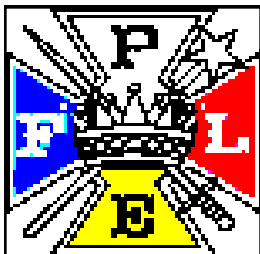


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Oregon Pythian News

Glencoe Lodge Hosts Pinewood Derby



On Jan 24th, North Plains Cub Scout Pack 175 held its annual Pinewood Derby at the Knights of Pythias hall on Commercial Street.

More than 20 Cub Scouts and their siblings participated in the event.

The Cub Scouts shape their piece of wood from the official Pinewood Derby kit, and decorate them as they choose. Most boys try to get their cars as close to the 5 ounce limit as possible. The Cub Scout should do the majority of the work

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Ivanhoe Lodge Supports Youth Robotics Team

Cody Keith, in green shirt, stands thoughtfully eyeing all the activity around the robot making sure that the right tool is being used for the right job, that over excitement doesn't cause someone to tighten a bolt too much and cause an axle to break, and that all safety measures are being employed. This 15 year old Freshman has just spent 6 weeks of his life breathing life into the machine that his teammates are working on and he stands at the ready to hand tools or crank a wrench as needed all the while watching out for his teammates safety.

When he came into the program, like so



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Hillsboro Pythians Celebrate St. Valentine's Day

Twenty-five Hillsboro Pythians gathered for Valentine's Dinner at the invitation of the Sisters of Phoenicia-Rose Temple to celebrate the traditional day on which lovers express their affection for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). In our

case a very good evening of good food and camaraderie, all organized and presented by the Pythian Sisters of Phoenicia-Rose Temple.

The delicious dinner consisted of baked ham, homemade scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, salads and desserts; all presented in a room decorated for the occasion.

A Message from Grand Chancellor Bill Peal

As winter gives way to spring and the bright skies of the new season unveil, I bring my personal greetings to all. As I talk to Knights from around our state, I am encouraged by the stories of involvement that you have to relate about your efforts to Grow the Order Through Membership Involvement. Yes, implementing new ideas in your lodges while continuing the successes of the past is a great way to keep our spirit alive and to challenge the ambition of our new membership. I wish to thank each of you who take the time to report your activities to our OPN and help us promote a higher level of communication at the state and local level. The sharing of good ideas promotes their results and serves to inspire others to emulate that success.

I am encouraging each lodge to consider new ideas for involvement that will bring about a renewed productive environment and create an atmosphere that will promote growth and service to our communities.

I would remind all Pythians to ASK. Ask potential members to be a part of something special. Ask your membership for new ideas, then plan them and implement those plans. Nothing of consequence will happen if we just rely on the status quo.

Keeping your program of activities updated with new ideas is essential to the energizing of your membership involvement. These new ideas give your members a reason for not wanting to be left out of the programs of the lodge and this will keep them coming. When you are implementing the ideas that the members have presented, they will be even more motivated to take part. Yes, the membership must be the skeleton on which we hang our organization. Our strength lies in the

talents and efforts of our members, and as officers and leaders we must plan our program around their interests and needs. **With this in mind, I present the following challenge to all Pythians: Work to retain the good members you have by using their talents to run your programs. Work to reinstate members who have become inactive by asking them to help with activities. Work to recruit new members into your order by asking them to join and then following with a personal visitation.**

I believe that the word "work" is a key element to this challenge for without work, nothing will be accomplished. The exciting thing about all of this is that the work becomes rewarding as membership grows and becomes active. New activity promotes more activity, and the cycle begins to renew itself. Now, guess what, revitalization of our program is under way.

Summer is just around the corner, and our Pythian Fun Day is planned for the Portland Area. Please save time on your calendar for this great activity. Every year our participation in this adventure has grown as Pythians come together for fun times and adventure beyond compare. Also in the planning stages is our statewide meeting; Grand Lodge has been changed to be held in Pendleton for 2010 at the Red Lion. The Damon Lodge #4 is looking forward to being your host in October.

Many of you know that I am a ski instructor at Anthony Lakes resort and that my season will end in April. I am hoping to visit with many of you and to hear about your involvement in Growing the Order Through Membership Involvement.



*"Growing the
Order Through
Membership
Involvement"*

Delphos Knights to Cornelius Fire's Rescue

Get in a car crash in Cornelius, and it could be some shining metal from Knights that rescues you. Specifically, the Forest Grove Delphos Lodge of the Knights of Pythias donated \$10,000 worth of upgraded tools to the Cornelius Fire Department. The tools will help the fire department cut through new, stronger steel in automobiles. "Our existing cutters won't cut them," said Cornelius Fire Chief Chris Asanovic.

Also donated were hydraulic hoses using a new technology. The tools were using an older system that required an in and out hose for hydraulic fluid on each tool. Newer hydraulic hoses can run both ways on one tool.

"With less hoses to hook up, it speeds up the operation," Asanovic said.

Kurt Mueller, the secretary for the Forest Grove organization, said he and his fellow Pythians heard about the new tools and started checking to see if any departments needed them.

Charity ~ A Pythian Principle

Sometimes you might hold others to impossible high standards. Your awareness of the fact that the forces that motivate them and drive their choices differ from your own is invaluable. Consequently you will be more understanding when someone thinks or behaves in unexpected ways.

If you find yourself embroiled in an interpersonal conflict, you can respond by offering your unconditional forgiveness, and seek a mutually beneficial solution. Your willingness to accept others for their uniqueness and valuing their individuality can help you work and play peaceably with a wide variety of people.

When you forgive others' mistakes, you demonstrate your awareness and acceptance of human fragilities. It is easy to forget sometimes that people are imperfect, that they make errors in judgment, and are forever growing as people.

"To err is human, to forgive divine." Alexander

One of the Forest Grove Pythians, Jerome VanDyke, recently retired as a volunteer firefighter in Cornelius.

