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Oregon Pythian News



Glencoe & Grand Lodge “Double Support” Local Library

Library Director, Debbie Brodie visited the Knights of Pythias, Glencoe Lodge on January 11th to personally thank the members for their donation of \$1,000. The donation was made in December 2011 to help the library upgrade videos as the library transitions from VHS tapes to DVDs.

Debbie told the Knights that the library was able to purchase 84 new DVDs with the donation, and she even provided of list of the videos that were purchased. The library was very happy and thankful for the donation. To Debbie's surprise, Chancellor Commander, Corkye Funk, announced that The Knights of Pythias at the state level matched Glencoe Lodge's donation. The Knights presented Debbie with an additional \$1,000 that evening. You should have seen the surprise on Debbie's face!

Article and Photo submitted by: Roger Newton



Back row: Shelton Jones, Joel Birkeland, Kevin Surrat, Kevin Hardwick, Jim Andrews, Scott Lantz, Ted Valentine, Jamie Hardwick
Middle row: Paul Schmitz, Jason Casmira, Roger Newton, Michael Basile, Darrek Kay, Thurman Miller, Ted Valentine, Russ Sheldon
Front row: Debbie Brodie, Corkye Funk, Chris Pulioff, Andy Stadleman

Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ **July 20 to 22—Pythian Fun Weekend — Astoria** — See article on page 6 for details
- ⇒ **July 28—Ivanhoe Summer Picnic**— Check with Mark Erickson for details
- ⇒ **July 29 through August 1—Supreme Pythian Convention — Manchester, NH** — See Editor's Message on page 15
- ⇒ **August 10-12—North Plains Garlic Festival**
- ⇒ **August 25—Gaston's Wapato Showdown Car Show—Appreciation Dinner Article on page 12**
- ⇒ **October 19-21—Oregon Grand Convention — Pendleton, OR** — Hotel information on this page; Registration forms on pages 13 & 14
- ⇒ *Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!*

Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention



October 19-21, 2012



Convention Site: Red Lion Hotel—Pendleton
304 SE Nye Avenue, Pendleton, OR 97801

Hotel Reservation Cut Off Date: **October 4, 2012**

Rooms Available: Standard Queen, Standard King,
Queen Queen Non View, Premium Queen Queen:
All Room Rates are \$80.95 plus taxes.

Phone for Reservations: 1-541-276-6111 or 1-800-733-5466

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to get our special rates.

Grand Chancellor Ed's Message

Projects making good progress.



The year is flying by so I will give you an update on the projects I am working on.

Thanks to Stan Shope (Gaston Lodge) and Kevin Hardwick (Glencoe Lodge) our Support Our Troops Project is well on the way. Find the mailing address for our local deployment in the article in this issue.

My other priority is membership. February was Supreme's membership month. I have reports from Helmet and Gaston that it is going well. Also see article in this issue.

Thanks to Mike Harmes and Jerry Girard. I have not totally had a meltdown and things are getting done.

Keep up the good work and ask a friend or business associate to join your lodge.

Ed Yates
Grand Chancellor

Support Our Troops—Project Information

Here is the mailing address for the Oregon Guard Military Police Co deployed to Afghanistan:

1186 MP Co
ORARNG
Camp Eggers
APO AE 09356

(I know this address well as I spent my first month in Afghanistan working at Camp Eggers in downtown Kabul.)

Now, as far as goodies for packages are concerned, here are winners that everyone seems to love:

1. Beef Jerky
2. Pepperoni sticks
3. Coffee (both beans and ground), especially good stuff such as Starbucks
4. Cookies (especially chocolate chip)
5. Small snack packages of chips (Fritos, Cheetos, etc)
6. Crackers
7. Cheese and crackers in the small individual packages (from Costco)
8. Assorted toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, cheap razors
9. Add anything that will keep in shipping, remembering it takes about 10-12 days to get a package to Afghanistan from Oregon.



Fraternally,
Stan Shope

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Editors' Message

To all Pythians and friends ~

At long last spring has arrived—and with it, sunshine and flowers and our hope is renewed.



Thank you to all of you who have sent cards, emails or called to continue your support after the passing of my soulmate Darrell. I still miss him every day however I went back to work in late April, so that helps keep me occupied.

Supreme Convention is right around the corner, so I encourage any of you who might want to attend, to travel to Manchester, New Hampshire (near Boston) and give it a try! Our International Convention is a "whole new world" where you can experience yet another dimension of our Pythian activities. It will also offers an opportunity to meet members from all across North America. At Supreme we hear about all of the projects which our Pythian Brothers and Sisters undertake for the improvement of their communities and mankind in general.

