengers in providing Officers and Staff for Initiation. A delicious lunch of stew and biscuits was served in the Dining Car at noon.

At about twelve-thirty the unthinkable happened! Our train was boarded by Ruffians intent on relieving us of our valuables that we had been given at the beginning of the trip. The crack of the whip signaled the beginning of our ordeal. Along with stealing our very expensive jewelry one of the Bandits stole kisses from three (count them THREE) of our Sisters.

No one was injured during the robbery, thank God!

After we recovered from all the excitement we proceeded with our raffle and then continued with the convention. The afternoon festivities included the Tribute to the PDDGC's. The train theme was included in the Tribute as well as many funny stories about train rides.

Our train pulled back into the station at 3 pm where the happy passengers disembarked and returned to their horseless carriages for the long trip home.

We would like to thank all of the passengers for traveling to the wilds of Eastern Oregon and joining us on the "Eagle Cap Express."



Good News ~ Talisman Lodge Initiates Two new Knights

Candidates Albert Bickmor and Richard Weed were initiated into the Order Knights of Pythias at District Three Convention in Eugene on May 7th. Albert resides in White City and Richard resides in Medford. We welcome these two new Knights to our ranks.

By Robert Murphy, Talisman Lodge

District Deputies Offer Support ~ Reported by Jerry Girard, DDGC

The District Deputy Grand Chancellor program is off to a strong supportive role. As I have been appointed by the Grand Chancellor to assist the Lodges in the West part of the state, I have tried to carry these duties.

To that end, I have tried to meet with most of the Lodges in my district providing whatever assistance they request. I have had the pleasure of installing many of the new officers, helped answer questions and obtained information for them as a resource.

This being the first year of the program, I have listened, as have the other two District Deputies, to the needs and concerns of our Lodges. We are trying to follow up on the issues cited by the subordinate lodges by providing further information

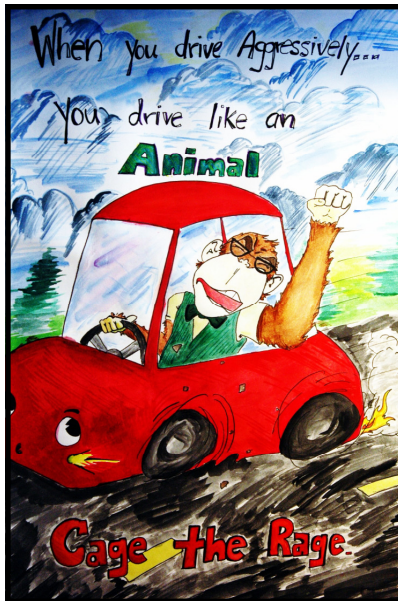
or seeking ways to change the procedures to make them better for all Lodges and their members. This program, by using Past Grand Chancellors as a resource, can be supportive and yet help the members by bridging the gap between the Local Lodge and Grand Lodge. Building on this year's foundation, we can build a strong structure to support our Local Lodges in their endeavors in the future.

Jerry Girard, PGC—DDGC



Jerry Girard—DDGC

Poster Contest a Success ~ By Don Lacy



First Place ~ Cage the Rage!
Whitney Wallis ~ Pendleton

For the first time in twenty-five years, Oregon Domain took part in the Knights of Pythias International Poster Contest. With four subordinate lodges participating we can consider that a success.

On April 30, posters from four subordinate lodges: Damon #4 of Pendleton, Talisman #31 of Grants Pass, Phoenix #34 of Hillsboro and Diana #63 of McMinnville were evaluated by a panel of judges. Ribbons and prizes were awarded. The winning poster came from Pendleton High School, sponsored by Damon Lodge.

Last year, incoming Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen asked the Grand Council to appropriate \$1,000 in funds for the Knights of Pythias International Poster Contest. The contest was open to all public, private and parochial high school students with the theme of, "Defensive Driving – Avoid Road Rage." Charlie then appointed Don Lacy as chairman of the poster contest. Don developed promotion materials and G.C. Charlie then used the materials in his official visits to request each lodge to take part in the program. Youth Activities Chairman, G.V.C. Jan Burns urged each lodge to carry out the Grand Chancellor's youth program including the poster contest.

The four subordinate lodges contacted local high schools in their areas and offered local cash prizes as an incentive for participation. The four lodges mentioned above sent their first place winners for state contest judging on April 30th at Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro. A 5 judge panel was composed of



Don Lacy holding
First place poster.



Jerry Girard and Tim
Baker discussing poster.



Nathan Lubunski, Pacific University and
Tim Baker, Phoenix Lodge member and
advertising executive for Lamar



Tim Baker, of Lamar Industries, an international advertising company; Nathan Labunski, a graduating student in graphic design and photography at Pacific University; and four Pythians: GC Charlie VanDomelen, PGC Jerry Girard, Tim Baker and PSC Darrell Henry evaluated the posters. The results of the judging are:

\$500 First Place winner, Whitney Wallis, grade 11, Pendleton High School

\$250 Second Place, Maya Lim, grade 9, McMinnville High School

\$100 Third Place, Jade Sheldon, grade 12, Century High School, Hillsboro, and

Fourth Place, Jennifer Van Sickle, grade 12, Eagle Point High School.