"We put a bug in their ear and the bug grew into a flower," Mueller said.

The money for the donation came from rentals of the Pythians' Forest Grove lodge building. Mueller said the group made \$20,000 in community donations last year.

The Cornelius donation of 2010 won't just help those in need of rescue.

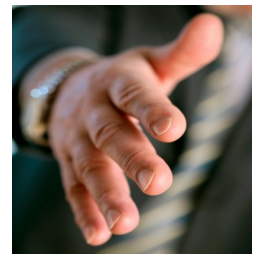
"To do this would have taken budget money, so there's a savings to the community of \$10,000," Asanovic said.

By Nick Christensen
The Hillsboro Argus



Fire Chief Chris Asanovic, Jerome VanDyke, Pythian and Lt. Marc Reckman with new equipment donated by Delphos Lodge.

"So there's a savings to the community of \$10,000..."



Charity:
"Indulgence or forbearance in judging others."

Pope, 1688 - 1744, is a simple statement, yet exceedingly profound. You know how easy it is to make mistakes and mistakes are helpful if you learn from them. Indeed learning from yours or others' mistakes is a part of shaping the life you desire.

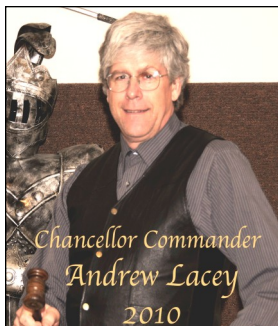
When you are willing to give others a second chance and accept them in spite of their mistakes is a testament to your ability to recognize a person's value and separate it from instances of negative behavior or erroneous choices. Your compassionate and direct approach in interpersonal relationships will ensure that others treat you with the same kindhearted acceptance you show them. Your ability to interact with others will be distinguished by your gracious acceptance of their faults, errors and idiosyncrasies.

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**Supreme Chancellor
Dan Cowan**

*I wish to thank
the Lodges and
Brothers in
Oregon for their
support in
reporting 12,976
collective hours
and 4,010
individual hours.*



**Chancellor Commander
Andrew Lacey
2010**

**Commander
Damon Lodge
Andrew Lacey**



From the Supreme Chancellor

My Brothers,

It has now been eighteen months since having been elected as the sixty-ninth Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias. Since August of 2008, I have had the privilege of visiting fifteen Grand Domains and have scheduled to visit another seven before the Supreme Convention this coming August.

Our Community Service and Volunteerism Program is progressing nicely and so far thirty-three Grand Domains and two Subordinate Lodges under the immediate control of the Supreme Lodge have accepted the challenge and have reported a total of **165,438** hours so far, with **89,554** hours being reported in just the last three months. This tells me that the word is getting out to the membership, and your cooperation is greatly appreciated. To date, 353 Brothers have reported a minimum of 100 Volunteer Hours qualifying them for the **Supreme Chancellor's Certificate of Honor**, in recognition of their unselfish service rendered through their tireless efforts of volunteerism to their communities. I wish to thank the Lodges and Brothers in Oregon for their support in reporting 12,976 collective hours and 4,010 individual hours. As a result, I have asked DSC A. Jerry Girard to present 16

Brothers with their Supreme Chancellor's Certificate of Honor recognizing their individual achievement of having volunteered a minimum of 100 Hours to their respective communities.

Our National Charity, the American Cancer Society promotes a twenty-four hour event known as **Relay For Life** throughout the United States and Canada. Under separate cover, all Grand Chancellor's will be urged to invite representatives from the Relay For Life programs to your Grand Lodge Conventions. Information on the 2010 Relay For Life events being held within the United States is being sent to the ACS Chairmen for dissemination to the Subordinate Lodges for their anticipated participation. Congratulations and my personal thanks to the Oregon Pythians for their participation in the Relay For Life Event held in Hillsboro in 2009. For more information on how to create or join an existing Relay For Life team, please visit our website at www.pythias.org and follow the links to the American Cancer Society/Relay For Life page. Included with this newsletter is our March publication of the Relay For Life News.

Fraternally,
Dan Cowan, KGS
Supreme Chancellor
Knights of Pythias

New Chancellor Commander for Damon Lodge #4

I am Andrew Lacey, the new Chancellor Commander for Damon Lodge #4 in Pendleton, Oregon. Pendleton is also where I was born 48 years ago.

My parents are still alive and well in Fossil, Oregon. I have two older sisters who live on the the coast in Oregon.

One of my parents grew up in Spearfish, ND and the other in Spokane, WA. My father was a bartender and my mother was a school teacher. They both moved to Pendleton after they were married and all the kids' grew up in Pendleton. The kids never moved until we all went to college.

I attended High School in Pendleton in the late '70s, getting into my share of trouble but made it through College at Blue Mountain CC and then Graduated from Oregon State University with a Degree in Forest Management.

My first job while going to school was building fence for ranchers and piling slash for the Government. While I was in college I worked doing thinning, planting trees, and fighting fires. After graduating from college I did a stint in the Peace Corps in Philippines. After returning from overseas I Started working for

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From Grand Chief Beth

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I'm really enjoying my official visits around the state. Thank you for making me feel so welcome in your home temples. So far everyone has had their books ready when I arrived and I really appreciate that each temple continues to support the Grand Chief's Project of Doernbecher Children's Hospital. I hope that you like the gifts which were donated for this cause and that you'll continue to buy chances at upcoming Pythian events. Here's a description of a few of the gifts: a ceramic Indian Maiden which I had made especially for this charity; a Union Pacific pen set which was given to me for the GC Project fundraiser by the late Brother Duane Johnson; some turquoise beads as well as other lovely items. These gifts will be on display at our District Convention and again at Grand.

Spring is here and with it comes our District Convention which will be held on Saturday, May 1st in Eugene. DDGC Ann Ross has

announced a full schedule for the day with all temples taking part. She plans to have our formal Initiation Ceremony since a new member will be present that day. Please join us for this special event. Registration opens at 9am; the meeting starts at 10am.