Here's a basic outline for Supreme 2012:

Dates: Sunday, July 29—Weds, Aug 1

Location: Manchester, New Hampshire

Hotel: Radisson Hotel—Phone: 1-800-967-9033
Use CODE: KP2012 "Pythian Supreme Convention" to get special rates: \$119 single/double; \$129 triple; or \$139 for 4 in same room (+9% tax applies)

Convention Tours:

Saturday—Moultonboro's "Castle in the Clouds" & Wright Museum (WW II and exhibits on NH)

Sunday—"Cathedral in the Pines" National Shrine

Monday—Spouses Tour to Millyard Museum, Van Otis Chocolate Factory & Currier Museum

Tuesday Afternoon—Tour to Bill Fosters Clam Bake
For flyer on Supreme's meals & tours—contact Grand Secretary Sherri or me ([Deadline for hotel, meals and tours is July 1](#))

Special thanks to all who submitted articles and photos—particularly those of you who are so good to send your items PROMPTLY as events occur—without me having to beg and call, call, call to remind you to send them in. I really enjoy our OPN and think that most of you do too. Please support it by sharing your calendar items, news and accomplishments.

With Love & Hugs,

Kathlene

PS—In case you're wondering about the timing of this issue, it was originally scheduled for March, however Grand Treasurer Jerry Girard, PGC, PIR suggested reducing our # of issues from 4 to 3 times per year to save printing and mailing costs. That would have moved this issue by 1 month—to April, however there were delays in receiving a few articles, followed by an email outage at our house. I apologize for the extra month's delay. The next issue is scheduled to be mailed August 1st, so please send your articles by July 10th.

PPS—If I missed any articles, I apologize! Please just resubmit them—and—be sure to put the word "PYTHIAN" in the email subject line!

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Telephone:				
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Lunch: Friendship Luncheon for All				
Buffet: Soup, make your own sandwich of choice of 3 meats and cookies		\$22		\$
Dinner: Grand Banquet				
Choice of (Circle your choice) of		\$34		\$
1) Rosemary Crusted Prime Rib				
2) Char Grilled Chicken Breast + Cedar Smoked Salmon				
3) Two (2) Char Grilled Chicken Breasts				
SUNDAY:				
Fun for Funds Breakfast				
Buffet: Scrambled eggs, bacon, hash browns, Danish, fruit juice, coffee, tea		\$20		\$
Convenience Lunch for All				
Buffet: Salad, make your own sandwich of choice of 3 meats, and brownie		\$22		\$
TOTAL (If all meals are purchased.):		\$125		\$
TOTAL COST OF MEALS				\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:				

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Carol Jenkins at 4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE Salem, OR 97317-5901

If any questions, call **Carol Jenkins at 503-363-8314** or **Arlene Kimball at 503-362-1227**

If your lodge does not pay your convention registration fee of \$20 please make check payable to **Grand Lodge of Oregon** and mail to: **Mike Harmes, Grand Secretary, PO Box 443, North Plains, OR 97133-0443**

CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 5th.

Grand Chief Beverly's Message

Greetings from your Grand Chief

The flowers are blooming and the trees are getting buds, does that mean Spring is on the way? I hope so. We all need some much needed sunshine.

I want to thank my Grand Senior, Donna Johnson for traveling with me on my visitations. We have had some great laughs. Everything from dead batteries, no fuel pump, sleeping in the van and each one has a story so ask and we will gladly tell you about them. I also need to thank my mother, Rosenna Powell for coming with me to Eugene as the fuel pump went out on my car and she graciously let me use her car at the last moment.

I only have one visit left to make and that is with Herculena in April. Each temple has welcomed me with open arms. I feel I have gotten to know many people that I didn't really know before. The temples are working hard keeping their membership stable. Helmetta has many new members and it is wonderful to see so many new faces and willingness to learn about Pythians.

On May 5th District Convention will be in Dallas and Cheryl Bergman is DDGC. I hope as many Sisters as possible can attend. It will be a day of learning and friendships, both new and old.

Don't forget that each of you are important when it comes to our Pythian Order. Without you we would no longer exist. Keep looking for new members so that our order can grow.

I look forward to seeing each of you in my travels.

In P.L.E. & F,
Beverly Cox
Grand Chief



Excerpt from Grand Chief Bev's Acceptance Speech

In order to increase our membership, we have to make things fun and exciting. The young people of today need to feel wanted and needed. That is why I chose my theme to be: "You Are Never Too Old to Have Fun." My Motto: "Children Are Our Future."