Supreme Lodge supplied first, second and third prize ribbons to be awarded at subordinate and grand lodge contests.

The first place poster has been sent to Supreme Secretary Al Saltzman for judging in the International Poster Contest. A replica of the first place poster and the other three original posters will be displayed at the Pythian Grand Sessions in Eugene. They will then be returned to the students.

Grand Chancellor Charlie's Corner

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Friends,

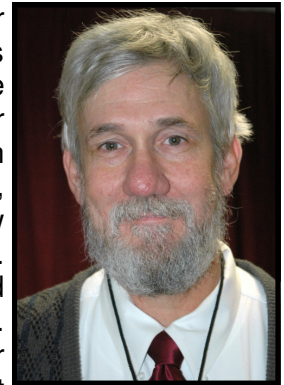
The time has really flown by. We are well into May, summer is just around the corner and before long will all be meeting in Eugene for another Grand Lodge convention.

I've been making fraternal visits to all of the lodges. The Grand Lodge Officers and I are looking forward to the visits; to reacquaint ourselves with everyone and to introduce ourselves to members we didn't have a chance to meet on our first visit. This is more of a relaxed meeting. The reasons for this visit is to give all of us another chance for the Lodge members and Grand Lodge officers to meet. During these visits the Grand Lodge officers learn what all of the lodges have been doing for the year and, what accomplishments they have achieved. It's great to hear of all the things that our lodges have been involved in, and sometimes a little surprising of the projects that we are involved in.

We had a great turnout for the poster contest. This was the first year, after a long time of not participating. Four lodges submitted posters. I'm glad that I wasn't the judge, as all of the posters I saw were worthy of first place. We do have some talented artists in our high schools. Thanks to the lodges for making the first year a great success. And a special thank you to the judges for making the time to help us with this contest.

I'm looking forward to next year's contest.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Van Domelen GC



GC Charlie

Greetings from Grand Chief Julie

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

The last few months have filled with both joy and sorrow. Several Temples have added to their rosters, which is so wonderful. I'd like to welcome all the new Sisters and look forward to getting to know you. On a sad note, Our Order has lost some very special Sisters. My heart goes out to all the Temples who have had losses. We must remember all the great times, the hard work and the friendship shared with these ladies. They will be missed.

I have had a great time being your Grand Chief. Everywhere I have traveled, my Sisters have opened up their homes and made me feel right at home. Their hospitality has been wonderful.

I have visited all the Temples in our state and attended all three District Conventions. I want to thank all my D.D.G.C.'s for all their hard work in making the conventions both educational and fun. I also want to thank all the Sisters who stepped in at the last minute to help out. I am always impressed

by the cooperation granted during these sessions, True Sisterhood at work!

In District #1 Bernice Mathiesen was unable to preside. Irene Clink stepped in and did a great job. In District #2 Robyn Neely put on a beautiful convention remembering even the tiniest of details to ensure everyone had a great day. In District #3 Risa Rigger proved once again that Eastern Oregon gals know how to have fun! Her train ride theme was great, I do have to say the train robbery took me by surprise.

Once again I must thank everyone for all their hard work and for making my term so enjoyable. Have a great summer. See you in October.

In Pythian Love, Julie



Grand Chief Julie



Dear Pythian Sisters ~

On October 22, 2005 USA Weekend Magazine, in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation, will sponsor the 14th Make a Difference Day throughout the United States.

Last year 3,000,000 volunteers spent Make a Difference Day feeding, teaching, clothing, and helping some 30 million people on our nation's largest single day of volunteering.

As part of our Supreme Temple Promotion Committee's efforts to gain recognition for the "supreme" efforts in volunteerism that our sisters contribute each year, I am asking you to join in in this "Make a Difference Day".

Each promotion committee member has been assigned several jurisdictions and they will be contacting you with further information. Whether you work alone, in groups, by subordinate temples, or, as a Grand Jurisdiction, record each hour or

effort and make sure you work in the name of the Pythian Sisters.

Hundreds of local honorees will be announced and 10 national "Make A Difference Day" awards will be awarded by a panel of judges, including actor and philanthropist Paul Newman; Robert K. Goodwin, President and CEO, Points of Light Foundation; Marcia Ballard, President and CEO, USA Weekend Magazine; and Harry Smith, co-anchor of the Early Show on CBS.

Let's put the name of the Pythian Sisters on the map!

In Love and Friendship,
Georgia Jean Byrd, SPSC

For additional information:

Email: USA.WEEKEND.com
(go to makeadifferenceday.com)
Hotline: 1-800-416-3824

District 2 Holds 95th Convention ~ Beth Evans, GPC

The convention opened with coffee hour and registration. The convention started 9:50. Robyn Neeley was District Deputy Grand Chief of the convention 2005. We have three very special Sisters from Oregon this year. They are Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, Imperial Maharani Jacquie Girard and Grand Chief Julie Lozano. This was a rare treat for the Sisters that met in Thermopylae Temple #37 this year.