Please note that both location and date for 2010 Oregon Grand have changed. This year's convention will be held in Pendleton at the Red Lion on October 15-17. This is the 3rd weekend in October, so please save the date on your calendar and plan to attend. (See convention registration form on page 17 of this OPN.)

I also extend a special **THANK YOU** to Ann Ross and Marilyn Stevens for taking the time and making the effort to drive me to each of my official visits. Sisters, I couldn't do this big job without your help!

With Pythian Friendship,

GC Beth



*Grand Chief
Elizabeth Evans*

Herculena Temple Promotes "No Bake" Bake Sale!!

Herculena #27 celebrated the Christmas season with a potluck dinner with members, families and invited guests. Of course everyone enjoyed the meal, fellowship and a gift exchange. We donated \$50 to the Milton-Freewater Ministerial Association to help provide Christmas baskets to those in need.

We started the New Year with our Installation of new officers. Jean McWilliams, Installing Officer, assisted by Acting Grand Manager Vesta Poteete and Acting Grand Senior Janette Black performed their duties well.

Due to the size of our membership, we voted

to have a few small endeavors instead of one large one. So we are now in the middle of a "No-Bake" bake sale. Our members are asked to donate the cost of what they would have made to sell or what they would have spent at the sale.

We are hoping for a successful non-event. We will decide on the recipient of the funds at the end of the sale.

We are looking forward to the District Convention in May and hope to see many of our sisters.

Secretary, Linda Reyburn



Diana Lodge Supports START Program

Diana Lodge in McMinnville supports the SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) program at Sue Buell Elementary School. Picture to right shows Knight Ron Burcham presenting a check for \$250 to Smart Program Administrator Jodi Kneeland who was able to buy 138 new books to restock their dwindling library.





Nicolai "Nick" Mathiesen
December 1911 to
December 31, 2009

Farewell Good and Faithful Friends

Nicolai "Nick" Mathiesen

Our friend, and our long time Pythian Brother, Nick Mathiesen passed on December 31, 2009 at the age of 98. He was a good man and will be missed.

Nick was born in Astoria, Oregon and raised and educated in Banks, Oregon. He worked as a logger and also owned a sawmill on his Mountindale properties for many years. He was a farmer and a long time member of

Glencoe Lodge Knights of Pythias and member of The Kiwanis Club of Hillsboro for many years.

He is survived by his wife, and our Pythian Sister, Bernice (Dillon) Mathiesen, 3 children, 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild as well as a wealth of friends.

At his request no service was held. Remembrances may be made in his memory to the Mt Hood Kiwanis Camp.

Arlin D. James

Arlin D. James, 73, Hillsboro, died March 10, 2010, at his home.

A service was held on March 20th, at Zion Lutheran Church in Hillsboro. Private burial preceded the service at Old Scotch Church Cemetery.

Arlin James was born June 23, 1936, in Portland, the son of Dale and Twyla Mooney James. He was raised and educated in Portland, graduating from Lincoln High School in 1954.

He spent six years in the Coast Guard Reserves and in 1959 started work at Tektronix as a production worker in the ceramics department. He later worked as a manager in ceramics and other departments, retiring in 1988.

On Dec. 21, 1968, he married Lou Warner.

A member of Zion Lutheran Church, he enjoyed deer and elk hunting in eastern Oregon, fishing and camping.

He was a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias in North Plains.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-parents, Carl Ceglie and Eugenie James; and nephew, Keith James.

Survivors include his wife, Lou James; sons, Brian and Dean James; brothers, Wayne, Neil and Bill James; and four grandchildren.

Remembrances: Stephen Ministry at Zion Lutheran Church; or Hospice of Washington County, 900 SE Oak St., Suite 202, Hillsboro, OR 97123.



Arlin D James
June 1936 to
March 10, 2010

Thelma Leslie Dempsey

Thelma was born in Twin Falls, Idaho to Suzanne F. & Thomas L. Goff on January 28, 1920. She lived and attended many schools as a child. She attended Commerce (Cleveland) High School and married Jack R. Dempsey on May 15, 1937 in Vancouver, WA.

Thelma's family and friends were the most important part of her life. She was initiated into the Pythian Sisters on April 8, 1941 at Ivanette Temple #68 in Portland. She was elected as Grand Guard in 1979 and worked her way through the Grand Temple Offices then served

as Grand Chief from October 1984 until October 1985. Thelma transferred to Rose Temple in January 2001 when Ivanette surrendered its charter. Thelma took a withdrawal card in 2008 when her health was failing.

Her husband of 63 years, Jack, preceded her in death in August, 2000, followed by her loving daughter Susann R. McDonald in June 2001. She is survived by her loving daughters Vicki Dempsey Fuerstenberg & Pamela J. Bullard, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



Thelma Dempsey, PGC
January 1920 to
December 11, 2009

Pythian History — Submitted by Mike Harmes

Initiation Set at Horse Cave

Knights of Pythias from many Oregon communities will be guests of Deschutes Lodge No. 103 of Bend at initiation ceremonies Saturday, June 27, 1959 in Horse Cave. A dinner will follow in the auditorium of Deschutes County Library in Bend.

The ceremony in the cave, four miles east of Bend, set to begin at 4:30 p.m. is open to members only. Attending the 7 o'clock dinner will be Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, and their wives and husbands, and other invited guests. A social evening will follow.

Unusual accessories and novel lighting effects will be employed in the cave ceremony, according to the local lodge men.

A number of grand lodge officers, including Grand Chancellor Thomas Harfiel of Roseburg

and Walter G. Gleason of Portland, Grand Secretary, will be present.

A large group from Corvallis will be here to participate, according to word received by Claude Kelley, local secretary. George B. Cox, president of Far Western Association of DOKK, a Pythian Auxiliary, will head the Corvallis delegation.