My flower is the chrysanthemum and my colors are aqua and white. My Grand Chief's Project will be the Childlife Department at Doernbecher Hospital.



As many of you know, I am a pre-school teacher, therefore I play every day. It is a known fact that play is healthy for your body. There is not a person here over the age of 18. Just add the two numbers of your age together and that is how old you are!



Grand Chief Beverly with her sister PGC Bernice Meadors and her mother PSR Rosenna Powell.

Words From Grand Secretary Mike Harmes

Fellow Pythians, Brothers and Sisters,

A new year and another beginning for doing good charity work. I myself am very busy trying to get all the reports and such done but do need your help in getting me the reports and information that I need. I need the lodge officers and contact phone numbers along with any email addresses that they are using. The grand lodge would like to put a statewide directory together of all our members. With over 300 members, this is not a small task and I really need help getting this done.

Just one more reminder for all is that I have a full time job during the day and a second part time job in the evening so my time is not always my own. I have been getting some phone calls left on the answering machine but at times forget to check it. If I do not call you back, please feel free to call again or leave me a time to call you back. I am trying to get back to everyone but feel I am missing some. I am behind in the supply orders and would request that you send me mail or email if you need any items and I will ship them.

Are you planning your summer activities yet? Are you getting

your fund raisers organized and planned? A good idea is to start now and plan ahead it will make the event that much better. I myself finally started using OneNote by Microsoft. It is a great software tool for planning and keeping records and activities. I find it to be the most useful tool that I have come across in a long time. No more remembering to save, neatly organized and screen clippings are so useful. Press the windows key and then copy what you want and it puts it directly into OneNote for you. It is a great way to plan and organize.

Fraternally,
Mike Harmes, Grand Secretary



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

As I am writing this I am still getting my office set up, but am getting things accomplished and out. I want to thank all of you for your patience in this transition period of the office. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and the New Year has begun on a good note for you.

Our Grand Chief, Beverly Cox has made all but three of her Grand Chief visits at this time. A reminder that our District Convention will be held in Dallas with Willamette Temple #45 hosting and Cheryl Bergman, PSR serving as District Deputy Grand Chief. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 5, 2012. Remember it is our school of learning and a great time to re-establish old friendships.

We must all get on the ball and get our yearly audits completed so the Secretary can complete her Temple report and get it sent in to me. By the time you read this I should have the report in my office or you should have contacted me letting me know what is happening. This year it is important that I get your reports so that I can get mine to the Supreme Secretary as Supreme Temple is this summer and they work off the information from these reports. So please be prompt in replying!

We are struggling to maintain the membership in our six

remaining Temples and there is no easy solution, but if you believe in the principles of Purity, Love, Equality, Fidelity and the purpose to find a need in your community and fill it, then don't be afraid to say something and brag a little about our past accomplishments and encourage involvement. I know it is hard to get new members and keep them involved and all I can say is don't give up! If you have any great ideas I would be happy to share them with others!

As always, if you need anything or want help with anything please ask me! Until next time, may you be safe and hope to see many of you at District Convention if not before.

In Pythian Love,
Sherri Sievert, Grand Secretary



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Breakfast: Past District Deputy Grand Chiefs				
Assorted cold cereal, fruit, juice, muffins		\$11		\$
Lunch: Friendship Luncheon for All				
Buffet: Soup, make your own sandwich of choice of 3 meats and cookies		\$22		\$
Dinner: Grand Banquet				
Choice of (Circle your choice) of		\$34		\$
1) Rosemary Crusted Prime Rib				
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Please send separate check for convention registration fee in amount of \$10, Payable to Grand Temple of Oregon and mail to: Grand Secretary Sherri Sievert, PSR, 5063 S. Hwy 97 #30, Redmond OR 97756-9601

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Gaston's Wapato Showdown Annual Appreciation Dinner



Saturday February 18th, Gaston Lodge held its annual appreciation dinner at its lodge. We had about 90 members, wives, and special guests in attendance. Special guests were all the people that helped make our 2011 Wapato showdown such a GREAT SUCCESS.

A prime rib and roast chicken dinner with all the trimmings were prepared by Rick Cropp and crew.

Dessert was 4 different cakes by Sheryl Hoodenpyle. Dinner was served by Gaston's 2011 High School football team, and they did a great job. All the food was great.

After dinner, Rose's Poker put on a casino night with play money. We had 6 blackjack tables and 2 crap tables.

