



News for and About Oregon Pythians

# Oregon Pythian News

## Pythian Logos Memorialize Pythian Principles



The logo of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias contains the letters F, C and B in recognition of the guiding principles of our Fraternal Order.

**F** denotes the principle of **Friendship** of the bond between men of good faith and confidence in others for community services.

**C** denotes the principle of **Charity**, the forgiveness of errors and shortcomings of others

**B** denotes the principle **Benevolence**, the support of others and community in our daily lives and activities.



The logo of the Pythian Sisters organization contains the letters P, L, E and F. They represent the four guiding principles of the Organization.

**P** represents the principle of **Purity**. It is our highest quality and comes from Heaven and the spiritual world.

**L** represents the principle of **Love**. It is the strongest of the emotions and the basis of all virtues. Love diminishes anger, hatred, resentment, injustice and oppression. Under its influence, we express sympathetic kindness to others.

**E** represents the principle of **Equality**, the guardian of human rights. It influences how we treat others and all that we do. Treating others as we would like to be treated, as equals, promotes harmony.

**F** represents the principle of **Fidelity**. In Pythianism, Fidelity speaks to our relationship with nature and all of the creations in our world. We have a duty to be respectful and remain faithful to our place in the Universe.

# Grand Chancellor Bill's Message



## I Believe it is True, Membership Means More!

Good Morning Brothers and Sister Pythians where ever you may be. It is Valentine's Day and I wish to express my heart-felt greetings and hope that your heart is warmed with love and appreciation.

I am receiving updates from the subordinate lodges in Oregon and I am encouraged with the progress that you are making, and the programs that are being promoted by your lodges.

A changing of the guard with new officers and the continued efforts to reach out to our communities and recruit new membership is sure to build a stronger Pythian Order. Thank you for your positive attitude and for working your plan.

I have taken a new challenge with my ski employment and now can be found at Ski Bluewood just out of Dayton, Washington. I am working as the mountain photographer as well as leading the Senior Ski Program and teaching a lot of private ski lessons. I also teach clinics to the level one ski instructors to get them ready for their certification testing. Oh, what fun I am having!

I would like to pass on some M&M's to you this time. Yes, **Membership Means More!** Working with all of your members in promoting new activities to involve members who are not so active, and of course, asking new people to become Pythians. **I carry membership applications above my visor in my car** and when I meet a prospect I am able to share an application when I make the invitation to come visit our lodge. It is you who can make a difference in Growing The Order. Invite and then follow through with an offer to meet your prospective member or even pick them up and take them to a Pythian meeting. Introduce and promote your friend. It pays to be a positive influence in your new member effort and other members will take your example when encouraged to do so. Our lodges are only as strong as our membership, so please help us **Grow The Order**.

**Then you will be Growing the Order -  
Through Membership Involvement!**

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## Grand Chief Maureen's Message



I would like to thank everyone one for all your love, kind words, support and hugs after the passing of my brother John. Thank you Darrell for the kind words you gave us about our dear brother John at the service. You did a wonderful job. John will be truly missed.

I would like to thank all of you for the honor of serving as your Grand Chief. I have made my first official visit to Herculena Temple #27. It was fun and it was so neat to have my sisters Kathlene and Shelley and my dad come with me. Thanks to all my Herculena Sisters for all the courtesies.

Pythianism has been a part of my life as long as I can remember. First as a Sunshine Girl, with all the family get-togethers and then as a Pythian Sister. I think that we need to implement the new ideas of our new members to challenge their ambition. Think of how it would make you feel to have your ideas accepted and tried. Ask your members for new ideas and then implement them in your plans. Their

new ides will keep them involved, motivated and coming to our functions. Use the talents and strength of all your members so they feel they are important and of value. Work to retain our present members. Work to bring back inactive members and recruit new members. In helping, caring for and loving our fellow man we can make a difference in people's lives. Remember that the joy of caring and sharing will enrich our lives and make us better and stronger Pythians.

We live in a much busier time now than when I was growing up. Our society is so much different now. When I was growing up we didn't have cell phones, X-boxes, Nintendos, Wiis, game cubes, My-Space, texting, Skyping, Amazon.com, Craig's list, laptops (traveling computers) or so many more modern technologies. I took a class in high school where we had to make a punch card to talk to the computer. The list for technology goes on and on. Technology is great but it has it downfalls as far as people getting together and talking one on one in person. I think that has made a difference in the fraternal orders. We need to find something to keep the younger members interested. They are very busy and they want to know that they are doing something worthwhile and that they are making a difference in people's lives. Let's use the Knights' principles of charity, benevolence and the Pythian Sisters principles of love and equality to all. John F. Kennedy said in one of his speeches "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." As Pythians, ask not what your community can do for you — ask what you can do for your community and fellowmen.

Let us think seriously how we can sympathize with those in sorrow, support the struggling heart and comfort those who are sick. "To consecrate ourselves to the service of humanity" and "Let's lift our fellowmen to a higher plane" are two of the Sister's fundamental beliefs.