Vice Chancellor Craig C. Coyner of the Bend lodge will preside at the meeting, in the absence of Harold Hake, Chancellor Commander, who moved recently to Tillamook. Much of the work will be under the direction of George Larimer of La Pine, District Deputy Grand Chancellor.

Note: Horse Cave is located near Bend and is on private property. Access is only allowed by permission from owner.



Hermes Lodge Active in Community Service

Hermes Lodge's most supported group in our community is the Boy Scouts of America. We believe that this program helps shape our great country's future leaders, model citizens and hopefully Pythian Brother Knights. We host Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops here in our lodge at no cost to them. We have three Knights here that are involved with the Scouts. Additionally we have contributed \$500 to the Three Rivers District Jamboree; \$250 and \$150 to Troops 93 and 45 respectively, for their summer camp memberships.

We help North Marion High School with a yearly donation for their Senior Class Drug and Alcohol Free all night party.

We also support other groups in our community by providing them with free use of facilities. These include an annual spelling bee that's linked to a national wide network culminating in a final in Washington, D.C. The Daughters of the American Revolution also enjoy their monthly meeting free of charge.

Hermes also provides low-cost use of the building to any other group that can demonstrate a positive influence in our community such as Yoga and Kung-Fu or any other instructive venture.

As far as our Annual Crab Feed goes, we view it as more or less a gift to our friends in the community, and of course, any or all of our Pythian Brothers (Jerry Girard and his lovely wife have been coming for some time). Whereas some community groups in Woodburn and Albany offer their fund raising crab feed at \$30 a head we think we offer a meal and a good deal at \$15. We are lucky to break even.

Most of our income comes from rental of our building and we endeavor to use it wisely.

Yours Truly ~

Neil A McLean, Secretary

Hermes Lodge #56 ~ Aurora



WAPATO SHOWDOWN MORE THAN JUST A CAR SHOW

Written and submitted by Stan Shope, Secretary, Gaston Lodge No. 104



What do you get when you combine thousands of spectators, over 400 beautifully restored automobiles, lots of community involvement, and organized and sponsored by the Gaston Pythian Lodge #104?

The answer, my friends, is the Gaston "Wapato Showdown" car show (Wapato is the native American word for this area of Oregon), held annually for the past thirteen years at the city owned athletic fields in the middle of the city of Gaston, on the third Saturday of August.

For those of you not familiar with this area, Gaston is a small, rural town of about 650 situated at the southern edge of Washington County. The main road through town is state Hwy 47, linking Forest Grove on the north to McMinnville on the south. The most active civic group in town is the Gaston KOP Lodge, boasting over 40 dedicated members as of January 2010.

What started as a crazy idea by three old car guys, sitting around the card table after a KOP meeting, has blossomed into one of the most successful car shows in Oregon. The three - Gabe Gabriel, Joe Shaffer and Dave Rohrer— never wavered in their optimism about hosting a car show. However, brothers Chris Anderson, Ed Yates and Don Allen did question their

sanity on several occasions, but finally were convinced they could pull this thing off. Gabe, Joe and Dave attended several car shows that first year, picking the brains of the organizers as to the planning and organization required. Since their treasury was basically depleted by the money spent to remodel the KOP building, they decided this would be a profitable venture and a great event for the small city of Gaston.

The Wapato Showdown has steadily gained the reputation as the "car show you don't want to miss" by knowledgeable owners. These car buffs have poured countless hours of time and sweat, plus lots of money into restoring and maintaining their works of art, and are darn proud to display them to the eager car viewing public. These car enthusiasts enjoy getting together with other car owners and car club

members to discuss and admire each other's classics that they care so much for. But what really keeps them coming back, according to several knowledgeable members of Local #104, is the fun, the food, and all the festivities during the day.

That first year of the car show, however, was a real backbreaker -- the small band of KOP'ers did it all— the cooking, the car parking, security, designing and printing the flyers, getting the word out -- this was all

done by about 15 members and a few volunteers. Needless to say, at the end of the car show, these guys were pooped! About 125 cars showed up the first year, which shocked the members, as they thought they would be lucky to get half of that amount. All the car owners were very pleased with the show, and vowed to return the next year. Word began to spread among car enthusiasts about the new car show hosted by a great bunch of guys.

These owners come from as far as northern Washington and from all areas of the state of Oregon. Some travel many hours



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OREGON PYTHIANS FUN DAY JULY 24, 2010

**Grand Lodge of Oregon is providing an opportunity for
Friendship Renewals**

**Family Fun ~ Bring the kids and grandkids
Fantastic Barbecue**

WHERE? Portland Area ~ Base Camp Hillsboro

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Oregon Zoo

Memorials

Museums

Statues

Bridges

Colleges/Universities

Special Interest? Just Ask! We'll Help you Find it!

Micro Breweries

Beautiful Gardens

Powell's Book Store

Huge Saturday Market

Architecture

OHSU Tram Ride

DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!

Bill Peal will conduct the annual People's Choice Photo Contest

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

8:45 a.m. FREE BEAKFAST: Phoenix Lodge Hall—Hillsboro

Orientation and photography tips by Bill Peal, Photographer Extraordinaire

9:30 a.m. ALL ABOARD the MAX LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM

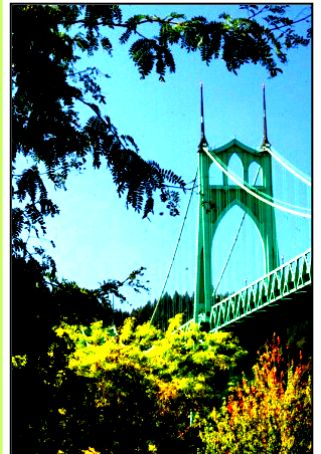
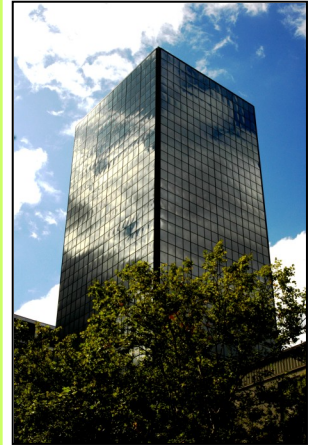
Make the Zoo your first choice! There will be time to see other sights!