Every player started with \$1,000, and at the end of the night given 1 raffle ticket per \$100. About 15 prizes were given, and Rick Cropp won the losers 50/50 drawing. Chip Hoodenpyl won a 32-inch TV in our raffle. Stan Shope was the host for the evening, and the dinner and casino night were a great success again.

Article Submitted by: Don Allen ~ Photos submitted by Fred & Ruby



Herculena Happenings

Herculena Temple celebrated Christmas with a delicious dinner at our favorite restaurant Sterling's—which is now known as Smith's. We had our usual gift exchange and brought out the child in each of us. We gave Christmas cheer to four help agencies in the Milton-Freewater / Walla Walla areas.

For our first meeting in February, we had a mini Valentine's Day party by bringing one valentine each to exchange during refreshments. It was fun and everyone enjoyed receiving a valentine.



Of course we had our Officer's Installation and Grand Chief Beverly's visit. It was a fun social and learning meeting. In addition, Grand Protector Esther McKibben and Grand Secretary Sherri Sievert were able to attend so there was an opportunity to visit.

Although you may not see us or hear from us often, we are still here and helping and doing what we can.

In P.L.E. & F.,
Linda Reyburn, Secretary

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Submitted by Mark Erickson, PSR, PIR

THE BEE

S.E. student robot builders shoot; score!

BY DAVID F. ASHTON

The Bee, Apr 4, 2012

It's been a struggle for mentors and friends of FIRST Robotic Competition (FRC) Team 1432, known as "Mahr's Metal Beavers", to keep the robot-building club together — after being turned out of their eight-year home at Franklin High School in 2011.

But, thanks to the workspace and clubhouse provided by the Ivanhoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in Lents, and their fiscal sponsors, the Southeast Portland Rotary Club, the Metal Beavers continue to carry on.

Against all odds, again this year, the 12-member team successfully competed at the 8th Annual FIRST Autodesk Regional competition in Memorial Coliseum on March 9-10 against 65 other teams.

In the pit area, team member William Atkinson — a senior at Cleveland High School — explained how the team's mechanics were busy testing the belts that drive the systems, and resetting a driving motor.

In this year's FIRST competition, all the teams were tasked to design and build robots that would pick up and shoot basketballs through hoops at different heights, and then balance on a rocking ramp, Atkinson said.

"Thanks to Autodesk for donating us a new computer, for the first year we were able to design our entire robot using Computer Aided Design. And, we've incorporated innovative ideas — like using a timing belt instead of gears. This year, our robot really works — we can drive it, and it fires basketballs like we designed it to do.

"It's more than building robots," Atkinson continued. "The idea is to train students in math, science, and engineering skills that we can use in the future. And, doing this creates community within the group."

As a four-year member of FRC Team 1432, Atkinson says the bonds that have been created are not easily broken. "Even though the people I've worked with have graduated and moved on, I still talk with them regularly. Overall it's a very good thing."

Deb Mumm-Hill, the FIRST Robotics Pacific Northwest Director, smiled when asked about the "Metal Beavers".

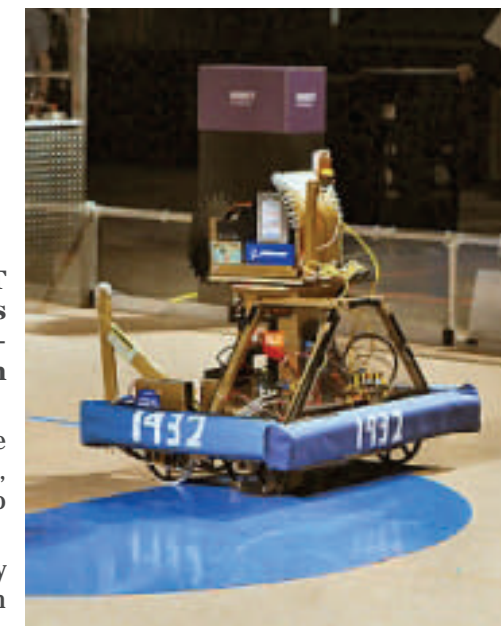
"They're an amazing team," Mumm-Hill told *THE BEE*. "Thanks to dedicated families, they've been able to keep this team together, no matter what. They're able to bring in kids from all over Southeast Portland to learn and work together in a safe environment to build robots."

Mumm-Hill added, "We're not really a robotics program — we are a mentoring program. We just use the theme of robotics to help bring together adults to share what they know with young people. The 'Metal Beavers' are the epitome of an organization that really knows what mentoring does. They are changing lives, and giving hope to kids who are under-served. Opening a brighter future for them."