I have been given wonderful things to raffle for my Grand Chief's project. Thank you for your generous donations. My Grand Chief's project is Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department.

Our District convention is in Hillsboro on May 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see many of my Sisters and Brothers there. Everybody take care of yourselves and think of how we can get new members.

Love you all,

Maureen

### Love Lives On

*Those we love remain with us  
For love itself lives on, and  
Cherished memories never fade  
Because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
More than a thought apart,  
For as long as there is memory,  
They'll live on in the heart.*

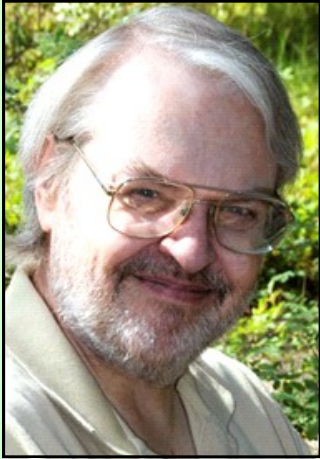
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Grand Chief Maureen with father Don Lacy and sister Shelley Corby displaying donated gifts at Herculena Temple for Grand Chief's Project .



## Grand Lodge of Oregon Instituted November 8, 1881



**Mark Erickson**  
**Grand Historian**

The Grand Chancellor has asked me to be the Grand Historian, and to that end, I have appropriated a copy of *Pythian History* by William Kennedy. The following is an excerpt from the book concerning the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

On November 8, 1881, the Grand Lodge was instituted – There were then but 9 lodges with 419 members in Oregon. By the end of 1882, 5 Lodges had been added, with 776 members. Nine more Lodges came in 1883 and the membership doubled. By that time, to a certain extent, expansion had been pressed to the limit, and most of the places where success might reasonably be assured, were occupied. Then, it stood still until 1890, when it rose to 32

Lodges, with 1,901 members. During the next year, 15 Lodges were added and the roster of membership increased to 2,753, rising in 1894 to 3,317, when, for 4 years it remained stationary. Again, it moved forward steadily,

until, at the end of 1902, it had 76 Lodges with a membership of 4,963. But these results were not attained by sitting still – they were the footings that told of earnest, hard work and conscientious labor by at least several of the Pythian executives in that Domain, who gave freely of their time and means to the up-building of the Order and laying broad and deep its foundations. It meant work and intelligent effort – work of which those in the more populous and favored Domains know but little.

This excerpt from *Pythian History* – Oregon published in 1904 shows how we had dramatic growth in this Domain at the start of our history; Growth that even astonished those in more populous areas of the Supreme Domain. We should be proud of the work done by our ancestors, but even more we should be thinking that we could do just as well as them. Wouldn't it be wonderful again to have 76 Lodges and 5,000 members? Why are we so selfish to keep this Order to ourselves and not invite others to partake of the wonderful friendships found within?

Grand Historian

Mark Erickson

## 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.

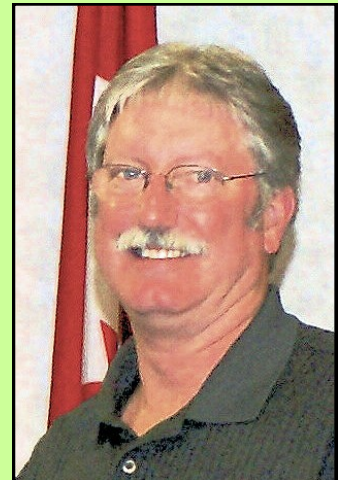
Just one more reminder for all is that I have a full time job during the day and a second part time job in the evening so my time is not always my own. I have been getting some phone calls left on the answering machine but at times forget to check it. If I do not call you back, please feel free to call 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.

Faternally,

Mike Harmes  
Grand Secretary



## Notes from Grand Secretary Shelley

As of this writing (Feb 10) we have one Temple, which has sent in their Annual Report. Congratulations to Thermopylae #37 who mailed in their report first, I received it in January and 3 more in February. Now we need the other 2 Temples to report back, so hopefully by the time this OPN is published, all reports will be in my office. The due date of February 20<sup>th</sup> will be passed by then. Hopefully every Temple remembers to include their complete membership names and addresses too. This is required by Supreme Temple for their records.

Our District Convention is coming up in May. It will be held in Hillsboro and will be hosted by Fern Temple #46 from Yamhill with Ann Myers, PSR as DDGC. We look forward to meeting our Sisters from all over the state, especially those who can't attend the Grand Temple in October.

Since the last OPN was published we have lost two Past Grand Officers. My brother John Lacy, PSR passed away suddenly on December 1. We all miss him very much. Thank you Sisters and Brothers for your cards flowers and condolences. On January 8<sup>th</sup> Sandy Ryan, PGC passed away after an extended illness. She served as Grand Chief just 2 years ago. Sandy was a member of Thermopylae Temple #37.