It was a nice treat for us. There were 38 Sisters that came for the day and there were 17 men that were there for the day. It was at least not raining that day, it was warm. On this day we presented 25-Year Pins to two Sisters, Julie Lozano and Donna Johnson. Marilyn Stevens pinned her daughter Grand Chief Julie. Betty Alexander pinned Donna.

We had a treat for lunch. Julie's boys helped with the lunch. They were sweet boys to help the Sisters. We all thank them for their help. It turned out to be a very nice convention this year.

Have a nice summer until the convention in October. I hope to see all you there.



Sir Duane Johnson watching as PSR Betty Alexander puts 25-Year Service Pin on Donna



PGC Marilyn Stevens puts 25 Year Service Pin on Daughter Grand Chief Julie.

Ivanhoe Rummage Sales Support Community Service Projects

Two years ago, members of Ivanhoe Lodge with the assistance of members from Phoenix Lodge handed out bicycle helmets at four events during the summer. We thoroughly enjoyed it and had expected to continue it last summer. However, repairs to our lodge hall took precedence and we were unable to hand out helmets. Our finances had taken a hit due to the slow economy and we thought we might not be able to afford the helmets this year.

Al Meska, our Secretary, thought that we could handle a rummage sale, with the proceeds going to our ability to purchase helmets. He single-handedly turned the basement of our building into a rummage sale center. He brought over books, records, clothing, toys, and knick-knacks of all kind. He also brought over scales so we could weigh the merchandise being purchased. He even thought up a unique method for selling the merchandise at a \$1 per pound.

We had our first sale in September and our second in November. We have raised over \$450 with those two sales. We continued it in February and in May. We should net about \$1,000-\$1,200 dollars after the completion of those sales. We then will purchase the bicycle helmets and then find a venue where we can hand them out.

We offer our building and its "rummage" to any lodge or temple in the Portland area for the raising of money for any altruistic purpose. Just contact



Al Meska and Rummage Sale Partner "Matilda"

Mark Erickson at **(503) 788-8529** or Al Meska at **(503) 659-7943** to arrange a time for your sale.

The lodge is continuing to find ways to help the community. We will be helping to celebrate the beginning of the Little League season by organizing a barbeque and we continue to allow our hall to be used by the Lents Neighborhood Association. We still sponsor a Boy Scout troop and hope to have a working relationship with a nearby Boys and Girls Club someday soon.

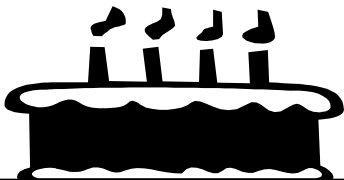


Mark Erickson

Help Ivanhoe Celebrate 100th Birthday!!

2005 marks the 100th Anniversary of Ivanhoe Lodge Knights of Pythias. To celebrate this important event, the Lodge is hosting a party!

All Knights, Sisters, Nomads, Dokeys, family and friends are invited to join in the celebration.



Here's the information:

Date: Saturday, July 23rd

Time: 1:00 – 4:00 pm

KOP Hall ~ 5400 SE 84th, Portland

Questions? Call

Mark Erickson at 503-788-8529 or

Al Meska at 503-659-7943

Summertime Fun ~ Garlic Festival

The Elephant Garlic Festival is once again around the corner. In case you are not familiar with this event, this would be a great time to come out and join in on the fun. This unique festival takes place in North Plains, Oregon on August 12 – 14, 2005. It is being held one week earlier than usual this year. Mark your calendar now and plan to spend time with us.

This is truly a fun Pythian time. The sisters of Friendship Temple, Rose Temple, and the Past Grand Chiefs join together in working a food booth. Each group has their own area in which they sell food items for their separate projects. By joining together in this endeavor, we are able to share the expenses involved and also help each other out when one area is busier than another. Not to mention the fun we have working together.



This year the profits from the Past Grand Chiefs area will be put toward helping out with expenses for those traveling to Supreme to be in the staff for our Supreme Chief Kathlene. If anyone can help us out by donating some time to help in the booth,

please contact Irene Clink – 503-357-8429, Betty Alexander – 503-648-0005, or Jacquie Girard – 503-310-8009. We would love to hear from you.

The Knights are also very much involved in the weekend events. Glencoe Lodge is responsible for running the beer garden. They have beer as well as wine from local wineries available. Also available for those with a flair for the unique is the famous garlic beer. You really have to try this to appreciate it. The beer garden comes complete with a wonderful schedule of local musicians and dancers who entertain throughout the day as well as the evening hours.



In addition to the wonderful food booths and beer garden, you will find booths filled with all kinds of craft items, games for children of all ages, a parade, and even breakfast at the Senior Center. This is a terrific place to spend a day away from all the pressures of life. Just kick back, browse the craft booths, try the delicious food items, relax with the great music and entertainers, and, if you are up to it, try the garlic beer. Don't miss the fun – JOIN US THERE!