While they didn't "take home the gold" this year, FRC Team 1432's robot worked every time it took the field, scored points, and helped other teams score on the "cooperation bridge" to bolster their league's standing.

More than just using their funds to buy computers and robot parts, "Metal Beavers" mentors also provide after-school meals and weekend lunches for team members. "It's an expensive program," admitted Rebecca Lohkamp. "This means we're always fundraising, and we really appreciate the help of our corporate sponsors — and that of our friends in the community."

To learn more about this team, and to access links to their fundraising and Facebook pages, visit their website: www.team1432.org



FRC Team 1432's team Thomas Hubel, Hadrian Carlson, Chase Foreman gets the robot into position, and the operator shoots a basketball — all by remote control.

DAVID F. ASHTON / THE BEE

Pythian Fun Weekend ~Astoria!

Save the Date: July 20-22, 2012

Oregon Pythians Fun Days will be July 21 - 22, 2012 at Fort Stevens State Park in Astoria, Oregon.

Check in is July 20 Friday at 4:00 pm, and we will have a meet and greet from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

Saturday July 21 at 9:00am we will have a guided tour through Fort Clatsop. Admission is \$3.00 per adult. They also accept Senior Pass and Golden Age. The tour will take about 2 hours and will include the following: greeting and orientation, 22-minute movie about Fort Clatsop, walk to the exhibit of Fort Clatsop, and then explore trails and visitor center. The rest of the day is open to tour Astoria's 7 museums and column.

Saturday at 6:30pm we will have a covered dish dinner at one of the campsites. This will be hosted by North Plains Knights of Pythias. Sunday morning breakfast will also be served by North Plains.

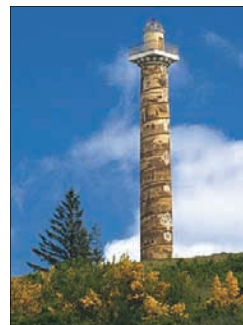
We will also have a photo contest again this year with hints and tips provided by Bill Peal.

We have 27 seven campsites, and 20 have been filled. If needed, we have plans for more sites at a nearby campground. **So hurry and get money in to Don Allen to reserve your campsite.**

MAIL TO : 46243 SW PATTON VALLEY RD, GASTON, OR 97119

ONE PIECE OF BAD NEWS WE GOT WAS THAT NO TENTS ARE ALLOWED IN THIS SECTION.

Thanks,
Don Allen
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THINGS TO SEE & DO:

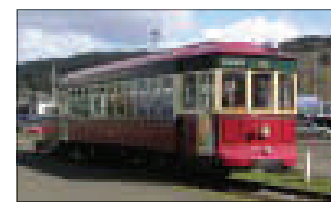
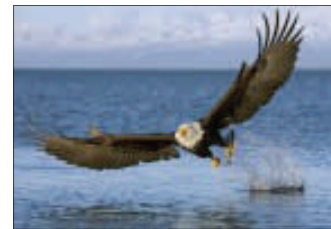
- ⇒ Astoria Riverfront Trolley
- ⇒ Audio Tours of Astoria & Warrenton
- ⇒ Goonies Never Say Die (1980's movie)
- ⇒ Astoria Aquatic Center
- ⇒ Astoria Column [Built in 1926, it is 125 feet high and has 164 steps winding to the top.]
- ⇒ Astoria Sunday Market
- ⇒ Astoria-Megler Bridge [Dedicated August 27, 1966, stretches 4.1 miles from Astoria, Oregon, across the mouth of the Columbia River, to Point Ellice, Washington. Its construction was an impressive feat. The bridge's main span is 1,232 feet in length, the longest "continuous truss" in the nation.]
- ⇒ Birding on the Lower Columbia River
- ⇒ Captain Gray's Port of Play [home of Astoria Children's Museum]
- ⇒ Clatsop Community College Arts & Ideas
- ⇒ Columbia River Maritime Museum

- ⇒ Columbia River Tours
- ⇒ Flavel House Museum
- ⇒ Friends of old Fort Stevens
- ⇒ Fun in the Rain
- ⇒ Heritage Museum
- ⇒ Hikes to Take
- ⇒ Lewis & Clark National Historical Park
- ⇒ Liberty Theater
- ⇒ Maritime Memorial Park
- ⇒ Movie Tours
- ⇒ North Coast Craft Beer Trail
- ⇒ Oregon Film Museum
- ⇒ Sprit of the Columbia Photo Contest
- ⇒ Sports Fishing
- ⇒ The Astor Street Opry Company
- ⇒ Uppertown Firefighters Museum
- ⇒ Victorian Homes on Astoria's Hillside
- ⇒ Watching Ships
- ⇒ Waterfront
- ⇒ Webcams
- ⇒ Youngs River Falls

The above list is from the Astoria & Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce and State of Oregon Welcome Center website.