I have been traveling with my sister Grand Chief Maureen to her official visits. Kathlene, Dad and I went with her to Walla-Walla in November to

visit Herculena Temple #27. We had a wonderful time. She had 2 visits in February and has 3 visits scheduled in March. We are having lots of fun preparing for and traveling to each visit.

I will post the list of new Secretaries and MECs in the next OPN, by then I will have all of the Annual reports back and will have completed the Grand Temple Annual report which is due April 1, 2011 to the Supreme Secretary.

In PLE&F,  
Shelley



February 27th update: All 6 Temple Annual Reports are in now! Thank you, Sisters for getting these in to me on time so I can get Oregon's report to the Supreme Secretary on time!

## Willamette Temple Hosts Grand Chief Maureen

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Willamette Temple held their Grand Chief's Official Visit at the home of Bernice Balschweid. Bernice and Linda Rosenbalm had the books ready for Grand Chief Maureen when she and her entourage arrived in Dallas at 2pm. The Sisters visited while enjoying coffee and homemade cookies. At 4:00 they with a beautiful yellow rose corsage with special greenery, a donation towards Grand Chief's Project Doernbecher's Child Life Department and a gift of



Grand Chief Maureen and Past Grand Chief Bernice Balschweid

a hummingbird solar decorator light globe. GC Maureen in turn presented MEC Cheryl Bergman, PSR with a gift of a wooden jewel box with a silver angel inside. GC Maureen told the Sisters of her project, her desires for us to find ways to encourage younger members to be more appreciated and praised the Sisters for the good work that they're doing in their community. After the meeting concluded everyone went to Washington Grill for an enjoyable meal and social time.



Grand Chief Maureen and MEC, PSR Cheryl Bergman



## Grand Chief Maureen and Officers Visit Phoenicia-Rose Temple

The Sisters of Phoenicia-Rose Temple were pleased to host the official visit of Grand Chief Maureen on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. The evening began with a Valentine's Dinner for Hillsboro's Knights and Sisters. In addition to our own members, Grand Senior Beverly Cox joined us for the evening's celebrations.

During the meeting, Grand Chief Maureen was presented at the altar where she was given a corsage of pretty blue roses, a check for her Grand Chief's Project and a personal gift. She talked with the Sisters about her project, about her long association with the Pythian Order

where she started as a Pythian Sunshine Girl, and her hope that we can make our younger members feel more involved by adopting their ideas. She encouraged everyone to attend upcoming events and listed off the dates and times of the rest of her GC official visits, the District Convention and Oregon Grand.

After the meeting had concluded, the Sisters retired to the dining room where they saw the beautiful cake decorated with red and yellow roses in honor of our Grand Chief Maureen. The ladies enjoyed each other's company while having dessert, coffee and tea.



Grand Temple Officers left to right: Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary; Barbara Christopher, Grand Musician; Donna Johnson, Grand Press Correspondent; Beverly Cox, Grand Senior; Maureen Murphy, Grand Chief; Leatha Tyra, Grand Manager.

## Scholarships Available ~ Get Your Application In NOW!!

### To all Lodges and Temples in the State of Oregon:

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF) is happy to announce that it will be awarding scholarships for the 2011/2012 school year. [Apply now! Scholarship applications are due by April 15th, 2011.](#)

Eligible applicants include any Oregon Pythian member in good standing, their children, grandchildren, or relatives of a deceased Oregon Pythian who was in good standing at the time of their passing.

A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required to apply, as well as to receive, any scholarship money. So, keep those grades up and apply now!

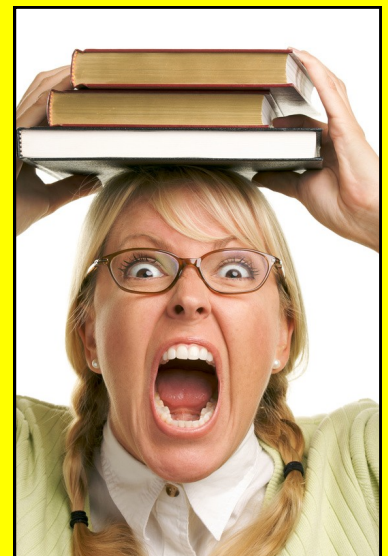
Sincerely,

Sarah Owens, Secretary

### OPCEF Officers:

- John Murchison, Chair
- Vesta Poteete, Vice Chair
- Sarah Owens, Secretary
- Eric Howden, Treasurer
- Ed Yates, Director
- Stan Shope, Director

*Editor's Note: Your Lodge or Temple should have received application for scholarship applications. Please contact them. If they have not you can contact OPCEF Secretary Sarah Owens at 503-913-0631.*



## Glencoe Lodge Continues Community Service

Our lodge is planning a **Bingo fundraising event scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup> to benefit the senior center in North Plains.** We are hoping to use this event as a learning tool for raising additional funds for the North Plains Parent Teachers Organization's computer purchase program.



keeping the activities fun for all who participate! We know that these events may take several years before they produce any significant funds, but we are determined to make a difference.

