

Herculena Hosts District Convention In Style!

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Some of the 34 smiling faces attending the District Convention hosted in Milton-Freewater by Herculena Temple under the leadership of District Deputy Grand Chief Linda Reyburn.

WE DID IT!

After many hours, days and months of planning, crying, more planning and lots of hard work and sweat, Herculena Temple # 27 in Milton-Freewater welcomed all of you to our 2006 District Convention on April 22, 2006.

The Theme was FRIENDS FOREVER IN RED AND PURPLE. District Deputy Grand Chief Linda Reyburn, with the help of the sisters of Herculena had decorated the hall with many red hats and purple tablecloths. The red hats were set on black mannequin heads and white gloves adorned the base. These were the centerpieces for the luncheon, and after lunch they were given as door prizes. Grand Chief Glennyce had granted permission for the Grand officers to dress in red and purple and wear Red hats for the meeting. When the invitations were sent District Deputy Linda had requested that everyone attending come in the Red and Purple theme.

Coffee hour and registration was from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.

The weather was beautiful and the sun was shining, but it could not outshine the smiles on the faces of the Sisters and Brothers who came from all over the state of Oregon to enjoy the fellowship and school of instruction that District Deputy Linda had prepared for us.

District Convention opened at 10:00 with Sister Linda telling everyone how pleased she was to see them and how she appreciated them coming. The chairs were then turned over to Herculena Temple and they opened the meeting in Ritualistic form.

Sister Alta Amon from Herculena gave a wonderful welcome to all the visiting Sisters and Brothers telling them how glad we were to have them come and spend the day with

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From The Desk of Grand Secretary Wylie

Grand Lodge may seem to be far into the future; however things have already started to make it a success in October! Arrangements have been made for accommodations on the "Oregon Coast" and information is provided on a slip sheet in this issue of the "Oregon Pythian News." Another copy will be furnished during registration at Grand Convention

Representatives' to the Knight's Grand Convention are elected in June each year; lodge Secretaries please complete the credentials and mail with required fee to arrive before July 1, 2006. The Credentials Committee will review them soon thereafter.

Legislative proposals for changes to either Oregon Grand Constitution or Statutes must be in proper form and received at Grand Secretary's office on or before the August 14, 2006 deadline to be considered.

The **Grand Council**, under the leadership of Grand Chancellor Jan Burns, has been active with a full agenda at each meeting; covering such items as subordinate lodge by-law changes, insurance coverage throughout the domain and the council will present at Grand Convention a Domain Agenda (program) for the 2006-

2007 term. I continue to be amazed, by the dedicated Knights who are willing to volunteer their Sundays to promote "well being" of our domain order. Thank you! One and All!

Supreme convention will occur in Halifax, Nova Scotia during August 12 through 17, 2006. The Supreme Chief, our own Pythian Sister Kathlene Lacy will conduct the Supreme Temple meetings.

Congratulations Kathlene on reaching this pinnacle of Pythian leadership and go with best wishes for a successful and eventful convention. Many Oregon Pythians will travel to this convention and we will be waiting to hear all about it!

Knights, let us all register for Grand Lodge to do our business and to enjoy the Oregon Coast.

Wylie F. Nichols, GS



Wylie Nichols, PSR
Grand Secretary

THE 2006 NORTH PLAINS GARLIC FESTIVAL ~ By Russ Sheldon

The 9th annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival will take place on August 11, 2006 through August 13, 2006 at the Jessie Mays Community Center in North Plains, Oregon.

The festival opens at 12:00 noon Friday, with 20 food booths, 50 arts and crafts booths and FREE children's entertainment. Live music can be enjoyed at the Beer and Wine Garden from opening until closing at 11:00 PM on Friday and Saturday. This year the second 10k run / 2K walk will begin on Saturday at 8:00 AM. The parade will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday and will wind through the streets of downtown North Plains, ending at the festival center. The beer garden opens at 10:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 6:00 PM on Sunday. The Beer Garden will offer Coors Beer, a unique Garlic Beer and local wines with festival seating to enjoy the entertainment and grab some of the delicious foods available.

The Knights of Glencoe Lodge operate the Beer Garden through an agreement and in cooperation with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce. Through this unique



partnership, Glencoe Lodge is entrusted and responsible for the entire beer garden operation, including: set-up, product selections, coordinating with a beer distributor, wine vendors, setting prices, serving, monitoring, containment, handling receipts, expenses, tear down and clean-up.

The North Plains Garlic Festival is the largest community activity that the Glencoe Knights participate in. The Garlic

Festival also accounts for our single largest source of fundraising revenue during the year. Through our operating agreement with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce, Glencoe Lodge splits the profits after expenses of operation with the Chamber of Commerce. Glencoe Lodge is dependent on its membership to pull off this event. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a high profile event for the Glencoe Knights, it provides a great source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our order.

Oregon Garden Update~ By Jerry Girard

Many of you have wanted to know what has happened to the Oregon Garden. The Oregonian newspaper has painted a grim picture of the Garden and its financial problems. The Garden owes the City of Silverton and Marion County more than 5 million dollars which was loaned to the Garden to make improvements and for operation expenses. The bond payments (loan), operation and maintenance amount to \$800,000 a year. However, attendance fell from 250,000 in 2001 to only 40,000 last year, this resulted in a major cash flow problem as the gate proceeds were expected to pay the operating costs.

As a result the Garden was placed in the hands of a court-appointed receiver when the financial problem threatened to close the Garden. However, since the Garden uses the City of Silverton treatment plant water, and the City and County hold the major debt they have a major interest in seeing that the tourist attraction succeeds and can pay off the debt.

On April 1st of this year Moonstone Hotel Properties came forward and agreed to take over the management of the Garden. It is their goal is to "help the Oregon Garden flourish."

Moonstone is a family of 10 distinctive inns. Many of them feature garden themes including the "Village Green Resort" in Cottage Grove (south of Eugene), which many of you are familiar with. They sell tour packages to visitors who come and stay at their resorts.

The Oregon Garden has suffered due to the lack of nearby lodging. Moonstone in April also signed an agreement to build a garden-themed hotel adjacent to the Oregon Garden. They are expected to break ground this summer and be completed by next summer. They will continue to manage the Garden and pay, as part of the Hotel room charges, a fee for guest use of the Garden. This will be very good for both the Garden and the fees will help pay off the outstanding loans.

They plan to implement a calendar of events and broaden The Garden's appeal to the average visitor. They will promote the Garden and the area as a unified

package to bring people back to the Garden.

Many people who saw the Garden in 2001 were disappointed in what they saw, only newly planted small plants and have not returned. Those of you who helped at the Garden on Pythian day each November saw the Garden grow and turn into the lush green garden that one sees today.

I have talked to many people that had not been to the Garden before, who upon seeing it for the first time loved what they saw and were planning a return trip.