For more details:
www.oldoregon.com/visitor-info

NOTE: For Pythians who wish to stay in a motel or do tent camping, the Chamber of Commerce website is an excellent source of information on motels, bed & breakfasts and campgrounds in the area. (Make your reservations early since July is "peak season" at the Oregon coast.)



Ivanhoe FRC Team 1432 Updates & Schedule

Spring has sprung and that means that the team has yard work to do. Two days after this, of course it rained, but it was nice while it lasted.

FRC Team 1432 would like to thank the Knights of Pythias for their very generous donation of \$1,000 to our program.

Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Pythias we should have enough money to feed our students while they work on their projects.

We just did a visitation at Central Catholic and we are hopeful to be able to help them start their own team. If they can't get enough kids, we will train the ones they have, and then they will be able to start a team of their own the next year.

The season is over but now they have to get the robot pretty and running for:

- ◆ school visitations,
- ◆ **May 25-28**—Multnomah County Fair at Oaks Park,
- ◆ **June 9**—our Open House from Noon to 6 PM,
- ◆ **June 16**—Spaghetti Feed at Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 Southeast Steele Street, Portland, OR 97202
- ◆ **July 12-15**—Marion County Fair, Salem, Oregon.



◆ Our end of the year **Awards Dinner will be August 4** at the Ivanhoe Lodge.

We would love to have as many of you as can make it come to all of our events but especially our Awards Dinner and the spaghetti feed. It's only \$7.50 for all you can eat spaghetti, green salad, homemade garlic bread, and dessert. For those that like to gamble we will have raffle baskets too. Hope to see you soon!



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Submitted by Rebecca LohKamp and FRC Team 1432.

Gaston Lodge Membership Dinner a Huge Success



On February 11 Gaston Lodge hosted a membership dinner. Lodge members invited guest to attend a ham dinner. With happy hour from 5-6 with dinner at 6.

Nineteen guests attended with 15 filling out applications. At the time of this article 2 former members were reinstated and 8 new members

have joined and paid their 2013 dues with 2 more committed.

Hopefully we can convince the other 3 also. Games and open bar after dinner was a huge success.

Submitted by Ed Yates, Gaston Lodge Treasurer

Ivanhoe Supports Robotics Group FRC Teams 1432 & 4125

Ivanhoe Lodge No. 1 was the host of the Umatilla FIRST Robotics Competition team 4125 for the 2012 FIRST Robotics Competition season Kick Off. 23 students and 5

adults made the Lodge their home away from home along with FRC team 1432 starting Friday night so that they could all get up at 5 AM to drive to the Kick Off in Vancouver. (For a quick



video about the event go to <http://couv.com/business/robotics-future-workforce>

After several hours of speeches they were rewarded with finding

out what this year's game would be and then given their kit of parts to start planning what their robots will look like for the competition March 9 and 10 at the Memorial Coliseum. While at Kick Off, teams 4125 and 1432 were featured in a promotional video being shot by Boeing. We'll let you know when it's completed

After looking at all of the new toys, the mock up of the field, and some very informative classes, they all returned to the Ivanhoe Lodge for lunch (provided by the Knights), brainstorming, and planning. FRC Team 4125 from Umatilla is a Rookie team and will be mentored by FRC Team 1432 during the competition season and as needed for the next year.



Knight Alan LohKamp taking picture

One way team 1432 mentored team 4125 was to share their Boeing mentors for planning and strategizing. After many hours of working on the planning and scheduling and reading the four

inch thick rule book everyone went to bed so that they could get up and take the five hour ride back to Umatilla. (Boeing mentors Tim Berry and Ejvin Berry teaching Umatilla about planning and prioritizing) Thanks to the generosity of the Ivanhoe Lodge, 23 high school students got to participate in a program that will change their lives forever.



FRC Team 1432 demonstrates their robot at spring presentation

Want to help? The Umatilla team could use some more mentors and you don't have to be an engineer to be one, just be a trust worthy adult interested in helping kids. If you're interested contact Knight Alan LohKamp, Ivanhoe Lodge (alohkamp@q.com) There are teams all over the state and most of them could use help with something. The Umatilla team gratefully left a Thank You card and compliments on the meals provided. **Thanks Knights!**

Submitted by Rebecca LohKamp



FRC team 1432 members Thomas, Duncan, and Hadrian

Glencoe Lodge ~ Support our Troops, a success story



For many years Glencoe Lodge #22 has been supporting the support our troop's banner in our local Garlic Parade each year. Last fall it

was discussed that we as an organization can do more. Kevin Hardwick stepped up and volunteered to organize much of it. He had 2 sons in the military and one of which is still deployed in Afghanistan. He started out with a set day of April 21 as the official Support Our Troops Day.

