

## Knights of Pythias Declaration of Principles

Pythian knighthood had its conception in the exemplification of the life test of true friendship existing between Damon and Pythias.

Friendship, or mutual confidence, being the strongest bond of union between man and man, and only existing where honor has an abiding place, is adopted as a foundation principle.

As the ideal knight of olden time was the personification of all the higher and nobler attributes of man's nature, the candidate for knighthood had to prove himself worthy of acceptance by those who valued friendship, bravery, honor, justice, and loyalty.

The Knights of Pythias is dedicated to the cause of universal peace and is pledged to the promotion of understanding among men of good will as the surest means of attaining it. The order of Knights of Pythias -- founded in Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence, which it proclaims as its cardinal principles -- strives to gather into one mighty fraternity worthy men who appreciate the true meaning of friendship; who are cautious in word and act; who love truth; who are brave in defending right; whose honor is untarnished; whose sense of justice will prevent, to the best of their ability, a personal act or word injurious to the worthy; whose loyalty to principle, to family, to friends, to their country, and to the constituted authority under which they enjoy citizenship is undoubted; and who, at all times, are prepared to do unto others as they would that others should do unto them.

See our web site at  
[www.oregonpythians.org](http://www.oregonpythians.org)

## Community Service Projects

Charter Organization Cub Scouts

Charter Organization Boy Scouts

Charter Organization Girl Scouts

North Plains Bike Helmet Program

Funds for School supplies

Santa's Workshop gifts

New Teacher support

North Plains Chamber Assistance

Fourth of July Parade

Providing a place for meetings

North Plains Library Contributor

Garlic Festival Beer Garden

### Glencoe Lodge No. 22

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North Plains, OR 97133

Lodge Location 31520 NW  
Commercial St.



*Providing  
Friendship  
Charity  
And Benevolence*



*Glencoe Lodge  
A Fraternity  
Of Excellence*

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS HISTORY

The order Knights of Pythias is a great international fraternity which was founded in Washington D.C., February 19, 1864, by Justus H. Rathbone during the Civil War. Rathbone believed that it might do much to heal the wounds and allay the hatred of civil conflict. The primary object of the Knights of Pythias is to promote friendship among men and to relieve suffering. The distinguishing principles of the Order Knights of Pythias are "FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE. which exemplify the friendship of Damon and Pythias who were historical characters and were willing to die to save the other's life. President Abraham Lincoln, being advised of the Knights of Pythias teachings, said "It is one of the best agencies conceived for the upholding of government, honoring the flag, for the reuniting of our brethren of the North and of the South, for teaching the people to love one another, and portraying the sanctity of the home and loved ones.

## GLENCOE LODGE NO. 22

Glencoe Lodge No. 22 was formed in 1884 prior to the building being erected in downtown North Plains in 1914. The lodge has continuously operated since its formation. Membership is open to men who live in the area and is not limited to North Plains city limits.



Glencoe Lodge conducts a business meeting once per month and a fraternal gathering once per month. The Knights of Glencoe Lodge members have committed themselves to being an integral organization in the community of North Plains and surrounding area. Perhaps the most visible event that we perform is operating the beer garden with the Chamber of Commerce during the annual "North Plains Garlic Festival". Behind the scenes, the Knights of Pythias operate a support our troops drive that is always ongoing, help teachers obtain materials for our school curriculum, supply gifts for Santa's workshop, provide bike helmets for kids in need, provide our partner organizations a place to meet, support for our local Library and provide volunteer assistance for other needs in our community.



## GARLIC FESTIVAL BEER GARDEN

Perhaps our most visible community service activity is our operation of the Beer Garden during the annual North Plains Garlic Festival. In cooperation with The North Plains Chamber Of Commerce, the Glencoe Lodge Knights of Pythias oversee the complete operation of the Beer Garden from setting up, pouring beverages, maintaining security to tear down and cleanup of the grounds. All net proceeds from the Garlic Festival are shared With the North Plains Chamber of Commerce and the funds go directly back to the community through contributions and



## Knights Membership

Consider joining the Knights Of Pythias...

Membership is open for any male 18 year of age or older, of moral character, a believer in a Supreme being, able to read and write and he must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives. He must not be a professional gambler, or be unlawfully engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of intoxicating liquors, and shall not unlawfully deal in or sell narcotics.

The Knights provided tools for a high school senior project and they have fabricated a Knights armor for us.



For Membership information to Glencoe Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Please contact:

Any Knights of Glencoe Lodge No. 22 Website has phone numbers which change routinely every year.

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