There is a new day at the Garden with a new excitement. A resort hotel is being built as a solution for increasing the Oregon Garden's visibility, visitation and viability. The new management has experience in operating gardens and even owns and operates a nursery. I think we can expect to see exciting things the in the months to come.

We can be proud of the "Rain Curtain" garden, which we sponsored. It was a real accomplishment for the Oregon Pythians. The new management is also asking for volunteers again to help in sustain this beautiful asset and make it grow. Perhaps now is the time to look at whether we as Pythians want to continue to support of the Garden by volunteering at the Garden again.



Oregon Garden Reflecting Pond

"There is a new day at the Garden with a new excitement."



North Plains Public Library Opens~ By Russ Sheldon

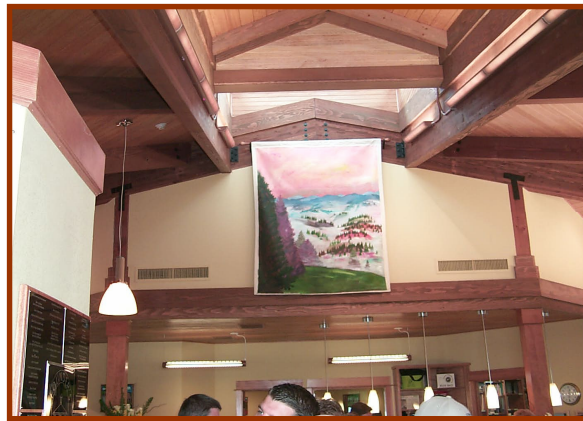
Sunny skies and warm temperatures greeted approximately 300 guests and local dignitaries who turned out for the grand opening of the North Plains Public Library. After a splendid ceremony and with the ribbon cut, the North Plains Library officially opened to the public on April 29, 2006 .

In April, 2004, Mr. Wayne Holm, CEO of Oregon-Canadian Forest Products, Inc., proposed to the North Plains City Council to

construct a new 2,500 square foot building to house the North Plains Public Library if other funds could be found for the land, interior furnishings and off-site improvements. A partnership was formed with the City of North Plains providing a property lease of \$1.00 per year, and the Friends of the North Plains Public

Library raising the remainder of the funds to make it happen. Immediately the Friends solicited grants and financial support from foundations and the community. In a record amount of time the Friends raised the financial support to meet their goal and continue to raise funds for the full time operation of the library.

The Groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 28, 2005 and Five Star Builders, Inc. was hired as the contractor to build the building. The building was designed by Ralph Hill of Partin & Hill Architects & Planners PC of Hillsboro, Oregon. The building is 50 feet by 50 feet giving it 2,500 square feet of floor space. Some of the materials used in the building are a showcase of the specialty clear wood products that have been the lifeblood of Oregon-Canadian Forest Products, Inc. The siding is clear vertical grain Douglas Fir manufactured from second growth trees. The dark stained window and door trim is Douglas Fir. The wainscoting around the entire building is Honey Ledge Rock. If one looks up, they will see the cupola. The cupola was designed to allow additional windows in the building, offering more natural light and when opened...more fresh air circulation. A metal roof was selected for its durability and longevity. Close inspection reveals wood gutters exclusively manufactured by Oregon-Canadian Forest Products.



Interior view of the new North Plains Public Library

Granite tiles line the entry plaza and sidewalk. Native landscaping was designed for low maintenance and weather tolerance. The front door of the library was manufactured from Douglas Fir with inset cut glass.

The interior is beautiful, large Douglas Fir beams draw the eye to the center of the building. The paneling in the cupola is clear Hemlock and the cupola windows open with

the activation of an electrical switch. The ceiling is Clear Hemlock with the beams connected with hand made irons. The trim around the windows and all of the interior doors were manufactured from Douglas Fir. The bookshelves and paneling on the front of the circulation desk are made out of unique South American Tiger Wood. The Program Room ceiling is made from Douglas Fir beams and vertical grain Hemlock. The library is adorned with art depicting the history of the local area with some of the art made by local school children with the assistance of local artists and several pieces from nationally recognized artists.

No public funds were used to construct the building and volunteers will continue to be the most important asset to the operations of the library in the future. The opening of the North Plains Public Library is the culmination of a generous benefactor, the entire community and a tireless volunteer effort.

The North Plains Library truly is a new centerpiece of the North Plains Community. The library is a place where future ideas may be born, past experiences explored and as a booster for those seeking perpetual knowledge.

Glencoe Lodge No. 22 along with Delphos Lodge No. 39, each share a spot in the Founder's Circle of Donors who provided financial support to the library fund.

Glencoe Lodge No. 22 has completed the

second installment of a three-year commitment to the North Plains Public Library. The financial commitment will be used for the operation of the library. The library is a viable community project, making this investment in the future of North Plains, a win-win for the community and Glencoe Lodge.

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2006 Poster Contest Submissions Received and Judged

Don Lacy has worked diligently to spread the word of the Pythian International Poster Contest to the high schools throughout the state of Oregon.

Mailings were made and directed to school counselors, science departments, art departments, and social studies departments with the thought that all of these would have students who may be interested in the Poster Contest theme of "Preserve Our Precious Resources." The mailings, some sent in November and some in February, included applications, poster requirements, and a brochure with additional information, all of which got the word "Pythian" out to the public in a positive manner.

The impact of this mailing and other communications with the lodges and temples was the receipt of posters by 5 lodges in Oregon.. Six posters were forwarded to the Grand Lodge Poster Contest group for judging. Don Lacy, Chairman, Charlie VanDomelen, Grand Vice Chancellor in charge of Youth Activities for



1st Place Poster ~
Maya Lim, McMinnville



2nd Place
Whitney Wallis, Pendleton

the Grand Lodge, Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary, who has a degree in graphic arts graded the posters submitted and made the following report.

Prizes are awarded as follows:

Maya Lim, McMinnville ~ First Place

Whitney Wallis, Pendleton ~ Second Place

Jamie Lundy, Roseburg ~ Third Place

The following entries were awarded fourth place status:

Sean Donnelly ~ Roseburg

Ceili Shannon ~ Barlow High School

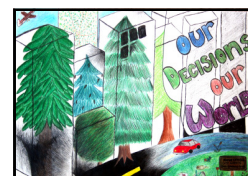
Sara Collins ~ Parkrose High School

The first place poster will be forwarded to the Supreme Lodge for judging in the International contest. We wish Maya Lim good luck in her quest for the recognition and rewards for her poster efforts.

The judges have arranged to have pictures of all the posters they received displayed at our Grand Convention this fall. Please be sure to take the time to take a good look at the creativity and talent shown by Oregon's young adults. They are great people!