6:15 p.m. Reconvene at Phoenix Lodge Hall for caravan to a

FREE BARBECUE prepared by Gaston Lodge culinary team

THE DATE IS SET! MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

**A convenient motel is Hotel B 503-693-3096
Your Fun Day Contact is Darrell @ 503-627-0918**



WAPATO SHOWDOWN MORE THAN JUST A CAR SHOW! (Continued)

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in their classic cars and vintage street rods to attend our car show. By mid morning, the outfield parking areas will be full of over 450 beautiful classic cars. Hundreds of beautifully restored automobiles and classic motorcycles are drawn here for one of the best organized and run car shows in the Portland metropolitan area.

By the time the second year rolled around (1998), the members agreed it was time to get the community involved, as this was becoming more of a project than they alone could handle. They approached the Gaston High School Booster Club and the high school student body about joining forces. These two groups jumped at the chance to make some money for their classes, and eagerly agreed. By the third year of the show, the Boosters



Pancake Breakfast at the Gaston Fire Department

took full responsibility for the food sales during the day of the show, and joined forces with the Gaston Market to co-host the Friday night steak feed. The city council of Gaston agreed to assist in hosting the car show, donating the use of the city ball fields as well as providing portable latrines. This was basically a way of the city saying thank you to all the volunteers (a large share were KOP members) who help erect all the fencing, grounds maintenance, building dugouts, etc for the girl's softball field and the boy's baseball diamond during 1988-89.



Class of 2011 Fund Raiser Booth

However, during this time, it wasn't just the car show that was on the minds of the Gaston Local #104 membership. Due to dwindling numbers, we almost lost our charter and our meeting hall. Our chapter almost went dormant, but with the help of brothers from Forest Grove (especially Kurt Mueller), we were able to increase the membership that allowed us to take on the tremendous task of restoring, remodeling and rebuilding the 90 year old facility that had fallen into great disrepair. This event did a lot to develop the sense of "pride in ownership" by the KOP members. Spearheaded by Joe Shaffer, Chris Anderson and Randy Tipton, the members spent many Saturdays at the facility, pouring concrete, reframing walls, installing new windows, sheetrocking, texturing and painting the upper floor of the building. All of this was accomplished with a budget of \$22,000, and tons of donated hours and equipment.

Under the leadership and direction of the brothers of the Gaston KOP Lodge, the entire community of Gaston gathers together to provide an outstanding venue for these proud car owners to display their restored beauties. Local business owners in the surrounding areas pitch in with donations for trophies and raffle prizes. The city of Gaston employees, the local Boy Scout troop, the Gaston Greyhound football team members and a variety of volunteers who enjoy the show assist the members in setting up for the big day.

This event doesn't just "happen", and without great planning and organization, it certainly would not be the success that it has been these past thirteen years. Overall car show coordinator Chris Anderson and Co-Chairman Don Allen have lots of experience and knowledge, as they have been involved since day one. Many volunteers take vacation days on Thursday and Friday to assist the Brothers in getting ready for the car show. Everyone chips in to erect all the equipment needed, from the tables and chairs, to parking signs directing traffic, to the umbrellas used to provide shade for spectators. On Sunday (the so called day of rest), all the Brothers and friends meet early to start to tear it all down and store it safely in the loft at the KOP building, awaiting the next iteration.

By the fourth year of the show, the city of Gaston joined up, assisting us in establishing a parade (the Gaston Good 'Ole Days Parade) through the city on Friday night prior to the Saturday car show. This year also added the pancake breakfast at the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department facility, conveniently located next to the ball fields where the show is hosted. These volunteer firefighters jumped at the chance to participate, and this is the major fundraiser for the local fire department during the year. Last year, they served over 725 breakfasts to car owners, spectators, and vendors.

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New Chancellor Commander for Damon Lodge #4 (Continued)

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the US Forest Service and have been there for about 19 years. I currently work as a GIS analyst here in Pendleton and on a regional Fire team traveling during the summer.

Before traveling to The Philippines I married my wife, Janel. We have two boys, aged 12 and 16, who were both born in Pendleton.

Besides volunteering with the K of P, I work with the local Boy Scout Troop 700 as an Assistant Scout Master and as the Treasurer for Cub Scout Pack 745 here in Pendleton. I also volunteer with the local Red Cross Chapter. I have worked on the Heppner Planning Commission in the past.

I enjoy backpacking, climbing, all types of skiing, and most of all just being outdoors.

Hillsboro Pythians Hosting Art Show

Local artists are invited to design and create artwork by altering a one-gallon paint can as part of the effort to renovate the Pythian Ballroom in downtown Hillsboro.

Empty paint cans are available from multi-media artist Dawn Sellers of Hillsboro and completed works must be donated back to the Pythian Ballroom project spearheaded by Sellers' husband, Doug, who heads the renovation project.

Artists will be partnered with sponsoring businesses which will display the completed paint cans before they are sold to raise money for the

renovation.

Artists are encouraged to collaborate with sponsoring businesses to incorporate the business into the design; however, collaboration is not required. All artwork must be appropriate for family-friendly viewing.

All paint cans will be shown at downtown Hillsboro's May 2010 First Tuesday celebration on May 10 in a gallery setting in the ballroom. Participating artists also will be invited to show and sell their work during an artists' reception.

Article Excerpted from Hillsboro Argus.



Two decorated paint cans already submitted are shown above. The artists who created these are not known at this time but we are impressed.