Article by Jacquie Girard

GERARD JOSEPH LIEB, Past Grand Chancellor

May He Rest In Peace

**Born May 6, 1949 in New York City, New York
Passed April 18, 2005 in Portland, Oregon**

Gerry was born in NYC and attended Regis High School, followed by Boston College where he received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in History. After deciding he wanted more, he got his MBA from NYU.

In 1975 he moved to Los Angeles to practice as a CPA. It was there he met his future wife, Trudy Bigham. They were married in 1976. In 1980 they moved to Portland. Son Geoffrey Gerard was born in 1981.

Gerry associated with Yergen and Meyer CPAs and became their Tax Partner before forming his own firm – Gerard J. Lieb, PC, CPA. He was a member of the AICPA, the California Society of CPAs, and the Oregon Society of CPAs where he served on many committees including the NW Tax Institute.

Gerry touched many more lives with his volunteer efforts. He was a former member of the Eastside Portland Rotary, where he was active in their Junior Achievement Program, Meals on Wheels and Bell Ringing at Christmas. He was also a Knight of Pythias, first serving as the Chancellor Commander of Glencoe Lodge #22 and then as Grand Chancellor of Oregon. At Pack 122, he was Geoffrey's Webelos leader. Gerry also served as Treasurer while on the Cathedral Catholic School Board and for the Blue Back Council Navy League. Many will miss his works.



Damon Lodge Provides Pendleton Wrestling Building

In the early days of 2003, Rollin Schimmel, a retired Pendleton High School wrestling coach and Scott Hancock, a fan extraordinaire, who share a love of wrestling, saw a potential decline in the wrestling program at Pendleton. A building was needed to provide a "home" for grapplers of all ages. So these two set out on a mission to make their dream a reality.

With the help of fellow Knights in Pendleton they attacked a \$333,000 project. Included were Lodge members:

- Gail Marshal ~ General Contractor
- Jerry Walkup ~ Expert Construction Worker
- Kone Hancock
- Travis Hancock
- Dale Freeman
- Bill Peal
- John McBee
- Rollin Schimmel
- Scott Hancock
- Financial Assistance from Damon Lodge No. 4 of Pendleton

This team and other Pendleton businesses started work in March of 2004. All work was completed by September 2004. Extra special thanks go to:

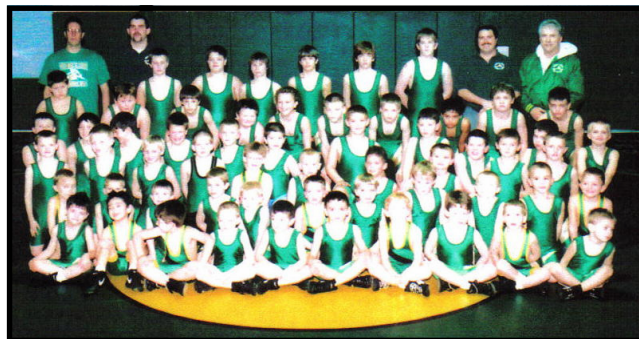
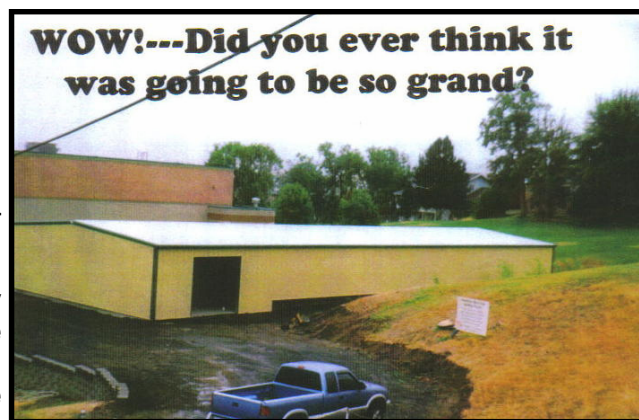
- The Pendleton Foundation
- Wildhorse Casino Resort Foundation
- Jeld-Wen Foundation
- IS Properties
- Classic Carpentry
- Gordon's Electric
- Merriman's Plumbing
- Brad Wheeler
- Ducheck Construction and many, many other Pendleton businesses and people

The new building was put into use in September 2004. Forty high school wrestlers started practicing and finished the year as District Champions, and second in State. In November 90 Kid Wrestlers were included in use of the building, 10 kids placed in the top 5 in State.

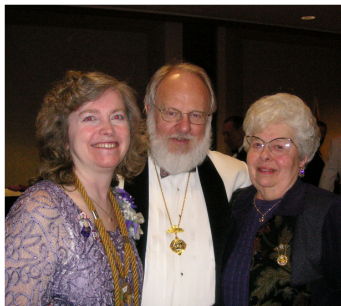
Pendleton High School P.E. classes, the track team, city firemen and the city police have also used the new facility. This is a premiere addition for use in Pendleton.

We thank Damon Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias of Pendleton for the work of their members and their financial assistance!