4th Place
Sean Donnelly, Roseburg



4th Place
Ceili Shannon, Gresham



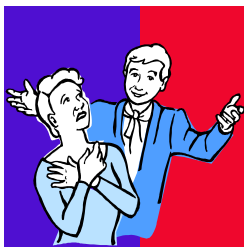
4th Place
Sara Collins, Portland



3rd Place Poster
Jamie Lundy
Roseburg High

District 2 Convention ~ By Judy Murchison

District Deputy Grand Chief Ann Ross and the Sisters of Helmetta Temple literally rolled out the red carpet for those attending Convention on Saturday, May 6th. The theme of the day was "The Oscars." The red carpet led us directly to the registration table where we were asked to sign our star-shaped nametag with the name of our favorite actor or actress.



The day was not only productive but also fun. Grand Chief Glennyce, our drama critic of the day, gave a glowing review to each ritualistic act presented during the meeting. District Deputy Ann asked her District Temples to bring skits for entertainment. We enjoyed several skits and comic routines. It was a great day!

A Good Way to Communicate ~ By Mike Harmes, Webmaster

I would like to discuss with you something that I feel is very important and most often overlooked. This is not necessarily a pet peeve of mine but an item that needs addressing. I work in an environment where email is an essential tool to getting work done. Along with getting the job done there are appropriate methods by which to use email to make it effective.

If you get an email directly addressed to you, respond to it. A simple 'thanks' or something is better than leaving the sender not knowing if it was received. There are black holes in cyberspace, routers can mess up, users can accidentally delete before reading or they may never read their mail. By acknowledging that you received the emails, then both parties are on the same page with the same information.

When you reply to an email message it doesn't take that much time to press, "Reply to:" and say 'I got it'. "Reply to all" shouldn't be used unless it's critical for every person to have some specific information that you are sending them. This helps reduce the email for everyone else that does not need that information. Leaving multiple replies from many persons is appropriate if everyone is contributing and is building the email. Example would be if one person's edit was taken out then the entire message may not make sense. In

most cases it is easier to follow if they are left in place and added, although they are read in chronological order where the most recent edit to the oldest.

One more trick to try is using the subject line. Let's say you are not a typist and do not like typing. Then just use the subject line and put a "thank you" in and press reply and send. You may even put "eom" in at the end meaning (end of message) so your reader immediately knows from the subject line that there isn't anything in the message to read and doesn't even bother to open it. How much faster for both parties can that be?

Email is one of the greatest tools to come about in the last 20 years. It is very fast, doesn't take 39 cents to send and can keep everyone informed. I encourage everyone to use it and together we can get more done and be more effective with our emails. Email can be a great asset if used; it is very efficient and takes very little effort to use. Would you like an email from me telling you when I posted the latest OPN? Send me an email and I will set you up in an email list to inform you when it has been posted.

Thank You,
Mike
Email address: webmaster@oregonpythian.org

Nomads of Avrudaka ~ By Judy Murchison

Four of our Nomad members, Mark Erickson, Darrell Henry, Don Lacy and Kathlene Lacy, drove to Eugene on Saturday, April 15th to attend the installation of Vadi Hae Santha officers. Our members reported that they had a really nice visit with Vadi Hae Nomads and the meeting was very enjoyable.

Our Nomads, including family, friends and guests, have enjoyed attending the 2005-2006 Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra Concert Series. The concert year included three concerts. The most recent concert was just held on May 20th. This is an up-and-coming symphony and we have enjoyed seeing them expand and grow. Our Santha, as a member of the Hillsboro Pythians, contributed to a total \$100 contribution, to be used by the symphony to purchase music for their music library.

The last weekend in June is the DOKK/Nomad Far Western Conclave to be held in Tacoma, Washington. This is a regional meeting for DOKKs and Nomads. We support the Conclave and encourage as many of our Nomad members to attend as possible. Our elected representative this year is Jacquie Girard.

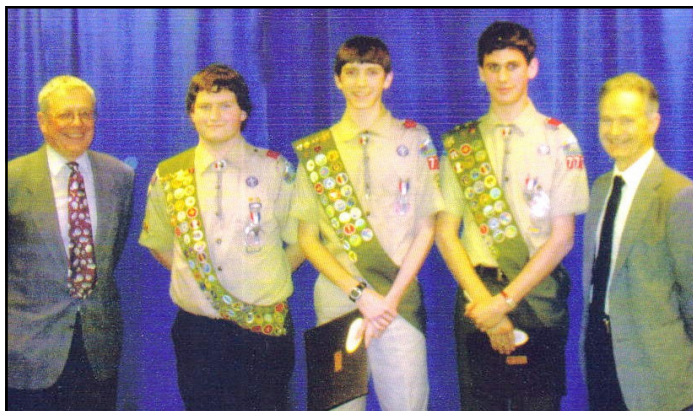
We are pleased to announce that Charlie VanDomelen is a new Rose City Santha member. Charlie was initiated at our May meeting – WELCOME Charlie! We have one more candidate and we are planning to initiate at our June meeting.

Rose City Santha is very proud of our member Kathlene Lacy, who is Supreme Chief of the Pythian Sisters. Kathlene, your Nomad family wishes for you and your Supreme Officers a harmonious and productive Supreme Session.

Damon Lodge Leading the Way~ By Scott Hancock

Damon Lodge continues with its tradition of community service as shown by the following activities.

Eagle Scout Awards:



Knights Gary Zimmerman (on left) and Al Kendrick (on right) presenting Eagle Scout Awards to three Eagle Scouts.

On March 19th Damon Lodge No. 4 Knights of Pythias presented three Eagle Scout Awards to boys from BSA Troop 744. The Court of Honor was held at the Pendleton Convention Center, and Knights Gary Zimmerman and Al Kendrick presented the awards. Damon Lodge in Pendleton has honored 35 Eagle Scouts from the Pendleton area since 2001.

Special Olympics:

Damon Lodge held a steak feed at the Lodge Hall for the local chapter of Special Olympics on April 24th. Special Olympic Volunteers assisted and over 250 people attended.



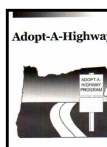
Weight Room Facility:

During April the local newspaper ran a series of articles on the new weight room and volunteers in the area. The Knights of Pythias has been recognized for their generous contributions to the community.

New Members initiated on February 20th. Pete Patnode and Robert McLean are newest Knights and we welcome them our Order. (Please see pictures and brief bios on page 12.)

Relay for Life:

Damon Lodge participated in the Relay for Life on March 14th in support of cancer treatment and research.



Highway Clean UP:

On March 25th Damon Lodge held a Highway Cleanup project on I-84.

The Small Tree ~ Submitted by Kay Pomerleau

I hired a plumber to help me do a little work on the old house, and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job: a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.



Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask God to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again." "Funny thing is," he smiled, "When I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

Hello Everyone, from Barb, Eric, Tim, John, and Chris the Directors of the OPCEF. Another year to celebrate being an Oregon Pythian by granting scholarships to those from our Pythian family.

I was looking back at one of my original pieces of correspondence and realized we officially organized the OPCEF in October of 1996! We have been in business 10 years and will be helping Pythians and their families for many more.

We have funded five grants at \$400 each and the recipients of the scholarships for 2006 have been selected.