This project is a community service project and provides needed Pythian exposure to the community and opportunity for recognition of Hillsboro area artists. Thanks to Doug and Dawn Sellers for letting us participate in their project.

Recipe From Oregon Pythian Cookbook

Chicken Company Casserole

4 Chicken breast, cooked
2 c Elbow macaroni, uncooked
1 can water chestnuts, sliced
1 Small jar pimentos
½ lb. Cheddar cheese, grated
2 Cans Cream of Chicken or Cream of Celery soup
1 (14.5 Oz.) can Chicken Broth

Chunk chicken and spread evenly in buttered 9 X 13 pan. Sprinkle macaroni, water chestnuts and pimento evenly over chicken. Sprinkle grated cheese over top. Mix soup and chicken broth, pour over top. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. If desired remove from oven, sprinkle top with more grated cheese bake additional 10 minutes

This recipe provided by Jean Schlinsog. Try it. It's great!

If you didn't get your Oregon Pythian Cookbook yet contact Irene Clink at 503-357-8429. There are only two books left!



WAPATO SHOWDOWN MORE THAN JUST A CAR SHOW! (Continued)

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By now, the local Boy Scout troop (sponsored by the Gaston KOP Lodge) came on board, helping with security and grounds maintenance in return for funding of their charter. This was a "win-win situation"- the Boy Scouts got funding for their activities, and the KOP got extra help during that weekend. These partnerships were the basis of most of the support received in preparing the city ball fields for the car show, and the tearing down and storing of all our equipment (tents, speakers, chairs and tables, etc). The word was passed that if a group was looking for a money-making activity, you needed to participate with lots of sweat equity during the car show. By the year 2001, the Gaston KOP established two scholarships for Gaston High School graduating seniors, in the amount of two \$500 awards. In 2004, it was increased to \$1500, with one of them co-sponsored by the Gaston Market.

Throughout the day of the show (it will be August 21st this year), the Gaston Booster Club serves up barbequed hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs. Each of the classes at the high school are also involved, selling everything from bottled water, to pizza, snow cones, cotton candy and soft drinks. Parking is usually handled by a sports team or the Gaston High student council, with donations greatly accepted.

As of a result of all the hard work, preparation, planning and organization by the Gaston KOP, the Wapato Showdown has become one of the most popular events for car enthusiasts in the state. This is our major fundraiser for the year, and last

year we netted about \$15,000 that is used for KOP activities, scholarships, and funding as we continue to improve and update our update our two-story, 96 year old building. We have now updated all the windows and siding on the front of the hall, and will continue to restore and remodel as time and money is available. As you can see, this fundraiser requires more than just time and effort on the part of the local KOP chapter.

Additionally, using the Wapato showdown as a springboard, the Gaston High reunion committee has held all-school reunions at the conclusion of the car show, taking over the food facilities and grounds for a very successful event that pulls in over 500 former Gaston Grads, from the old timers to the newly graduated.

As we now prepare for our 14th edition of the Wapato showdown car show, it gives us great satisfaction to reflect on how this activity has captured the spirit, enthusiasm and sense of pride in the Gaston community. Without the assistance and participation by the various community groups, fire department volunteers, local businesses and the leadership of the city of Gaston and the Gaston School District, I doubt we would have the success that we have had.

Hope to see you there!



Stan Shope, Secretary
Gaston Lodge

Glencoe Lodge Hosts Pinewood Derby (Continued from page 1)

Using saws, files sanders and other tools. It is recommended that the boys do not use power tools at this age.

Every boy was a winner. The Cub Scout motto is "Do Your Best" and these boys did their best!

The Cub Scouts would like to thank Ted Valentine for setting up and taking down the track, and the Knights of Pythias for all of their support, and providing a place to store the track, and have the race.

In February, Pack 175 held their annual "Blue and Gold Celebration." This year is the anniversary celebration for Scouting. This year will be extra special, because we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in America. The Boy Scouts of American have the same 100th Anniversary as the city of North Plains.

The Cub Scouts participated in the Goodwill, Good Turn on the first Saturday in March. The boys went door to door collecting clothing and collectibles that are given to Goodwill.

This is the largest single day collection of clothing in the non-perishable items in the nation, and is part of the biggest job-training for disabled Americans in the country. This is a chance to teach Scouts about community service. They traveled in pairs, knocked on doors in their neighborhood, asked for donations of used goods to help people with disabilities. This is the kind of task that builds character, social skills, and caring qualities that we endeavor to teach our youth. This project promotes Scouting and the good deeds that result from program activities. The Scouts earned segments and patches, and were sure to have had fun.

On Saturday, March 20th, the Cub Scouts took part in the Guy Miller Tree Plant. They traveled to Timber to help reforest an area. Each boy planted a minimum of ten seedlings.

This event provided Cub Scouts with hands-on experience renewing and understanding the importance of our forests and provided significant impact in Northwest reforestation.

Ivanhoe Supports Youth Robotics Team (Continued)

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many others on the team, he had never worked in a metal shop. He heard about the robotics program at Franklin High School for the first time from a friend who had told his parents about it. Then he came down to check it out. The next thing he knew he was learning to use power tools, cut metal, and run a lathe. He learned what to do from an expert and now he is able to teach the next generation of team members what he knows.

Cody is a member of the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition (FRC) Team 1432 working out of Franklin High School. In FRC Team 1432 each student is paired up with a mentor to learn a skill they don't know. As they become proficient they become the teacher, always under the watchful eye of their mentor and always with safety first and foremost in everyone's mind.