Glencoe Lodge is reaching out to the community for service opportunities and giving support to youth.

Our fundraising committee was formed in January consisting of Roger Newton, Kevin Hardwick, Michael Basile, David Hatcher and myself. As you know, our main fundraising event is the beer sales at the **annual Garlic Festival**, but we are determined to come up with new ideas that will involve the community as well as benefit those around us.



We are in the early stages of planning a **Mayor's Ball** to be held this fall or winter. As we brainstorm for additional fundraising events we are focusing on



Corkye Funk  
Glencoe Lodge—North Plains

## OPN Boosters—Much Appreciated!

OPN BOOSTER LIST											
Name	M	Y	Name	M	Y	Name	M	Y	Name	M	Y
Betty Alexander	10	11	Edward Friday (SC)	10	10	Sharon Johnson	10	11	Ann Ross	10	11
Chris Anderson	10	12	Farrel Fuerst	10	11	Naomi Kihn	1	13	Carlene Saria (CA)	2	11
George Baldwin	2	11	Jerry Girard	2	11	Arlene Kimball	10	11	Bruce Stevens	10	10
Tanya Bancroft	10	11	Jacque Girard	10	11	Don Lacy	10	12	Marilyn Stevens	10	11
Glynnyce Buxton	10	11	JoAnn Gotcher (CA)	10	12	Maureen Murpy	10	11	Carolyn Swanson	10	11
Georgia Jean Byrd (FL)	10	10	Margaret Grochocki	8	11	Doug Neville	9	11	Richard Swartout	10	10
Irene Clink	10	12	Michael Harmes	10	10	Lola Nichols	10	13	Pauline Terry	10	12
Audrey & Lee Compton (MO)	8	11	Helmet Lodge	2	15	Sarah Owens	10	11	Hazel Thornton	9	10
Don Corby	2	11	Darrell Henry	10	11	Kaye Pomerleau	10	14	Marv Wilson (BC)	3	11
Shelley Corby	10	10	Kathlene Lacy Henry	12	11	Vesta Poteete	10	11	Ed Yates	10	11
Beverly Cox	10	11	Florence Heriford	4	12	Rosenna Powell	1	11	Donna Zinchuck (CA)	10	13
Jerry Deitch	10	10	Carol Jenkins	10	11	Linda Reyburn	10	11	Wapato Showdown	10	16
Joel Fierstien (NJ)	10	11	Donna Johnson	2	15	Fay Robinson	10	11			

The OPN's Business Managers appreciate the financial support provided by our OPN Boosters! It helps keep the coffers filled so that we can print and mail paper copies of the OPN to you! We want to keep your OPN newsletter as good as it can be!

As you can see, our OPN Booster list has become a bit stale! We had planned to publish the list in the Fall issue, however it was cut at the last minute due to space limitations. We would appreciate your assistance in getting the OPN Booster list brought up to date! If the date by your name has gone stale, please consider sending in a Booster contribution now!

Several years ago, at Oregon Grand Convention, our Knights took a progressive step and voted to pay their full share of OPN expense through their membership dues. Given that, we don't expect Oregon Knights to donate "extra" funds for the OPN by being a Booster —however for those Knights who are OPN Boosters we say a BIG THANK YOU! For the rest of you, if you appreciate the OPN and wish to help defray the expenses of printing and postage, please mail your OPN Booster fee of \$8 payable to Oregon Grand Lodge—to Grand Secretary Mike Harmes at: PO Box 443, North Plains OR 97133-0443.

PS—If you're willing to get your copy of the OPN by email, please let Darrell or Kathlene know so we can help keep the costs down!

## Oregon Pythian Volunteers



**Betty Alexander** has accrued over 6,000 volunteer hours at Tuality Hospital's Gift Shop since retiring from US Bank in 1992 – almost 19 years. She is a Past President of Tualatin Hospital's Auxiliary. She chairs the hospital's Christmas Bazaar in November and does calling to arrange for volunteers for the hospital's fundraising sales. She also volunteers at Red Cross blood drives when they're held at the hospital. In addition, Betty makes donations to a local food bank, and helps people in her mobile court and her church with meals and rides to the doctor.



**Beverly Cox** collects clothes and school supplies from garage sales for kids in the foster system who come to school without much when they are moved from home to home. She also works as a teacher for Head Start.



**Alan Lohkamp** a member of Ivanhoe Lodge spends approximately 750 hours working with a youth group involved in a NASA MIT International robotics competition known as FIRST Robotics Competition ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)). In addition he delivers about 400 pound of surplus bread to the Reedwood Friends Church' soup kitchen every Wednesday totaling 100 hours per year. Also 100 hours annually to Boy Scouts..



**Jan Van De Walle** has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 270 organization for 30 years. She recently stepped down from Committee Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, jobs she held for the last 20 years.