Sarah Peal, Pendleton, Oregon also winner of the Oliver Calhoun Memorial Scholarship as the outstanding student for the 2006 awards! An accumulated GPA of 3.98 and an activities chart that would fill this page; FFA, Basketball, Volleyball, Track, Link Crew Leader, Outdoor

School Leader, National Readers Day, OSU Community Garden, Levy Cleanup, Haramachi City Exchange (Traveled to Japan as an ambassador from Pendleton High School), Highway Cleanup, Warehouse worker, House sitting, and Babysitting. Bill and Kathy Peal's fifth child turned out alright, congratulations!

We also want to recognize our four other winners all of whom are outstanding students, and have tremendous futures ahead:

Stephanie Burton, McMinnville, Oregon

Sarah Murphy, Forest Grove, Oregon

Sara Steele, Gaston, Oregon

Karl Loree, College Place, Washington

To all of you folks out there that give to charities, remember the OPCEF is a 501(c)3 and gives back!

Chris Anderson, Chairman, OPCEF
PO Box 397

Ivanhoe Continues Community Service with Bicycle Helmets!

On Saturday, April 29, Ivanhoe Lodge was invited by the Portland Development Commission to participate in the 2nd Annual Lents Resource Fair. This is an attempt by the PDC to introduce the persons in the Lents Neighborhood with the resources available in Portland in general, and in the Lents Neighborhood in particular.

One might ask how the PDC came to know that Ivanhoe Lodge had bicycle helmets to distribute. Last spring we ordered helmets in conjunction with Glencoe Lodge and had them sitting in our hall for nearly a year. We had not come up with an arena to distribute them. A person we have entrusted the security of our building had noticed the helmets and had contacted many people on her own and finally got a good place for us to distribute these helmets.

I was contacted by e-mail and said that yes, we would participate in the resource fair. During our April meeting, we laid out a schedule and contacted Phoenix Lodge and their Chancellor Commander, Jerry Girard for help. They came through like gangbusters. On Saturday, Jerry Girard, Charles VanDomelen, and Darrell Henry from Phoenix showed up as well as Wylie Nichols, Mark Erickson and John Murchison from Ivanhoe. Al Meska was left at the



Ivanhoe members John Murchison and Mark Erickson with the Charlie VanDomelen (back to camera) fitting helmets at Lents event.

lodge hall to make breakfast and lunch as well as clean up the basement area for future rummage sales.

It can be honestly said that without the help of Phoenix Lodge and its members the helmet distribution would not have been as successful as it was.

Also on April 29, we conducted a preliminary poster contest judging for our local lodge. We received two posters from Barlow High School in Gresham. One was judged superior and was sent to Phoenix Lodge for

the statewide judging.

Our next rummage sale, without which we could not have purchased the bicycle helmets, was held Friday and Saturday, June 2 and 3 from 9 am to 4 pm.

Discussions have been continuing during our regular meetings for what to do during the summer. Since Ivanhoe Lodge's anniversary is on July 25, the lodge invites all to join us for a picnic lunch and friendship at the lodge hall on the last Saturday in July. So, we will be having a picnic lunch for all who would like to visit on Saturday, July 29 from noon to 3 pm. (See ad on page 14 for details.)

Mark Erickson

District 1 Convention ~ By Sarah Murchison, District Deputy Grand Chief

On April 1, 2006, District #1 Pythian Sisters met at Phoenicia Temple #10 in Hillsboro for our annual District Convention. This year's convention was hosted by Rose Temple #43, but could not have been held without the generous support from Phoenicia Temple #10. In keeping with the theme of the day, "Help Us Lord to Help Each



Other," we had a canned food drive to benefit the Oregon Food Bank (OFB). The OFB collaborates with many groups all over Oregon in an effort to end hunger and ensure reliable food sources. Thank you, Sisters!!! We collected 4 large bags of food and donated it, along with the proceeds of the silver drill, to the OFB.

The day started with a presentation from Richard Matthews of the OFB, who gave us an inspirational and informative address. We then moved into our ritualistic and business portions of the meeting. We had a nice lunch break, courtesy of Phoenix Lodge's Jerry Girard and Darrell Henry.

They very kindly volunteered to pick up the food and not only set it up, but set up and decorated the tables as well – Thanks, Guys!!!

The day went very smoothly due to all the hard work of the participating Sisters. Everything went so well that we finished up early. We greatly appreciate the visiting Sisters and Brothers who were gracious enough to support our Convention.



Sarah Murchison DDGC

Lastly, thank you to my Rose Temple Sisters. I could never have completed everything without your time and support.

"...blessed is that man who seeth his brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in another's good."

Mary Baker Eddy,
Science & Health with Key to the Scriptures

Southern Oregon Pythians Celebrate the Bunny~

By Robyn Neeley and Marilyn Stevens

Thermopylae and Talisman met on our regular meeting day of April 16, which just happened to fall on Easter Sunday. Family and friends joined members for the celebration. A delicious dinner of ham and turkey with all the accompanying goodies was served.

While we were dining, the Easter Bunny hid colored eggs in the Sister's meeting room for the little kids to find, and in the Knight's meeting room for the big kids to find. The youngsters were allowed in for the hunt only after the oldsters (parent, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends) were seated around the room to observe the frenzied scramble. It was hard to tell whether the most gleeful looks were on the face of the gatherers or the onlookers. Everyone pitched in for kitchen duties, and the day ended all too soon.



Families and friends of Talisman Lodge and Thermopylae Temple met at the hall for a wonderful day of fellowship celebrating the Easter holiday. We had a dinner of ham and turkey and all the "fixins" followed by an Easter egg hunt for the children. We had an indoor egg hunt upstairs in both the meeting rooms due to the wind, rain, hail, and really cold weather outdoors. Easter Bunny helpers hid 12 dozen colored eggs. The winners of the egg hunt were Paul Folk, Emily Ann Ross and Mary Ellen Folk. It was great fun watching the children scramble for those eggs that the helpers so creatively hid. There were prizes for all the



Emily Ross, Mary and Paul Folk happy Easter Egg Hunters!

children and candy-filled eggs for all. The parents of this year's egg hunters had a good time reminiscing about their egg hunts here as children. A big thank you to everyone who helped provide a good dinner, and those that stayed to help clean up. A good time was had by all!

Pythian Cookbook In Print ~ By Sherri Sievert

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has sent me recipes for the cookbook. I have received over 400 recipes and am now editing and choosing the 400 that will go into the cookbook. There are some that are very similar and some of these may be cut to keep our count at 400.



The cookbook will have laminated covers, an index and divider cards with plastic binder comb binding. The cookbook will sell for \$10.00 each and will include 400 recipes in the following categories: Appetizers & Beverages, Soups & Salads,

Vegetables & Side dishes, Main Dishes, Breads & Rolls, Desserts, Cookies, Candy and This & That. I don't want to draw any conclusions from the recipes that I received, but needless to say, Pythians do enjoy their desserts, based on the fact that the dessert category is the largest of all.