Articles appeared in *The Oregonian*, *Hillsboro Argus*, *Beacon*, and in our city's water bill. The timing of the articles was just in time to remind everyone of the event. He also started a separate non-profit account for this. This was so that we could be sure all the funds that we collected go to this event, 100 Percent. No co-mingling of lodge funds. Corkye Funk provided 5 plastic donation barrels that we set out around town and at our hall.



The weather was perfect, with blue skies and bright sunshine for the event. Two Knights from Glencoe Lodge, Roger, and Arvin provided hamburgers and hot dogs to serve from 10AM to 2PM. These

were free and given away to everyone. Of course, there was a donation bucket as well. One Knight, Andy, did all the cooking for the event, a solid 4 hours in the hot sun. All the food was very good with another Knight, Jim, providing a meaty, Coney Island sauce for the hot dogs. We must have had about 15 Knights with our black Pythian shirts at any given time, standing out front drawing in local residents. Just this alone brought in almost 6 hundred dollars (\$600) cash donations.

Jana Hardwick, daughter-in-law of Kevin Hardwick, thought of and organized a Support Our Troops bake sale. Her husband



Jamie, Jana, Kevin and Uncle Jamie—the Hardwick clan. Jana is holding a picture of Levi.

Levi Hardwick is currently serving in Afghanistan. She put together a whole table of different baked items. Her jar collected almost another 650 dollars. Brother Knights

Kevin Surratt and Corkye Funk organized a Texas hold-em tournament that started at 6PM that night. It went very well and brought in several hundreds of dollars more. A great time was had by all that attended.



Westside Quilters Guild ladies organizing the boxes

When we started this we had 20 mailing boxes with expectation that it would be great to fill them all up. We ended up with so many donations that we had to get more boxes from the local post office and then had to send a Knight into Hillsboro to get even more. The West Side Quilters Guild filled the

boxes and taped them up. They use our hall for their quilting works as they are a non-profit. To our surprise we filled 80 boxes by the end of the day. Glencoe Lodge has committed to this being a yearlong project. As long as we have troops overseas protecting our country we will be there for them, to let them know that **yes we do care**. Protect us, keep safe and come home soon.

Faternally submitted,
Mike Harnes, Glencoe Lodge #22

Hillsboro Pythians Activities

Family Fun Nights & Relay for Life Fundraisers ~ Normally the Hillsboro Pythians take turns between Relay for Life Fundraisers and Family Fun Nights on our "1st Saturday of the month" events. Since Hillsboro's Relay for Life event is scheduled for the weekend of June 23-24, Hillsboro Pythians have focused solely on Relay for Life fundraiser dinners for the past few months. Whenever we hold a fundraiser dinner we raise approximately \$200 so the money is adding up for this great cause. In July, after the 2012 Relay event is over, we'll shift back to hosting "family fun nights" again—with movies, table games and snacks. ALL Pythians, friends and family are welcome to attend. Please join us in the food, fun and fellowship whenever you can!



children got to play kazoos and other instruments and dance in the aisles. The next symphony event won't be until November. If you'd like to join us, please contact either Judy Murchison or Don Lacy.

Other Social Times ~ In May we attended Hillsboro Symphony as a group. The theme was "Clowning Around" and it was lots of fun. The Rose City Clowns were there in their costumes—entertaining the crowd before the performance and during breaks. During one of the songs the

Phoenicia-Rose Temple ~ This year we reviewed our records on Pythian Service and recognized several Sisters who have been members for more than 25 years. At the District Convention 40-Year Service Pins were awarded to Irene Clink, (42 years) Kathlene Lacy Henry (42 years), Maureen Murphy (40 years) and Shelley Corby (40 years); and Betty Alexander was presented with her Life Membership Certificate.

Phoenix Lodge Knights Long-Range Planning Project ~ Catching up deferred maintenance and updating the building has taken a back seat to other projects, however the Knights are hoping to get this back on track now that the weather has improved. The plan is to make the Hillsboro Pythian Hall a better place for Pythian members and our community.