She also works with the FFA Alumni group who raise money for the FFA kids to travel to contests, National Conventions and other events. They also put on a Dinner Auction every fall for their main fund raiser.



**Farrel Fuerst** is a member of the Yamhill Historical Society. She spends several days every week sorting and filing paperwork that comes into the museum, helping people looking for records and news of ancestors. Helping to catalog donations and just keeping the doors open for folks to visit the collection



**Ann Myers** works the for Shriners Hospital making gifts for the gift shop that helps support the hospital. She has also sewn for the hospital for years.

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**Doris Adams** works at the Shriners Hospital making gifts for the gift shop that helps support the hospital.

She and Ann Myers also put on the monthly birthday parties for the children at the hospital.



**Rosenna Powell** spent several years tutoring children in the Yamhill school system





**Glennyce Buxton** volunteers at the Veterans Hospital. She also cooks dinners for the sick and house bound members of her church and community.



**Janette Black** teaches a young girls' Sunday class and takes meals to members of her church and helps the Women's Shelter in Walla-Walla.



**Alta Amon** drives persons who don't have any transportation to doctor appointments, picks up groceries and other shopping at least once a week. She is also a charter member of Grandmother's Roundtable. That is a group that has public forums on community problems. One of their missions is to "Bring the Community into Unity".



**Dorothy Hinton** helps with the Junior Show, a youth horse riding program 2 hours per week and 1 week out of the year spends about 50 hours during the show presentation. She also helps cook a Rotary lunch one month each year, teaches classes for the Oregon Home Extension each month, helps set up communion and dinners at her church.



**Harriett Johnson** prepares and serves meals at her church once a month.



**Vesta Poteete** helps teach children of her church in AWANA and takes meals to church members and her neighbors when needed. She also helps the Women's Shelter.



**Linda Reyburn** helps with funeral dinners and receptions at her church and helps the Women's Shelter in Walla-Walla.



**Carolyn Swanson** takes meals to church members as needed. She is cooking and cleaning for a person who recently had surgery. She also helps the Women's Shelter in Walla-Walla.

There are more! Send us your list of Community Service heroes!  
Watch for them in the June issue of the OPN!

## Hillsboro Pythians Activities

### Family Fun Nights & Relay for Life Fundraisers

~ We've dedicated the "1<sup>st</sup> Saturday" of each month to hosting events at our hall. Every other month will be a fundraiser dinner for Relay for Life, in which several of our members are involved as volunteers. We raised almost \$200 at our February 5<sup>th</sup> All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner and Bingo party. **Please join us for our April 2<sup>nd</sup> fundraiser dinner to help us raise even more!** On "1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays" in between these fundraisers we're hosting "family fun nights" 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!



**Other Social Times** ~ In December we hosted a Holiday Dinner for our members. It was well-attended and everyone enjoyed the great food, decorations and music. We also attended Hillsboro Symphony as a group in December and March and, of course, we met for food and fellowship after those two events too! **The next Hillsboro**

**Symphony event is Friday, May 13th.** If you'd like to join us, please contact either Judy Murchison or Don Lacy.

**Rose City Nomads** ~ Since both men and women can belong to the Nomads, this little group has become the medium for all 3 of our Hillsboro Pythian groups to meet and improve their communication. In addition to traditional Nomad meetings, 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays are a time and place where "Hillsboro Pythians" Knights, Sisters and Nomads can discuss upcoming projects and social events to keep everyone informed and keep the planning moving forward. A few members of Rose City are now making plans to attend Imperial Convention in August.



**Phoenicia-Rose Temple** ~ Last fall we were busy with preparations for Grand Convention and installation of our own Sister Maureen Murphy as Grand Chief. In January we did some "sprucing up" to get ready for our Valentine's Dinner for our Knights and Sisters which was on the same evening as our Grand Chief's visit. Next comes **District Convention on May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Looking forward to seeing all of you there!



**New Long-Range Planning Project** ~ Under leadership of Darrell Henry, CC, Phoenix Knights have undertaken a new long-range planning project – catching up deferred maintenance and updating the building. Their hope is to make the Hillsboro Pythian Hall a better place for Pythian members and

our community. First will come much-needed repairs to the roof. Later, as time and funds permit, will come updates to the kitchen, dining room, entry and main hall. Because this project is so large and has so many aspects to it, several Knights who had not been active in awhile were asked to take part with the research needed. The Knights have had several meetings over the past 2 months toward making this project come to fruition.

**Phoenix Lodge Knights** purchased, delivered and helped with setting up storage shelving for the Robotics group at Ivanhoe lodge. This shelving gives the group storage access which will help get their parts and supplies off the floor thereby making things more efficient and safer.



Darrell Henry, Alan Lohkamp, Chase Foreman and Chris Lohkamp assembling shelving.

## Fern Temple Hosts Grand Chief Maureen



Fern Temple Sisters and guests at Trask Mountain Outpost

On Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, Fern Temple Pythian Sisters started their Grand Chief's visit with a luncheon at Trask Mountain Outpost in Yamhill. Following that the Sisters travelled to the home of Glennyce Buxton where they held their meeting.