These cookbooks will be a great gift idea for anyone you know. A great Birthday present, early Christmas present or just because. Need a gift for a neighbor, or maybe that special friend you want to let know that you were thinking of them?

I should have the cookbooks about the middle of July and will begin distributing them as soon as I receive them. If you would like to pre-purchase a copy or two, please send your name, address and \$10.00 per book to Sherri Sievert, PSR. My address is

**5063 S. Highway 97,
Redmond, OR 97756.**

My mother, Irene Clink, PSR has agreed to back the cookbook sale financially, however any and all pre-sales would be very helpful to reduce the amount that we need to call on her for.

Let's all do whatever we can to help sell these cookbooks and make the effort very worthwhile.

Pythian Cookbook Order Form

Please enter my order for _____ cookbooks. My check, Payable to Sherri Sievert, in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

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Membership Activities Bringing New Members

Several lodges have been active in their recruiting activities this spring. New faces, new talents, new ideas, all equal new lifeblood for the Pythian Order. Thanks to those who have gone the extra mile to ASK someone to join us in fraternity and community service.

Say hello to the new members whose picture and brief bio follow.

Matt Brown works for local TV network and attends Chemeketa Community College. He is the son of Colin Brown. Hermes Lodge



Doug Neville Graduate of Grant High School, well educated and well informed about fraternal orders. Hosts a Radio show on KOPB on Oregon History each Saturday at 5:00. Graduated from Lewis & Clark in 1976 with degrees in Economics and English, Political activist for many years. ~ Ivanhoe Lodge

Armaan Roshini. Armaan is self employed running cat 5/6 data cable. I'm sure that means something to you computer whizzes. ~ Phoenix Lodge.



Matt Gillette a computer whiz and plans to join the Air Force in the near future. He was introduced to the Order by Colin Brown ~ Hermes Lodge



Aaron William Murphy, third generation Pythian, received his Knight Rank the day after his 22nd birthday. Aaron attended Forest Grove schools all 12 years. He mentored two years, was active in stagecraft for two years and continues to work with the Theatre in the Grove. He was active in the scouts for eight years and active in his church since grade school. Aaron did two years of mission work for his church at Deseret Industries. He plans to start nursing assistant training this fall. ~ Phoenix Lodge

Ray Porteous ~ Glencoe Lodge



Cameran Heckenlaible recent Eagle Scout from Phoenix Lodge sponsored troop. Cameran has already recruited a new member, his friend Armaan (See new member above.) Cameran's Eagle Scout project was featured in the March issue of the OPN. ~ Phoenix Lodge



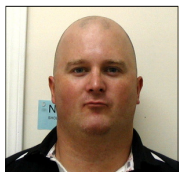
Les Copley ~ Glencoe Lodge

Melvin "Corky" Funk ~ Glencoe Lodge



Bob McLean, born in Pendleton. Graduated High School in Athena OR. Attended Blue Mt. CC for 2 years. Worked at the Oregon State Mental Health Training Center starting in 1982. Transferred to the Department of Corrections in 1984 and has been working there ever since.

Bob and his wife Barbrea have 3 daughters and one son, seven grandchildren. Bob and Barbrea enjoy camping and fishing and all things out doors. ~ Damon Lodge.



Eric Wechter World Champion Highland Games competitor. ~ Hermes Lodge



Pete Patnode Born Jan. 23 1956 in Klickitat Co. Raised in Yakima Valley. Attended BMCC. In 1978 Started work for Oregon State Mental Health Training Center. Transferred to Department of Corrections. He raises Dairy Goats for show and breeding. ~ Damon Lodge

Rich Adair is an antique dealer in Aurora and is also involved in restoration in construction. Hermes ~ Lodge.



Neil McLean is a well known woodworker in Aurora and is known for his generous gift of his crafts to the community. ~ Hermes Lodge



Youth Activities Report ~ By Charlie Van Domelen

I was able to talk to most of the Lodges and receive a verbal report on their involvement with youth in their area:

Ivanhoe lodge is the chartering organization for a Boy Scout Troop. They promoted the Supreme Lodge poster contest, and had a Bike Helmet giveaway at a neighborhood function.

Damon Lodge presents the Boy Scout Eagle Award to new Eagle Scouts in the area. Also participated in the Supreme Lodge poster contest.

Glencoe Lodge is the chartering organization for a Boy Scout Troop, and a Cub Scout Pack. They also support of the North Plains Library with financial contribution.

Talisman Lodge promoted the Supreme Lodge poster contest. They're preparing for another large helmet giveaway in August.

Helmet Lodge provides space their lodge hall and financial support to Musical Feet School of Dance. They sent out packets promoting the Supreme Lodge poster contest.

Phoenix Lodge is the chartering organization for a Boy Scout Troop; they participate in the Supreme Eagle Scout program, promoted the Supreme Lodge poster contest.

Delphos Lodge gave financial support to the following youth groups: Forest Grove Volleyball Club, Forest Grove Jr. Baseball Assoc. Forest Grove Girl's Softball Assoc., Forest Grove Little Guy Football, Forest Grove West Classic Soccer, Forest Grove Junior Viks Wrestling, Forest Grove Timber Beasts Shooting Team, Gaston's Girl's Volleyball, Forest Grove Police and Washington County bicycle helmet programs.

Diana Lodge participated in the Supreme Lodge poster contest.

Gaston Lodge is a chartering organization for a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Pack.

Gaston Wapato Showdown and Good Ol' Days Parade ~

By Chris Anderson, Gaston Lodge

The premier Pythian event of the year (at least all of us in Gaston think so). The parade starts at 7:00 pm, Friday, August 25 and the Car Show opens at 8:00 am, Saturday, August 26, and ends at approximately 3:30.

This is the 10th anniversary Wapato Showdown, and we would appreciate any help in making this the biggest, best, hottest show yet. How can you help, you ask? Come to the show, bring a car, bring a friend, bring your family, drink some beer, eat some food, smile, talk, have a good time, make sure everyone knows you are a Pythian!

We will have so many beautiful cars and motorcycles it will make your mouth water. Don't buy one or you won't have any money left to buy raffle tickets. After all, this is a fundraiser for multiple organizations from the Gaston Community.



Hey now, how about that parade! The only one in Oregon organized and sponsored by Pythians.

This is a great year for some of the other Pythian groups to come and enter. Heck there has to be a Pythian with a horse somewhere out there?



Then there is the steak feed after the parade. Big, juicy, barbecued, smoky steaks so tender they cut 'em with plastic. Never saw a Pythian who didn't like to eat.

Look us up on the web @

www.gaston.oregonpythian.org

You can download an entry form for the car show and look over our growing web site.

Herculena District Convention (Continued)

(Continued from page 1)

us. Also how glad Herculena Tempe was to have Jean McWilliams back with us after a 20-year absence. Sister Pauline Terry from Orionette gave the response and said they were so glad to be there and how lovely everything was.