Report and Pictures Provided by Rollin Schimmel



SC Kathlene Lacy Reception & Banquet ~ By Beth Evans, GPC



SC Kathlene and MCs Darrell Henry
PSC and Betty Alexander PSR

The long-standing tradition of holding a reception and banquet for the Supreme Chief so that Pythians in her home state could take part in the celebration was followed on April 16th when Oregon Pythians hosted such an event for Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy.

This fancy event was planned by the Friends of Kathlene Committee. The tables were decorated with purple napkins, floral centerpieces with tall purple candles, soaps in the shape of a blooming rose, a purple foil-wrapped white chocolate and a printed program of the evening's events.

The reception started at 6:30 with a no host bar. Betty Alexander and Irene Clink greeted us at the door as we came into the room. They welcomed everyone to the banquet and helped people find their special seating. After everyone sat down MCs Darrell Henry, PSC and Betty Alexander, PSR asked us to stand for the presentation of the flags. Robyn Neely GT carried the American flag, Alma Wilson PSR carried the Canadian flag, Mary McIlvaine, PSR carried the Oregon flag, Kaye Pomerleau, SR carried the Pythian Sisters flag and Wylie Nichols, PSR carried the Knights of Pythias flag. Linda Reyburn PSR led us in singing the two country's anthems. Then everyone sat down for dinner. Paul Lewis, PSR gave a lovely invocation. They served the head table first; then they served everyone else. After the dinner concluded Mark Erickson, PSR, PIR gave the benediction. It was a very nice dinner.

There were almost 80 people registered for the reception. After dinner, Darrell Henry introduced Supreme Chancellor Norman (Tim) McLaurin from North Carolina. The Supreme Chancellor complimented Kathlene on being a Pythian Partner and gave Kathlene an angel to help her on the road. Then Betty Alexander introduced Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy. Kathlene called her family and certain other members to the front of the room, thanked them for their help and gave each of them gifts. Kathlene's father Don Lacy gave her a check to help her on her travels. Others brought cards and gifts which had been placed on a table at the side of the room.

Kathlene thanked everyone for coming to her reception. She was very happy that we had a good turnout. She tried hard not cry but she did. Kathlene introduced

Margaret Grochocki, Supreme Treasurer and told us that she and Margaret were long-time friends since they had grown up together in Southern Oregon and had been Pythian Sunshine Girls together. She is very happy that Margaret is now one of her Supreme Temple Officers.

Then she introduced two Past Supreme Chiefs – Mary Chelf Parker, Law Committee Chairman and Joyce Wright, Finance Committee Chairman. Then Kathlene introduced Grand Chief Julie Lozano and asked her to introduce her Grand Temple



SC Kathlene and PSCs Joyce Wright
and Mary Chelf Parker

Officers. There were eight Grand Temple Offices there to honor Kathlene. Kathlene also introduced Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen and asked him to introduce his officers. She introduced Grand Chief Ruby Stephano from California and asked her to introduce her Grand Officers: Donna Zinchuk G.Sr., Carline Saria SPGC and Toni Mendez G.Sec. Others visiting from out-of-state were PGCs Gwen Rhodes and Kay Murphy from Washington and PGC Bob Falcon from Montana. Kathlene acknowledged the presence of Jacquie & Jerry Girard the Imperial Maharani and Maharajah as well as Past Imperial Regents Jean Schlinsog, Duane Johnson, Mark Erickson and Betty Murchison. Kathlene introduced some special guests from the professional association she belongs to – National Association of Insurance Women: Nancy Parish, who is the President of East Portland Insurance Professionals, Kathlene's boss Joani Pepper and her husband Mike McMahon and Kathlene's longtime friend Yvette Kendall.

When Kathlene was done speaking, everyone gave her a standing ovation. Darrell asked people that knew Kathlene to come up and tell a few stories about her when she was growing up. Jean Schlinsog went up and told a funny story. Everyone seemed to enjoy sharing memories of Kathlene's youth.

After dinner we were entertained by singer David Pope and several people danced to the lovely tunes he sang. The reception was held at the DoubleTree Hotel Lloyd Center in Portland. It was a very enjoyable evening.

GPC Elizabeth Evans

Visitors Enjoy Oregon Scenery During Reception Weekend

Since we Oregon Pythians are so proud of our beautiful scenery, we took the opportunity to share it with several Pythians who were here from out-of-state for Supreme Chief Kathlene's Reception in April.

On Friday, PSC Darrell Henry took SC Tim McLaurin to the Oregon Coast for the day. They had breakfast at Camp 18 and walked on a blustery shoreline at Ecola State Park north of Cannon Beach. When they returned to Portland it was still early so they headed east to visit beautiful Multnomah Falls. After arriving back at the hotel, they joined other Pythians in the hospitality room at the hotel for an evening of fellowship.