MEC Farrel Fuerst presented GC Maureen the Temple's gift of Valentines' box of chocolates and a check for her Grand Chief's Project. GC Maureen gave MEC Farrel a pretty wooden jewelry box with flowers in the cover's design. Grand Chief Maureen told them about her long life of Pythianism, her love of children and her project, Doernbecher's ChildLife Program.

She encouraged Fern Temple Sisters to view, and buy tickets for, the many gifts which our members across the state have donated for that fundraiser.

She encouraged everyone to attend the remaining GC official visits, District Convention on May 7<sup>th</sup> and our Grand Convention on October 14-16 at the beach. After the meeting was over, the Sisters enjoyed peach and cherry pie which was homemade by Sister Glennyce.



Farrel Fuerst, MEC and Grand Chief Maureen exchange gifts.



## Ivanhoe Supports Robotics Group FRC Team 1432

Ivanhoe Lodge # 1, Portland, Oregon has really stepped up and made a difference in the community and the lives of a dozen low income kids. Portland Public schools allowed a principal to kick out a non-profit group that had been working with students for the last 7 years from Franklin High School. The group had been helping kids in trouble to complete high school and get scholarships for college. Upon hearing of their plight the good Knights of Ivanhoe Lodge stepped up and offered the use of the downstairs of their Lodge building.

The kids have moved three rooms full of stuff into the downstairs and are meeting nightly to design, build, and program this year's robot for the NASA/MIT international robotics competition known as FIRST Robotics Competition ([www.usfirst.org](http://www.usfirst.org)). The regional competition will be held March 26 at the Memorial Coliseum. Come by and see what they accomplish, and give them a shout as they compete against the 60 international teams coming to the competition. There will be teams from Mexico and Turkey. Come by and say "Hi."

FRC Team 1432 is very grateful to the Knights of Pythias for a base to work from. Without their help the program would have had to fold and the kids wouldn't have been able to participate and no longer be eligible for the \$14 million in scholarships FIRST is offering to participants. For most of the kids on this team this is their only hope of getting to go to college. The Knights have also graciously made their kitchen available for the team to use which has been very advantageous for the team as they feed the students at every meeting and a kitchen has been a God send to keep the cost of feeding the team down. 75% of the students on this team are on Free or Reduced lunch program so meals are absolutely necessary.

Despite their own troubles, FRC Team 1432 has been helping the Salvation Army of Gresham, Oregon to start a brand new FRC team. After Kick Off the new team came back to the Ivanhoe Lodge to brainstorm about this year's competition. They are also seeing interest from local youth living around the lodge so even more students in need will have an opportunity to participate in this very beneficial program.

**Go Knights! You are touching and changing lives and communities.**

Submitted by Rebecca LohKamp



Sophomore Thomas Hubel, senior programmer and Governor Kitzhaber shaking hands at a recent robotics event.



Note Pythian banners displayed with robot at recent regional FIRST Robotics Competition.

## Phoenix Helps Robotics FRC Team 1432 Too!

When the Knights of Phoenix Lodge heard that the Franklin High's Robotics Team had moved their equipment and projects to the downstairs portion of Ivanhoe's Lodge Hall, they went over for a visit. They found the students busily working on their projects—with all of their items spread across the floor! The Knights asked the FRC Team members if racks of shelves would help them to be more organized and efficient. The answer was a resounding "YES!" That led Phoenix Knights to purchase 3 sets of 5-level shelving units and delivered them

to the students at the Ivanhoe lodge hall in Portland. In the picture to the left, On behalf of Knights Darrell Henry and Don Lacy picked up the shelving at Home Depot, delivered it to Portland and helped assemble it.



***Editor's Note: If you're eligible, don't forget to ask for your military discount at both Lowe's and Home Depot. We got 10% off the cost of this project thanks to that discount!***



## ANOTHER 90TH BIRTHDAY!!!!



Kaye Holmes, Past Grand Guard with daughter Cheryl Bergman, PSR.

KAYE HOLMES was guest of honor at a family dinner January 22, 2011 at Marion Estates in Sublimity, Oregon. The dinner was hosted by her son Rod Rhoades, daughter Cheryl Bergman and Donna Lounsberry. Several ladies from Eugene also attended. All present gave Kaye a red rose, forming a lovely bouquet. Kaye is a lifetime member of Helmetta and Willamette Temples. She has many years of serving the Pythian Order in Helmetta Temple as a faithful worker in all the chairs and as Past Grand Guard.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, KAYE!!!!**



## Upcoming Pythian Events



Time has a way of getting past us if we don't make some plans! Here are the dates of some Pythian events that we're aware of in case you want to put them on your calendars. The page numbers after each event below make reference articles in this OPN issue where you can find more information about these events.