District Deputy Linda then called for introductions.

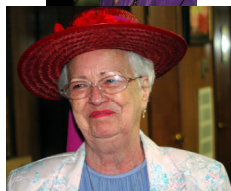
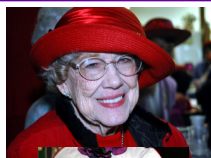
Darrell Henry Past Supreme Chancellor of Beaverton and Mark Erickson Grand Prelate of Portland were introduced. DDGC Linda commented on how glad we were to have them with us.

Grand Officers present were Glennyce Buxton, Grand Chief; Sarah Murchison Grand Senior; Tanya Bancroft Grand Junior; Shelley Corby Grand Secretary; Robyn Neeley Grand Treasurer; and Barbara Christopher, Grand Musician.

There were 17 Past Grand Chiefs in attendance: Juanita Clum, Linda Reyburn, Rosenna Powell, Mary McIlvaine, Fay Robinson, Betty Alexander, Irene Clink, Judy Murchison, Sherri Sievert, Shelley Corby, Ann Ross, Jean Schlinsog, Pauline Terry, Marilyn Stevens, Barbara Christopher, Vesta Poteete, and Jean McWilliams. We are so glad that they could spend the day with us.

The Sisters of Herculena were well represented by Eve Foltz, Sharon Johnson, Carolyn Swanson, Harriet Johnson, Janette Black, Katharina Walker, and Jo Hodgdon, in addition to those who have been listed as Grand Officers and Past Grand Chiefs.

Lunch was held at 12:00 with a hot chicken casserole, salad bar and strawberry dessert served by a local 4-H



group called the Eastside Show and Grow. They did a wonderful job of serving and cleaning up. We are so glad to be able to work with the youth of our community. Longtime member Frank Baker stopped by to join us for the luncheon.

Entertainment was provided by Tom Hinton and Vickie Piper who played and sang western songs from the 1950-60's. They were so good we didn't

want them to stop, but District Deputy Linda said it was time for us to get back to work.

District Deputy Linda wrote a very moving reobligation ceremony in which everyone took part.

The work of the District Convention was completed about 2:00 PM and the meeting was closed in Ritualistic form.

A time of fellowship followed as everyone gathered up and headed for home.

We missed all of you that could not be with us. You missed a fun and wonderful time.

The Sisters of Herculena Temple wish to thank Linda for the hard work and planning she did and for the fun time all of us had. We had 32 Sisters and 2 Knights present. Temples represented were Herculena #27, Orionette #31, Friendship #8, Helmetta #29, Rose # 43, Phoenicia #10, Una #26, Thermopylae #37, and Fern #46. Thank you Sisters and Knights for coming and sharing our day. We enjoyed you all.



Linda Reyburn,
DDGC

Submitted by :

Vesta Poteete, PSR

Ivanhoe Lodge Invites You to a Picnic

Ivanhoe Lodge will be celebrating their anniversary on July 29th

From 12 Noon to 3 PM at the Lodge Hall

With a Picnic and Invite You to Join Them

For Good Food and Fellowship

Please Mark Your Calendar and Join The Fun!



We Need a New Image!! ~ By Darrell Henry

The members of the **Oregon Pythians need a new image** to sell to our neighbors and friends. Our logos and other Pythian emblems don't appeal to our western society, nor do the images impart the message that we are not only a fraternal organization but also a community service organization.

At the request of Jerry Girard and Grand Chancellor Jan we have begun to **develop a new sales tool** that will be more attractive to the people of our communities.

This new sales tool is essentially a slide show, powered and presented in a computer program called **Power Point**. A preview of the concept was presented to the last Grand Council meeting and was received very well and I was requested to proceed with the program. Essentially it will redefine the answer to the question, **"What is a Pythian?"**

A Pythian is a carpenter, a banker, a farmer, a writer, an insurance executive, a painter, an engineer, a mechanic, a coach, a teacher, a mother, a father, a grandparent, a policeman, a doctor, a nurse, and any other occupation or avocation we can think of.

What a Pythian carpenter, banker, farmer, writer, insurance executive, painter, engineer, mechanic, coach, teacher, mother, father, grandparent, policeman, doctor, nurse, or any other occupation or avocation we can think of **does** is **Community Service**.

This new presentation will answer the questions, **"What is a Pythian?"** with a series of pictures showing our members doing their work. In other words it may be Jerry Girard—Engineer in his hard hat and a bridge he is building, it may be Bill Peal—Retired Educator, Professional Photographer with his camera setting up for a picture

opportunity, it may be Kathlene Lacy—International Insurance Broker with a large commercial property in the background; it may be Tony Hoffman, the dentist at his office, it may be Ann Ross or Shelton Jones the real estate sales people showing a property, etc.

In answer to **"What does a Pythian Do?"** we will show pictures of our community service projects such as Pendleton sports, Santa and Share the Spirit, Bicycle Helmet fittings and giveaways, Mariahs Nursing Clinic, Relay for Life, Special Olympics, Oregon Food Bank, Gaston Parade fund raiser, Timber Beast gun safety training for youth, Boy Scout recognitions, Oregon Continuing Education Fund scholarship support, and of course, our other community service activities.

SO WHAT DO WE NEED TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE?

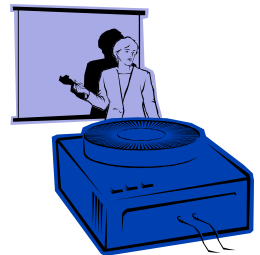
We need pictures of Pythians ~ Pictures that depict Pythian occupations and avocations. Pictures of Pythians doing community service.

Please note who and what your members are and take some pictures of them in action at their job or avocation.

Also take pictures depicting your members in your community service and Pythian activities and send to me for incorporation in this project.

If you have an interest in helping with this project please send me an email at henryd@pcez.com or call (503)627-0918. Leave a message and I'll return your call.

Thanks ~ Darrell Henry



Vadi Hae Santha Installs Officers ~ By Robyn Neeley

The Darbar of Vadi Hae Santha #112 of Corvallis, Oregon was held in Eugene on April 15, 2006. Imperial Deputy Jean Schlinsog, PIR was Installing Officer. Rani, Elizabeth Evans and Rajah, Duane Johnson, PIR will preside under the yellow parasol for 2006, supported by their complement of officers.

A distinguished delegation from Rose City Santha #34 of Portland, Oregon assisted with the installation. The most welcome visitors included Past Imperial Regent Mark Erickson, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, Past Supreme Chancellor Darrell Henry, and Past Chief Deputy Supreme Chancellor Don Lacy.

The Far Western Association Conclave to be held on June 23, 24 and 25 in Tacoma, Washington was discussed. Those of us who plan to attend are really looking forward to the event.

The Darbar concluded, followed by some time to socialize around a table of refreshments.