Saturday morning was the day we had chosen to drive to Silverton to share The Oregon Garden with our out-of-state friends. Even though it turned out to be a very rainy day, 3 carloads of hardy souls decided to travel south anyway. We stopped for breakfast in Silverton where several of us had large plates of biscuits and gravy. Then we went on



to The Garden. The weather cooperated for our visit. We showed everyone the Oregon Pythian Rain Curtain in the Sensory Garden and took turns holding the bright-colored umbrella while our photos were taken. We also took the tram tour so everyone could see the various parts of the garden – the conifers, roses, oak grove, children's section and waterfalls.

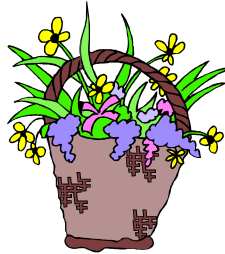
On Sunday morning, SC Kathlene, her brother John Lacy, SR and PSC Darrell Henry hosted a tour up the Columbia Gorge for PSCs Mary Chelf Parker and Joyce Wright. We stopped along the route to see several waterfalls including the historic Multnomah Falls and Lodge. We also went to the fish hatchery and Bonneville Dam where the ladies got to look through the windows to see the salmon swim upstream in the fish ladder. Of course as true Pythians, we had to stop for a meal along the way, so we went to Char Burger in Cascade Locks for their great hamburgers and blueberry pie. It was a very enjoyable day for all of us!



Submitted by: Kathlene D. Lacy, SC

News From Fern Temple #46 ~ By Jan Van DeWalle

Fern Temple had their annual Spring Plant Sale and Bazaar a week early this year due to the District Convention in Eugene on our regular date. The proceeds go to our scholarship fund. We had beautiful plants, but they weren't blooming yet this year, and the baskets were early for the Mother's Day crowd. Hope to get back to our regular time next year.



Our hall is in need of some repairs that the sisters can't handle. Are there any Knights out there that would like a community service project?? We have several small and large projects that need to be done. There are boards and gutters falling off of the building. The holes left when the chimneys were removed need to be covered over

with flashing and siding so they don't let any more water inside. There is water damage inside and the walls need some repair and paint, also the ceiling needs paint to cover the water stains. The whole outside of the building needs to be scraped and painted.

YCRC pays our utilities, and make it possible for us to keep the building. They have after school programs for the youth of our town. And also summer programs. They can get money for the kids programs but not for building upkeep. For information contact any member, or call Jan Van DeWalle at 503-662-3701.



Oregon Pythians Travel to British Columbia Grand Sessions

In May, eight Oregon Pythians drove over 600 miles (one way) to Revelstoke, British Columbia, Canada to partake of BC's Grand Convention. One carload was Supreme Chief Kathlene and three traveling companions: Betty Alexander, Mary McIlvaine and Vesta Poteete. Don Lacy and Mark Erickson traveled by van and stopped in Spokane along the way so Mark could visit with his aunt. The third group was our Grand Secretary Wylie and his wife Lola Nichols.

All commented on the beautiful scenery of the rivers, lakes and mountains along the way. The town of Revelstoke is nestled on the Columbia River surrounded by high mountains. Upon their return the Oregon Pythians commented on the friendliness of the Pythians in British Columbia and how well they did their work. Along with the traditional meetings and events, the BC Pythians host a Cerebral Palsy meeting one evening where contributors line up and present their checks. Over \$16,000 was taken in that evening for CP. Total receipts for this cause amounted to \$38,000 for the year. Quite an accomplishment!

The BC Pythians expressed their thanks for our attendance at their meetings. They were pleased to



Oregon Pythians at BC Convention (see article)

have 13 out-of-province visitors this year: 8 from Oregon, 2 from Washington, 1 from Alberta, and, of course, Supreme Chancellor Tim and his wife Jennie McLaurin from North Carolina. Several BC Pythians said they would like to return the favor and come to our Oregon Grand. In case you'd like to attend BC Grand, next year it will be held in Trail, BC just north of Spokane.

Article and picture provided by Kathlene Lacy

Our Charter Document ~ By Mike Harmes, Glencoe Lodge



One day I noticed our charter document: I had looked at it many times in the past but never really thought a whole lot about its appearance. Some of the actual paper was disappearing, as small bug called silver fish were eating away at it. The colors were ever so slowly fading away from the in-direct sunlight emitting into the room. The charter itself had fallen down leaving a large gap at the top and the poor frame looked to have been severely beaten probably from all the drops and ad-hoc repairs done to it over the years. As a member of the trustees we collectively agreed that our organizational charter means a lot to us and that we should retain it in its original form including frame and restore it as much as possible with out losing originality. Hence our charter document recovery plans.

I found several places from internet searching that could do the work but we discovered a local professional shop here in Portland (Archive Photo 747 SW 12th) that could also restore it for us. Our stipulations were that it not be damaged, the frame restored and the document be preserved for our future viewing. Some things we learned were that the original paper was adhered to another backing

type that had a high acidity level; this was also causing the fading along with sunlight and exposure to air. The picture not being sealed in the frame was also causing it to fade and allow the insects to eat on it. The frame while not seemingly that important really is, for the presentation and preservation of the document. The frame had large gaps in the corners, no backing at the top, wood dimples from hammering around the corners and ugly faded paint that was supposed to be some two tone coloring.