Rose City Nomads ~ We meet once each month for our traditional Nomad meetings and catch up on "Hillsboro Pythians" activities of our Knights, Sisters and Nomads so we can discuss upcoming projects and social events. This helps us keep everyone informed and keep our plans moving forward.



Southern Oregon Updates

January 3, 2012 Stevyn Engle of Talisman Lodge passed away due to an automobile accident. Stevyn was 22 years old. Stevyn will be sorely missed in our lodge; he had many ideas to improve our membership. Stevyn was active in Talisman Lodge, River Valley Community Church and our community. Stevyn volunteered after hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and in Los Angeles with disaster relief after the fires. Stevyn was a remarkable young man whose short life touched many people. Condolences may be sent to his family at www.stephenfc.com.

Member Jay Atkins while attending college in Texas was in a motorcycle accident in November. Jay had surgery to place a rod in a broken leg and surgery in his left hand immediately after the accident. In January, Jay had to undergo another surgery to his leg due to a staph infection. Jay is currently on daily intravenous antibiotics in hope of saving his leg. Jay is upbeat and plans to move back to Grants Pass next year after graduation with a Degree in Nutrition.

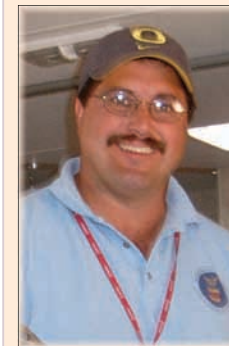
The Sisters of Thermopylae Temple #37 are looking forward to the Grand Chief's visit February 19th. There will be a joint installation of officers with Helmetta Temple following a luncheon. Everyone is invited to come join us in welcoming the Grand Chief to Southern Oregon.

Article submitted by Julie Lozano, SR

Editor's Note:

Subsequent to receiving Julie's article we received word that Brother Bruce Stevens suffered a stroke while undergoing an angiogram procedure and is dealing with some paralysis on one side. Since Ann and C.W. Ross are good friends of the Stevens' family, Ann travelled to Grants Pass to provide moral support for Marilyn and Bruce—and Ann wound up in the hospital due to the exertion and stress of the trip. Cards and prayers would be appreciated for all concerned.

ROLLIN SCHIMMEL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION PROMOTES HIGHER EDUCATION



The Knights of Pythias has helped greatly with the (RSMWF) Rollin Schimmel Memorial Wrestling Foundation in providing scholarships for young wrestlers. We have been providing Scholarships to graduating seniors for six years now. One of the Foundation's main goals is to help and inspire graduating seniors to go to college or trade school. We have never had more than 4 seniors looking to go to higher education and we made it a goal to help each and every one with a \$500 scholarship. Last year's class had nine seniors and eight of them were looking for education beyond high school. Thanks to the KP's help along with others, we were able to help each of them. We would like to think that the Foundation's scholarship program is inspiring more and more kids to consider education in reaching their goals after high school.

The Foundation is also helping our youth wrestling program by helping pay for wrestling camps for kids in the summer

time. We provide \$80 - \$100 scholarships for tuition costs, for 5-12 kids each summer. Recently, our junior high program was in need of a new wrestling mat for their wrestling program. On behalf of the Pendleton Wrestling Club, our Foundation helped organize a steak feed fundraiser with the Pendleton Knights of Pythias. The steak feed raised around \$2,000 for the new mat. In addition to raising the money, it was a great time for all who attended. Many of the H.S. wrestlers helped with serving and cleaning and got to meet and visit with our Knights members. Everyone had a great time as well as dinner.

Our Foundation strongly believes in the benefits that wrestling can teach a young boy or girl; like, setting goals, working hard, determination and satisfaction of achievement. If along the way; we can expose them to the benefits of the Knights of Pythias, these kids might remember to be a friend and to help their fellow man in need as they are reaching their life goals.

Thank You,
Travis Hancock
President – RSMWF

FAMILY NIGHT AT DAMON LODGE—ANTARCTICA!

Family night presentation on Antarctica produced a full house at Pendleton's Damon Lodge on March 19th.

Debbie MacIntosh took a photographer's tour to take pictures of the penguins and all the sites of the South end of the world. A slide presentation and talk kept everyone amazed as she related her experiences and highlights to the audience.

We have a Family night activity on the third Monday of each month and invite the general public. We are working to make the lodge meet the needs of our families while promoting the Knights to our community. Topics of our the last two months have been producing sculpture and casting bronze and photography and how to take good pictures.

Can't wait to see what next month brings!

Article and Photo Submitted by:
Bill Peal, PGC



Debbie MacIntosh presents Antarctica slideshow at Damon Lodge family night.