Rajah Duane Johnson, Imperial Deputy Jean Schlinsog, Rani Elizabeth Evans, and Scribe Robyn Neeley

Grand Chief's Comments

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Here it is the third quarter of my Pythian year. My official visits began again on January 16th. Rosenna, my husband Rod and I visited Helmetta Temple on the 16th of January. We arrived late as we seem to always get lost. Thanks to Kaye Pomerleau's directions we finally made it.

We reviewed the books before being treated to a very nice luncheon by the Sisters at Marie Callender's restaurant after which we returned to the Pythian Hall for a very nice and enjoyable meeting. I had the honor of presenting Sister Kaye Homes with her 25-year pin and certificate. The Sisters presented me with a beautiful wall hanging for my altruistic fund raising project.

On January 24 I made an official visit to my home Temple in Yamhill. The Sisters treated me to lunch at Trask Mountain Outpost. After lunch we returned to the Temple for our meeting.

On February 5th Rod and I were on our way to Grants Pass to visit Thermopylae Temple. As we were going through Salem we hit ice condition for six miles. We arrived in Grants Pass at 10:30 a.m. to find that our room was not ready so we ate breakfast. Marilyn Stevens came to the hotel and led us to the Temple. After reviewing the books we were treated to a delicious lunch. What good cooks! During the meeting I had the honor of presenting Georgia Smith with her Past Chief pin. Georgia presented me with a beautiful Christmas scene she had made for my altruistic fund raising project. We had a very good meeting. The Thermopylae Sisters are very active in their communities. Marilyn gave me a ride back to the motel since Rod had left early to watch the playoffs. Thank you, Marilyn, for your hospitality.

On February 16th I visited Rose and Phoenicia Temples in Hillsboro. We arrived about 5:00 p.m. I reviewed the books while the Sisters were preparing for what turned out to be a very delicious potluck dinner. The table decorations were lovely and I enjoyed the meeting and visiting with the Sisters. As always they make one feel at home.

On March 2nd Rod and I drove to Elgin to visit Orionette Temple. We encountered snow going over the mountains and did not arrive until around 11:30. We reviewed the books and found them in order as usual. The Sisters served potluck lunch. Vesta Poteete came from Milton-Freewater to attend the meeting. The Sisters presented me with a beautiful corsage. Rod and I had planned to stay in Pendleton on our way home but due to the A-1 and A-2 basketball tournament the motels were all full so we drove on home to Yamhill.

On March 16th we visited Willamette Temple. Upon arrival we found that Bernice Balschweid had fallen and had apparently sprained her ankle. We found out later that she had actually broken her ankle. We enjoyed a nice luncheon with the Sisters at the restaurant next door and enjoyed a nice meeting with Temple members afterwards.

District 3 Convention was held on April 22 at the Odd Fellows Hall in Milton-Freewater with DDGC Linda Reyburn as MC. Linda's theme was Friends Forever and she asked that all wear reds and purple. It was great to see the Sisters in their red hats. It seemed to light up the room when you walked in to register.

I want to thank the Temples and Sisters for the corsages and money presented in unique ways. Also for the generosity of Temples in donating to our altruistic project this year. I have enjoyed traveling to the various Temples and meeting with the Sisters. A big thanks goes to Rosenna Powell for traveling with me. A big thank-you goes to Sherri Sievert for putting the cookbook together.

Keep working on getting new members Sisters so we do not have to lose any more Temples.

In PLE&F,

Glennye Buxton, Grand Chief



Grand Chief Glennye



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Hillsboro Pythians Rummage Sale Supports Relay for Life ~

By Maureen and Phil Murphy

The Hillsboro Pythians are again having a team for the Relay for Life. This is American Cancer Society's fund-raiser for research and cure for cancer. At one of our Monday Hillsboro Pythians meetings we talked about our fund-raiser for it. We thought a rummage sale would be a good idea.

We have our own web page on the Relay for Life website at www.acsevents.org/relay/or/Hillsboro. Click on Hillsboro Pythians to sign up for our team. We would like to raise at least \$2,000 for the Relay for Life. So far we have collected, or pledged, approximately \$1,500 with some pledges still outstanding.

We thank all those Pythians who have helped and for the donations of rummage and money that we have received from the Oregon Pythian lodges and temples, Nomads, Grand Lodge and Grand Temple of Oregon. Special thanks go out to Glencoe Lodge for the use of their tables, Ivanhoe for a lot of rummage items, and the Hillsboro Pythians. Shelley Corby, with the help of Maureen Murphy and Don Lacy did the painting of the windows which looked really good, Darrell for the posters, Mary and Charlie for setting up and manning the sale site, and all of those who helped set up and run the various days of the rummage sales. Thank you all!

We still need walkers for the Relay team. We are required to have at least 1 person walking on the track at all times during the Relay. You can walk any amount of time you want. This is not a race, so don't worry about being slow. 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!

The Relay for Life is on June 24th 10:00 am to June 25th 9:25 am. 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 Maureen Murphy for sign-up or pledge 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 "Dance the Night Away". There will be four bands playing and raffles or contests during the day and evening. At 10:00 PM the luminary ceremony will begin. The luminaries are white bags with a little sand in the bottom and a lit candle to light up the decorations and story of the person it is for. Usually it is to honor a survivor or to honor the memory of one who we lost to cancer. For several years now the Hillsboro Pythians

have prepared and placed the luminaries at the Forest Grove and Hillsboro Relay for Life events. The luminaries are places around the track and in the stadium where they 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



Several of many who spent many hours at the rummage sale. From left to right: Kathlene Lacy, Phil and Maureen Murphy, James, Aaron and Andrew Murphy, John Lacy, Charlie VanDomelen, Jerry and Jacquie Girard.



Relay rummage sale shoppers
Nhamala & Pasha



Relay Rummage Sale
Chair Maureen



Sign Painters Maureen, Don and Shelley



Good Bricklayers Needed to Fix North Plains Historic Pythian Hall

Excerpted with permission from article by Lisa Cromwell of [The Argus](#)

NORTH PLAINS - Rippled glass in the picture windows on North Plains Knights of Pythias Hall on Commercial Street are the only indicators of its age. The immaculately maintained solid white plaster and lath walls and dark brown beams and floor look as they did nearly a century ago.

Just as in 1914 when it was built, rows of wooden theater seats on movable tracks line the walls. Brought out for movies beamed from an upstairs booth, they are pushed aside for meetings and dances. Tall windows let light into the hall, put up before electricity was common.

Pythian proclamations hand-lettered and drawn hang in large frames. Upstairs, a pool table with leather pockets and ivory inlay beckons gamers. Wood racks on the walls hold pool cues, balls and chalk. Next to the table, a small wooden coffin stores more cue sticks.

The hall is a North Plains gathering place still. Local dignitaries sit at the round tables and in the wooden chairs for meetings, using its kitchen for working lunches and dinners. Knights of Pythias-sponsored Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops come there to learn knots, camping and civics.