The professional we met gave us a quote of \$1,300. He explained everything that he was going to do:

1. Remove the document from the acid backing
2. Touch up areas that had been eaten away
3. Touch up areas where the color had faded
4. Take a full digital image of the charter for our archives
5. Rebuild the frame to same as original
6. Refinish the frame to match original colors as close as possible
7. Install the document with a separation from the glass
8. Install using museum glass
9. Seal the entire back of the frame with special tape

He had estimated that it would take him about 30 days to complete it all but he actually needed about 36 days.

I regret that I had not taken any pictures of it before he started. Was it a lot of money to pay for this? Yes, it was, but then again it was done professionally and the results are amazing. I think just changing to museum glass makes a dramatic improvement. It costs twice as much but it really highlights the document and protects it from harmful UV. The frame and picture refinishing required many tedious hours of detailed work and special skill to complete it.

Our charter now should last another 100 years with no problem at all and we hope to enjoy it for many more years to come.

Pythian Principles ~ Fidelity: Relevant or Obsolete?

The Order of Pythian Sisters was founded over 100 years ago, on the four base principles of Purity, Love, Equality, and Fidelity. They form, in my opinion, a foundation upon which to build one's life. Today, it seems at least, that they are harder and harder to find in society in general. These days when crime, drugs and lawsuits run rampant, we can only wonder if they really are outdated. Yet, when there is a major or minor disaster and requests go out for aid, we see millions of dollars donated. This fact alone can give me hope for our society. If you ask most people who make such donations, 'Why?', you will hear many varied reasons, most of which will not include any of these four words. If you look deeply at these reasons, you will find that they stem from these four basic principles.

- Purity of heart and life
- Love of fellowman
- Equality of all God's creatures and
- Fidelity to one's own ideals and reasoning of existence.

Fidelity seems to be a word that many people are just not really sure of a meaning for, perhaps because it is so rarely used these days, however, as defined by Webster is: 1) strict observance of promises, duties 2) loyalty 3) conjugal faithfulness 4) adherence to fact or detail 5) accuracy.

These principles are drawn from another age, an age perhaps when they were more prevalent and more highly regarded. On the surface, one might think so at least, as our lives are bombarded with news reports of crimes and lawsuits, or is it just that this is what we hear most? In days gone by, "a man's word is his bond", which was sealed with a handshake, was considered the norm of the day. Today, an attorney must write everything in order to cover all possible loopholes, but does this mean fidelity is obsolete?

A resounding NO! There are still places in this world where fidelity to a commitment is still automatically assumed. But even in our society where we must "sign on the dotted line", almost daily, fidelity is very much alive and well. We just don't hear a news report about everyone who fulfills a promise to make payments, buy a home, help a neighbor or even attend a meeting. And how often do you really pay attention to the announcements in the paper of a couple who are celebrating their 25th, 50th, or even higher anniversary. Perhaps I live in my own naive world, but I cannot believe that no one individual or couple remains faithful and dedicated to their marriage vows.



Sherri Sievert, PSR

Maybe the final answer is that to many, fidelity may be a thing of the past, but today, to far more people on this earth, fidelity is still a way of life. Perhaps we just need to look a little harder to see it, or maybe we just need to stand a little taller and shout it out in order to be heard over the din of the few naysayers and the bombardment of the news of those for whom fidelity is a thing of the past.

FIDELITY IS VERY MUCH ALIVE AND WELL IN THE PYTHIAN ORDER AND IN THE WORLD. Obsolete? Absolutely not, and I pray to God that it never will be, for the world will be a much more discouraging place, if and when it should come to pass.

Sherri Sievert - PSR

**“A real friend is one who walks in
when the rest of the world walks out.”
~ Walter Winchell**

Gaston Auto Show ~ Premier Pythian Community Service Activity



Don't miss the opportunity to support and enjoy this premier Pythian event! Gaston Lodge has sponsored this event for 6 years now and it has been a great success. Many segments of the community participate and receive income for their non-profit activities.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend some or all of the following events:

Friday August 26th:

5:00—6:30 Line Up for Parade
6:00—10:00 Steak Feed
7:00—8:00 Parade

Saturday August 27th:

6:30 /10:30 a.m. Gaston Firemen's Pancake Breakfast ~ All you can eat!
11:00 a.m. Food & Drink Booths Open
1:00 p.m. Judging by Sponsors
1:30 p.m. Best Pipes ~ Cars and Motorcycles
3:30 p.m. Trophy Presentation and Photo Session

On Highway 47 South of Forest Grove

Share the Spirit Picnic Fundraiser ~ June 18th

Please join the Hillsboro Pythians for their 2nd Annual summer picnic fundraiser for Share the Spirit. After several years of hosting our Share the Spirit fundraiser in December, we decided to move our fundraising effort for this worthwhile cause from December when everyone's calendars are so full, to summertime when it's a little less hectic. In addition, it gives us a reason to get together outdoors where we can enjoy the weather and Pythian fellowship. Bring potential members too so they have a chance to get to know us!