**April 2**—Hillsboro Pythians' Relay for Life Fundraiser Dinner (page 10)

**April 30**—Glencoe Lodge Fundraiser for N.P. Senior Center (page 7)

**May 7**—Pythian Sisters' District Convention—Hillsboro Pythian Hall  
Registration 9-10am; Meeting starts at 10am

**May 13**—Hillsboro Symphony and after-event social (page 10)

**July 22-23** — Pythian Fun Weekend (back page)

**August**—North Plains Garlic Festival (contact Corkye Funk or Mike Harmes for details)

**August**—Wapato Car Showdown (contact Gaston Knights for details)

**October 14-16**—Oregon Grand Convention in Newport, OR

Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the next issue!

## Southern Oregon Pythians Support Sustainability

Julie Lozano of Thermopylae Temple has been taking classes on Sustainability at her local college. Given the importance of protecting our environment in our communities and for our survival in general, the Southern Oregon Pythians make their Pythian Hall available for students to work on their sustainability projects.

On March 6th, after the Grand Chief's official visit to Thermopylae Temple, there was a workshop in the dining room where we could view Julie and other students at work on their projects.

Pictured to right are PSR Julie Lozano and 2 students making new items from recycled products.



## Eagle Scout Clark Huey Recognized by Phoenix Lodge



Phoenix Brother Knights celebrated the presentation of another Supreme Lodge Eagle Scout Award with a dinner and award ceremony at Hillsboro's Pythian Hall. This year's recipient is Clark Huey. Clark's Eagle Scout project involved designing and building a paver block path between two church buildings and removing a shed at the Buddhist Temple in Southeast Portland.

Clark chose this project because he felt it would improve the lives of members of the church. The garden shed on the church property had become a haven for homeless people who endangered themselves when they tried to keep warm in the shed. Clark noticed a dirt pathway which could be improved and save church ladies from the potential of a fall on the slippery path. Clark's report was very interesting and comprehensive. Good job, Clark!

Thanks to Charlie Van Domelen for arranging this presentation.



## Phoenix Lodge Supports Knight Cameron Heckenlaible's Army Medical Corps Unit in Afghanistan

Brother Cameron Heckenlaible, whom the Pythians first met when the lodge decided to help him with his Eagle Scout project at Tucker-Maxon School for the Deaf, is now serving his military duty with the Army Medical Corps in Afghanistan. His current duty is at the Camp Bastion Role III, Medical Hospital.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, Brothers Charlie VanDomelen and John Lacy of Phoenix Lodge headed up an effort to provide Cameron's unit with Christmas stockings stuffed with small items that everyone could use. The stockings contained toothbrushes, facial tissue, chap stick, large bag of hard candy, and fruit candy. In all they supplied 82 stockings to the Army unit.

In a show of appreciation Cameron's unit sent the Brothers of Phoenix Lodge an American flag with Certificate proof that the flag had been flown over their hospital on January 23, 2011.

Cameron said the members of his unit really appreciated Phoenix Lodge's effort on their behalf. He said it really wasn't the items they sent, but the gesture that the folks back home were thinking about them that meant the most to them.

Cameron is looking forward to completion of his duty and seeing everyone back home again soon!





## In Memory of Past Grand Chief Sandra Ryan



**Sandra Jeanette Ryan**  
**Past Grand Chief**  
**July 1944 ~ Jan 2011**

Sandra Jeanette Ryan was born July 1, 1944 in Medford, Oregon, the only child of Cyrus and Doris (Rose) Queen. The family settled in Bakersfield, California after World War II, and she grew up there and attended school, graduating from high school in 1962. One of her cousins from Oregon brought his Navy buddy with him to visit the family and that is how she met her husband, Cliff Ryan. They married August 3, 1963.

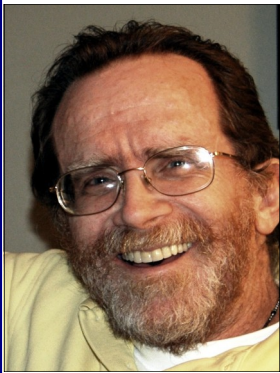
During their marriage they lived in several places. In 1965 they moved from Bakersfield to Grants Pass. They moved to Washington for a better job, then back to California, always coming back to Grants Pass where they finally settled.

They had two daughters, Christie and Michelle. Summer weekends were usually spent at the beach or a river bank where Cliff could fish and the family camped. She and Cliff divorced in 1980. She retained her love of camping and was a member of a RV group, where she was known as "Sassy." She especially enjoyed going to the "Slabs" ~ a dry dock park near San Diego for the winter. She spoke of it often.

Sandy attended church at Vineyard Christian Fellowship in Merlin. She joined Thermopylae Temple #37 October 7, 1971. She attended meetings faithfully and was an officer in this Temple for many years. She was elected and served as Grand Chief of Oregon in 2008. Her many Pythian friends knew her as a loyal, honest and faithful person.

Sandy passed away on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at the home of her daughter Michelle in Merlin, Oregon. She was buried in Sparlin Cemetery in Williams, Oregon where many of the Ryan family are buried. There were no services at the request of the family. Her daughter Christie passed away in 2010. Sandy is survived by her daughter Michelle and five grandchildren.