One of three North Plains structures on the National Register of Historic Buildings, the hall needs a bit of work. Jan Burns, Knights of Pythias Grand Chancellor for the Domain of Oregon, is looking for a good bricklayer to re-mortar a portion of the facade for Glencoe Lodge in North Plains.

The building's bricks, likely made on Tile Flat Road in south Washington County, are sound. Time and elements have broken down the stuff that glues them together. Four fell off the hall and into its side yard recently, and Burns wants to fix the problem before more can loosen.

He's found one brick mason, but needs two more to bid on repair of the 1,280-square-foot "Castle Hall."

Oregon Pythians, with 10 lodges and 400 members, support charities and groups. Upstairs, boxes of bicycle helmets are stored. The Pythians buy them for North Plains Police to hand out to children.

Tarps and bungee cords are piled neatly nearby. They're for the group's beer garden tents at the annual August Elephant Garlic Festival, its biggest fundraiser.

With the funds earned from that event and Tuesday night bingo games at the Old Hichen' Post, the Pythians keep their good works going.

"We enjoy running the beer garden at the festival and other projects," Burns says. "We do what we can for the community."

Editor's Note: While the building damage was a negative event for Glencoe Lodge, their adversity turned into some very positive publicity. We should always look for opportunities to get our name out to the public in a positive manner such as Lisa Cromwell of [The Argus](#) did for Glencoe Lodge in her article.

A Reminder of What Has Gone Before ~ to Our Benefit



Independence Day ~ A national holiday observed on July 4, celebrating the anniversary of adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776.

On Tuesday July 4th this year many of us will be celebrating a 4-day weekend with family, friends, and neighbors. Parades and flyovers will be in abundance and we will be celebrating "the good life." What a wonderful place we live in ~ even with the many controversies and problems that exist.

Let us all take a moment to think about the courage and conviction that the signers of the Declaration of Independence must have had to risk their all, their property, and yes, even their lives. And to appreciate that after two hundred thirty years, our country grew to be a world power and provides us with a place to live that provides opportunity to be an individual, to grow to our level of ability and effort.

Take time to be appreciative of those who sacrificed and as a result gave us an opportunity to have led better lives.

Damon Lodge Recognizes Vern Willcox ~ By Bill Peal

Vern Willcox was recognized by the Knights of Pythias for 36 years of service to Pendleton School District 16R Outdoor School Program at a meeting on May 22, 2006. In the 1970-71 school year Vern Willcox and Jim Christensen organized the pilot program for the very successful 6th grade Outdoor School Experience. Vern credits Jim Christensen as being the originator and major planner of the hands on educational program. Generations of Pendleton students will point to this educational experience as the highlight of their 6th grade year, and the culminating event which capped off their early education. Vern Willcox has served as the camp co-director since 1979. The Outdoor School has served some 250 to 300 students per year. The program would use 60 to 70 Pendleton High School students as counselors. About 60 parents become involved each year serving as support staff, and usually 10 to 15 environmental resource speakers provide lessons about the great outdoors. When asked what impact the program has had on Pendleton's youth, Willcox said "most students would point to the Outdoor School as being the highlight of

all their grade school memories." It is usually no problem to get high school counselors as these young people remember the lessons learned and the fun they had during their 6th grade Outdoor School experience. The annual program is conducted at the Kiwanis Cabin facility located about 9 miles up the Umatilla River from Pendleton. The Local ESD has taken a dominant roll in recent years for the facilitation and planning of this outstanding educational experience.



Vern Willcox, on left, receiving deserved recognition Award from Bill Peal

Message from Supreme Chief Kathlene

To My Oregon Pythian Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Family ~

Time passes quickly when we're doing things that we enjoy! The past 2 years as your Supreme Chief have absolutely flown by. As I sit down to write my last article for the *Oregon Pythian News* as your Supreme Chief, it prompts me to think back over the past 20 months and my visitations to many Grand Sessions all across North America. What cherished memories I have of my visits with our Pythian Sisters and Brothers.

One would think that since we all believe in the same timeless Pythian principles of Love, Equality, Fidelity and Purity, that each of our groups would be the same. By traveling from coast to coast and back again, meeting with Pythians and seeing them in their own locales, I've come to realize that the variety of our Pythian Sister groups is as wide and colorful as a rainbow. Some Grands are large and have many social and philanthropic activities going on all the time; while other Grands are "tiny but mighty!" Even so, no matter the size of the group, one thing we all have in common is our love and dedication for the Pythian Order which translates into an outpouring of altruistic work in service to others.

Everywhere I've traveled I see Pythian Sisters "*Helping Hands Make Happy Hearts*" exemplified in the good works of our members. As you've heard me say before: "*I believe that Pythian Sisters are like angels, quietly doing our work to help people who are in need.*" Helping others makes us happy because we feel better when we're helping others – and – the people that we help are happy because they're getting the assistance they need.

I hope that when you think back on this brief moment in Pythian history, that you'll remember that I asked you to work together in Harmony and to add Sunshine to the lives of your members and those whom we serve. (*Part of this is remembering to "ask" your*

Sisters and Brothers for help rather than "telling them" what to do. We always make more progress when we work together as partners.)

My life has been enriched so much by being a member of our wonderful Pythian organization. In fact, it's hard for me to imagine where life would have taken me if I had not become a member and been indoctrinated into the timeless Pythian principles of Love, Equality, Fidelity, Purity, Friendship, Charity, Benevolence, Loyalty and Humility. I cherish the time I spend with my Pythian Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Family. I hope that your life has been enriched by being a Pythian too!

Again, I offer my thanks to all who have helped so much during my time as a Supreme Temple Officer. I have tried my best to serve all of you and our Pythian Order well. I especially thank my own family, who instilled the Pythian beliefs in me at a young age, and who believed in me, so that I could go on and be the best I could be.

I look forward to seeing many of you when we join together at Supreme Sessions in Halifax this summer. Hopefully our work there will go smoothly and efficiently so we can make good decisions which will benefit our organization and increase our membership rolls, so that we can have "the good old times" of Pythian success back again for all of us to enjoy!

With Love & Hugs to All,
Loyally in PLE&F,

Kathlene



Supreme Chief Kathlene



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June 15, 1863 Lincoln calls for help.

On this day, President Abraham Lincoln calls for help in protecting the capital.

Throughout June, Confederate General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia was on the move. He had pulled his army from its position along the Rappahannock River around Fredericksburg and set it on the road to Pennsylvania. Lee and the Confederate leadership decided to try a second invasion of the North to take pressure off Virginia and to seize the initiative against the Army of the Potomac. The first invasion, in September 1862, failed when the Federals fought Lee's army to a standstill at Antietam.

Father's Day ~

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards!

Mrs. John B. Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909. Mrs. Dodd wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart. William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (Mrs. Dodd's mother) died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state. It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington.

At about the same time in various towns and cities across America other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day." In 1924 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national Father's Day. Finally in 1966 President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all honored on Father's Day.



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