This year our picnic will be held on June 18th at Shute Park (covered area near Indian Statue) in Hillsboro. This park is located "on the bend in the road" at 10th & TV Highway. The cost is \$10 per person; \$25 per family. In order to raise more funds for Share the Spirit, we ask that each person bring their own table service and your preference of drink. Hillsboro Pythian members, please remember to bring your contribution of salad or dessert.

INVITATION:

Hillsboro Pythians – Share the Spirit Picnic Fund-raiser

Please join us for a summer picnic fundraiser for Share the Spirit. Everyone is invited.



Date: Saturday, June 18th

Time: 3:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Shute Park

(covered area near Indian Statue)

10th & TV Highway, Hillsboro, OR

Cost: \$10 per person; \$25 per family

Bring: Table service and drink

Hillsboro Pythian members: Please remember to bring your contribution of salad or dessert.

See you on June 18th!

Hillsboro Pythians Relay for Life Team ~ 2005

The Hillsboro Pythians will sponsor a team at the Hillsboro Relay For Life, June 25-26, at the Hillsboro Stadium (intersection of Cornelius Pass Road and Highway 26). Relay for Life is an event that helps raise monies to help support research costs of American Cancer Society.

We will have luminaries for sale for those of you who want to honor those who are survivors - or - memorialize those who have passed. If you would like to purchase a luminary please contact a member of the Hillsboro Pythians. Relay suggests a (minimum) donation of \$5.00 for each luminary.

The Hillsboro Pythians started supporting this event in 2002 in Forest Grove, the year after Viona Lacy (Momma) passed and 2003 in Hillsboro. This will be the first year that we will have a team to walk the track. Our team name is "Momma's Angels in the Outfield."

In the past we helped with the luminary set up for both Forest Grove and Hillsboro. When we participate in these events we wear our orange Hillsboro Pythians vests to help with visibility of our efforts. People in the community now recognize us and express their thanks to us for our good works and our contribution to making the Relays successful events.



The photo inset gives an example of what a luminary looks like. If you want to order a luminary, send your donation (make checks payable to "ACS - Relay for Life") and send them to John Lacy at 1765 E Main Street, Hillsboro OR 97123. Be sure to include the name of the person you want to honor (for survivors) or memorialize (for those who have passed on) so we can include that on your luminary. If you have any questions, or if you would like to participate as a volunteer for this 24-hour event, please contact John Lacy at 503-681-8209 or by email at johnlacy_2003@yahoo.com.

By John Lacy, Relay for Life Liaison

District 1 Pythian Sisters Convention in North Plains



Friendship Temple hosted this year's District 1 Pythian Sisters Convention in North Plains. Since DDGC Bernice Mathiesen was ill, PSR Irene Clink presided over the day-long meeting. Each temple in the district participated by exemplifying some part of the ritualistic work.

The luncheon was held at the North Plains Senior Center where it was announced that Dorothy Winner had recently been honored for her service there.

Entertainment was provided by Pythian Sister Linda Dorland who played the accordion. She was accompanied by Venita Volpp, who played the piano.



M E C J o y c e Reynolds provided bouquets of flowers for all attendees, so everyone could take home a remembrance of the day.



Article and pictures by Kathlene Lacy

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2005 GRAND TEMPLE/GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
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Name	
Street / Mailing Address	
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Local Temple Name and Number	
Special Dietary Requirements	

Meals Selections**Friday 10-7**

Joint Representatives Dinner ~ Turkey

Price EA	Number	Total
\$24.00		\$
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Past Grand Chiefs Dinner (PGC's Only) ~ Turkey

Saturday 10-8

PDDGC's Breakfast (Sisters Only)

Friendship Luncheon ~ Soup and Deli Buffet

Grand Banquet (Check choice)

Halibut

Pork Chop

Sunday 10-9

Fun for Funds Breakfast

Altruistic Luncheon ! Soup and Deli Buffet

Total Individual Meals

Meals Package Price

Sisters

Knights

Amount Enclosed

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Note from the Editor:

This is the third edition of our new Oregon Pythian News and as you have seen, or will when you read it, there are many activities going on in our Oregon Pythian world.

I for one am finding new pride in being an Oregon Pythian. New youth community service building in Pendleton, thanks to the Pythians, new Knights and Sisters reported, Pythian Sisters conventions interesting and exciting, a new web presence, the District Deputy program being reinstituted, the International Poster program active once again, summer projects alive and well on the way again this year (Gaston Showdown, Glencoe participation in Garlic Festival, Hillsboro Pythians supporting Relay for Life for the fourth year, Bike Helmet Giveaways), Oregon Pythians travel to British Columbia to partake in their Grand conventions, picnics in southern Oregon, Share the Spirit event and many others that haven't been reported.

Are Oregon Pythians active? ~ You bet your sweet patootie we are!

Keep those reports coming! Your community activities are inspiring to others.

Keep Up the good works! ~ Darrell

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