FRC Team 1432 is the oldest FIRST team in Portland and consists of high school age children from all over Portland. Since its inception in 2003 four other teams have been started in Portland – Lincoln, Meek, Benson, and Cleveland, and 17 in the metro area. This year, more than 45,225 students on 1,809 teams are competing in 44 regional contests for a chance to compete at the World championship. **There are FIRST teams in 48 states, 4 provinces, and 12 countries, and they are all out to create a society where brains are as celebrated as athletic talent.**

The Coliseum floor Thursday morning was controlled chaos as 61 teams unpacked their robots in preparation for this year's Autodesk Oregon Regional. Just 5 years ago there were only 37 teams and 750 students involved today, there are 61 teams and 3,000 students all competing at the Memorial Coliseum for a chance to go to Atlanta, Georgia for the **world championship**. Some of the teams at today's event will be traveling to Tel Aviv to compete at a regional there. Some of the FIRST judges will be traveling to Istanbul, Turkey to work a regional there. Many teams are sponsored by major corporations – Intel, Microsoft, Boeing, Xerox to name a few. In the state of

Washington they believe in the value of STEM education to the point of guaranteeing every high school the funds needed to have a FIRST program in their school.

"It's been a lot of work but a lot of fun" says Cody, a first year member of the team. "I not only learned how to use a lot of machines **correctly** but I also learned about team building, teamwork, but how to design and build a robot." The robots the students design and build are not built to destroy each other but rather to do intricate tasks. This year's contest required a robot that could play soccer, go over 18" high carpeted bumps, and they got extra points if they could raise themselves up on a 7 foot bar. "We didn't make it to the finals" says Rebecca LohKamp a mentor on team 1432 "but the kids have really learned a lot. We have 10 freshmen and 3 sophomores on the team this year that will all be on the team next year. They have gone from never touching a screwdriver or drill before to running metal lathes, drill presses, and programming computers. This was their first experience at a competition like this. They had no idea what they were getting into and they are already making plans on how to make next year's team better." Our team works out of Franklin High School though we are open to anyone who wants to participate and meets the FIRST requirements of age or grade level. This is a very economically depressed area with Lane middle school, a Franklin feeder, having 73% of the student body receiving Free or Reduced lunches. If it weren't for the generosity of the Knights of Pythias Ivanhoe Lodge No.1 we would have had to fold long ago. It costs \$10,000 a year for a bare bones FIRST program. Most teams require their team members to contribute cash towards to cost of their program. Catlin Gable charges their team members more than \$500 apiece to belong in addition to fundraising. It is not unusual for teams to have a yearly budget of \$100,000; Team 1432 considers a year with more than the \$5,000 entrance fee a big money year.

Submitted by:

Rebecca LohKamp
FRC Team 1432



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Supreme Chief
Sheila Stooksberry

From the Supreme Chief

Greetings everyone,

I trust that everyone has had a fantastic winter and are ready to get back to their temple meetings and activities.

I want to take this opportunity to update you on our project, Volunteerism. As of December 31, 2009, the Pythian Sisters have a total of 63,319 hours in the United States and 40,247 hours in Canada for a total of 103,566. This combined with the Knights gives us over 250,000. This is still far from our goal of 2 MILLION hours.

To date from Oregon, we have only received hours from 8 Sisters from Fern Temple #46. I know that the Sisters of your Jurisdiction do a lot of volunteer work in your communities and the Garden. Many Sisters do not want to send in their hours because they do not want to be recognized personally but we want others to know about the good work that our members are doing – so please get those hours sent in from the Sisters of the other temples in Oregon. List all of the Sisters and their hours donated. These hours are from June 2008 to June 2010. ***We can only achieve our goal one hour at a time and each hour does count!***

It is our hope that no one will get overlooked

and they will get credit for all hours volunteered. Please bring this up at your meetings to ensure no one is left out! Keep up the great work in your communities! Hours are to be sent to Judie Shamis PGC, 24440 Sherbourne Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44146 or judiesupreme@sbcglobal.net.

Once a Sister volunteers in excess of 100 hours, she will be recognized for those hours and a certificate will be issued by myself and handed out at Supreme Temple sessions in August 2010.

I hope that Oregon has had a good year promoting our Pythian Order and I am looking forward to seeing you at our Supreme Temple convention in Los Angeles, CA in August 2010. The last 2 years have passed very quickly and I have enjoyed all of the wonderful Pythian Sisters that I have met and the nice things that they have done for me. I have memories that will last a lifetime!!

If you have any questions at anytime, please do not hesitate to contact me. *Thank you for making a difference in the lives of someone in need!*

Pythians are Friends Forever in P, L, E & F,

Sheila A. Stooksberry, Supreme Chief

A Note from the Editor

Thank you to everyone who responded to the earlier requests for input to this issue of the OPN. Your reports and pictures of events, activities and thoughts are critical to the success not only of the OPN but of Oregon Pythian lodges and temples in general.

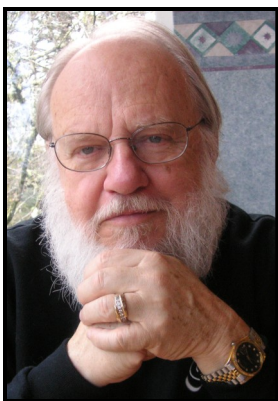
The Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Journals from last year's convention contained many reports of community activities conducted by the lodges. I was very impressed with the amount of time, energy and funding that was reported. As the editor of the OPN it makes me wishful that reports such as these could be placed in the OPN as the event happens. Perhaps your event will inspire another lodge or temple to emulate your successful activities,

multiplying the benefit to our communities and recognition that Pythians are community service volunteers.

Please send announcements and reports of your activities to the OPN as they occur for publication. The who, what, how and wherefores will be of interest and benefit to others .

Believe it or not it takes a good 4 – 5 weeks to collect and edit all the information that goes into the OPN and get it printed and mailed. The next issue is scheduled for delivery the first week in August so we will need your reports and articles by the first week in July. Please help.

Fraternal regards ~ Darrell



Darrell Henry
Editor

Message from Grand Secretary Shelley ~

We did it! All Temples submitted their Annual Reports and the information has been submitted to the Supreme Secretary on time. As I reported last time we currently have six Temples. After completing the report we know now that we have 137 Sister members in Oregon. When I started as Grand Secretary in 1997 we had over 500 Sisters. What is the secret? How do we build our membership? I wish I knew.