## In Memory of Past Supreme Representative John D Lacy



**John Douglas Lacy**  
**Past Supreme**  
**Representative**

A Celebration of Life Service was held on Monday, December 6, 2010 at 1:00 P.M. at Fuiten, Rose & Hoyt Funeral Home, 2308 Pacific Avenue in Forest Grove, Oregon, with Pastor Kas Kachmarek, officiating. A Knights of Pythias memorial service was presented by Past Grand Chancellors Mark Erickson, Jerry Girard and Mike Stone. In addition, the US Military Flag Ceremony was performed by American Legion Washington Post #2.

John Douglas Lacy was born January 25, 1958 in Medford, Oregon, the son of Donald Elmer Lacy and Viona Jeane (Haugen) Lacy. He was raised and

received his education in the communities of Central Point and Hillsboro, Oregon, having graduated from Hillsboro High School Class of 1977. Upon his high school graduation, John enlisted in the United States Navy and served as a diesel mechanic for eight years before his honorable discharge. During his service, John was able to travel much of the Pacific including Hawaii, Japan and the Philippines.

John worked in the electronics field for about 25 years. He started with Epson Portland, Inc. where he made circuit boards. He worked briefly at Tektronix and Praegitzer; then found his niche at Merix in Forest Grove, where he has been employed for many years.

He was a longtime member of the Knights of Pythias, Phoenix Lodge #34 of Hillsboro, Oregon and was active in many of their community service activities. John also served as Past Grand Chancellor and Supreme Representative for the organization. In addition, John was a member of the Kiwanis Club in Hillsboro, Oregon.

Among his special interests John enjoyed genealogy, computers, electronics and mechanics. The American Red Cross was something of importance to John. He began donating blood in high school and learned about aphaeresis in 1999. He has been volunteering at Red Cross and donating platelets twice a month since then - recently receiving his 41 gallon pin. Another favorite charity was American Cancer Society's Relay for Life where John often served as Hillsboro Pythians' Relay Team Captain. Also important was his family. John loved to spend time with his siblings, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Viona (Haugen) Lacy on February 7, 2001.

Survivors include his father, Donald Lacy, of Beaverton, Oregon; four sisters and brothers in law, Kathlene and Darrell Henry of Beaverton, Oregon; Maureen and Phillip Murphy of Forest Grove, Oregon; Shelley and Don Corby of Beaverton, Oregon and Brenda and Paul Branson of Abington, Pennsylvania. Also surviving are eight nieces and nephews.



## Editors' Message

To all Pythians and friends ~

After 20 years of printing and mailing the OPN newsletter to Oregon Pythians and our OPN Boosters, it's time for us to consider something new. It seems that we're always hearing that we need to protect our environment—and—everyone's always looking for a way to save money. One way that we can do both is to provide the OPN to our readers via electronic means—either by email or on our website..

We know that not all of our members have computers, so for those people we're willing to continue creating and mailing paper copies just like we've always done! However, for those of you who are willing to "give up" your paper copy and read it on the computer, please let me know and I'll add you to the list. When the OPN is put into PDF format for printing, I'll send you an email to let you know that it's ready for viewing!

Here's where I get to put in an unabashed plug for our Grand Secretary Mike Harmes, who went to the effort several years ago to create our [OregonPythians.org](http://OregonPythians.org) website. If you haven't checked it out, please do so, because this is a great "source" of information that all of us can use. Mike has posted both current and past copies of the OPN on this website. If you want to "advertise" any of your Pythian activities, let Mike know and he'll add them to the website too!

The next OPN is scheduled for distribution by June 1st. Your lodge, temple and member's activities are important to our membership. Please send us information, articles and photos of activities and members to arrive no later than May 14th so we can process and deliver the June issue on time.

Special thanks are due to the several who provide information about Pythian activities. All of you contributors are highly appreciated. Keep up the good work!

Kathlene and Darrell Henry  
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## Pythian Fun Weekend 2011~Baker City!

### Save the Date: July 22-23, 2011

Plan now so you can enjoy a fun weekend with other Pythians, family and friends from around the state!

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**Northeast Oregon**, rimmed on the east by the mighty [Hells Canyon](#), is a land of contrasts. It is known for its lush, fertile farmlands and awe-inspiring chasms. Home to the deepest gorge in North America, it is considered by some to be a symbol of the Northwest's historic claim as this continent's last great frontier.

At least 5 grand rivers intersect this region. The Snake, comprising Oregon's rugged eastern border, is known for its jaw-dropping scenery and challenging rapids. Millions of people may have rafted these waters, but the Snake remains one of the Northwestern United States' most dominating waterways. Other rivers, such as the Imnaha, which intersects the Snake at the northeast tip of this region, the Columbia and the John Day have played their own roles in nurturing this landscape into one of North America's most popular adventure destinations.