As of this writing we are about to have our first combined statewide District Convention. DDGC Ann Ross is planning a Convention which will include the Initiation of a new member. We will meet in Eugene with the Convention hosted by Thermopylae Temple #37 from Grants Pass. The Convention will be held on May 1st. As most of you already know Grand Convention 2010 has been moved from Eugene to

Pendleton and will be held on October 15, 16 and 17th.

As promised I am including a table with the Secretaries and contact information for 2010. I have also been working on the Journal of Proceedings for the Grand Temple 2009 session which I hope to have finished before District Convention. Unfortunately I have been awaiting late reports which need to be included in the Journal. We are all busy in our daily lives and with so few members it can be difficult to get everything done on time. Let's help each other out so we can complete our tasks in a timely manner.

Here is the Temple contact information for 2010:



Shelley Corby
Grand Secretary

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27	Herculena	Linda Reyburn, PSR	927 Pleasant St Wall Walla , WA 99362	509-525-4775 reyburnlj@whitman.edu	Tanya Bancroft, PGC 509-522-1838	2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:30 PM
29	Helmetta	Kaye Pomerleau, PSR	1800 Lakewood Ct #24 Eugene, OR 97402	541-686-2976 just4kaye@comcast.net	Ann Ross, PSR 541-747-5802	3rd Monday 1:00 PM
37	Thermopylae	Robin Neeley, GT, SR	4069 S Pacific Hwy #142 Medford, OR 97501	541-512-8907 mumsie1@charter.net	Christie Prins POB 648 Merlin, OR 97532	1st and 3rd Sunday 2 PM
45	Willamette	Carol Jenkins	4682 Beaverbrook Ct SE Salem, OR 97317	503-636-8314 No email	Cheryl Bergman, PSR 503-363-5495	1st Wednesday 7 PM
46	Fern	Jan Van De Walle	17671 Woodland Loop Rd Yamhill, OR 97148	503-662-3701 vandej@msn.com	Farrel Fuerst 503-662-3610	3rd Tuesday 1 PM



Thermopylae Temple Reports Community Altruistic Activities

Robyn Neeley, Secretary of Thermopylae Temple in Grants Pass reports that the following altruistic activities and funds were provided during the last year:

- ♦ Scholarships ~ \$60
- ♦ Charity ~ \$1,894
- ♦ Hours contributed ~ 73
- ♦ Miles donated ~ 2,095

Additionally they have sent 45 cards, made 32 visits to sick members and donated 8 pints of blood.

Thermopylae Temple also supports the Past District Deputy Grand Chief's Nurse's Scholarships and the Josephine County Food Bank.

The Sisters of Thermopylae membership numbers are small but their community activities are impressive. While none of the other Temples were able to respond to a request for reports of community activities we suspect that the Thermopylae Temple is indicative of the hours and activities of the other five Pythian Sister Temples in Oregon.

Great Job!

Oregon Continuing Education Fund Recovering

From the inception of the OPCEF we have set a 5% yearly goal of growth for our corpus, which is our mutual fund portfolio. Eric has told me that the fund has recovered appreciably from its low point. As of January of 2010 the total is \$71,000. Our 5% growth rate goal at that same date would be \$77,372.

As a sign of the times that may be too ambitious a goal for economy of today and the future. Plus there is still a need for some type of fundraising activity. But we have not been successful. I apologize for my lack of attention this last year, but I have needed to spend much greater time working to survive the economic downturn in my own business.

Remember the mutual fund fell from a high of over \$80,000 to \$50,000 back to

\$71,000 in two years. It is recovering, but it is not good business to depend on investments solely to fund disbursements. Comments and ideas are always welcome. As far as scholarships for this year until we change our policy, they would wait until next year.

Chris Anderson

As reported by OPCEF Treasurer Eric Howden 5 scholarships were awarded in 2009 as follows:

Bryson Gundlach ~ BSU

Karl Lorie ~ WWU

Daniel Migas ~ OSU

Steven Gundlach ~ OSU

Mica Olivera ~ BMCC



"Education costs money, but then so does ignorance."

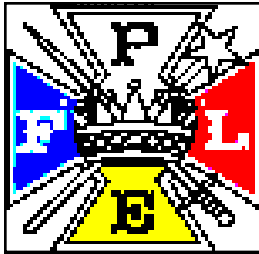
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Mailing Address:				
City, State, ZIP				
Telephone:				
Temple Name and Number:				
MEALS		Price	QTY	Total
Friday:				
Dinner: All members and guests - Salad, Meat Lasagna, Chicken Picatta		\$27		\$
Saturday:				
Breakfast: Past District Deputy Grand Chiefs				
Assorted cold cereal, fruit, juice, muffins		\$10		\$
Lunch: Friendship Luncheon for All				
Buffet: Soup, make your own sandwich of choice of 3 meats and cookies		\$20		\$
Dinner: Grand Banquet				
Choice of (Circle your choice) of 6 oz Prime Rib or Citrus Pork Loin		\$35		\$
Sunday:				
Fun for Funds Breakfast				
Buffet: Bacon, danish, fruit, juice, hash browns, scrambled eggs		\$16		\$
Convenience Lunch for All				
Buffet: Salad, make your own sandwich of choice of 3 meats, and brownie		\$20		\$
TOTAL COST OF MEALS				\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:				

Pythian Sisters:

Please complete the form above and send your check, **Payable to Pythian Registration Committee** for the TOTAL COST OF MEALS to: **Carol Jenkins, 4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE, Salem, OR 97317-5901 Telephone: 503-636-8314**

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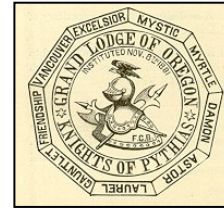
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