



Newly elected and installed Grand Chancellor Bill and Grand Chief Maureen pause for a picture.

Photo by Bob Smith

#### **Grand Chancellor Bill Peal**

Bill Peal is a family man. His wife Kathy and Bill have five wonderful children, one son and four daughters. Bill is also very proud of his eight grandchildren.

Bill has been a farm boy all his life, living on a twelve-acre farm about three miles out of Pendleton. He is a graduate of OSU and spent 30 years teaching high school Agri-Science. Now he teaches photography and skiing. He is a professional photographer and enjoys shooting scenery and wildlife pictures the most. Weddings and special events photography are also a part of his photographic work flow.

Bill is also an Ambassador with the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and is called on from time to time to be a step on guide when groups want a guided tour of the sites and sounds of Eastern Oregon.

Bill feels that to be called on to serve a second term as Grand Chancellor of Oregon for the Knights of Pythias, is an extreme honor. He is committed to the cause of Growing the Order through Membership Involvement.

#### **Grand Chief Maureen Murphy**

Beginning her Pythian career as a Sunshine Girl, Grand Chief Maureen Murphy has been a dedicated Pythian for 46 years. She has risen through the ranks of the Pythian Sisters' organization, having served in every office of her subordinate temple, Grand Temple and has worked on many committees over the years. One of her favorites has been the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program.

Upon completion of her term as Grand Chief Maureen will be the fourth Past Grand Chief of her family, following her mother, Viona Lacy, her sister Kathlene Henry, and her Sister Shelley Corby. In addition, her father Don Lacy and her brother John Lacy have served as Past Grand Chancellors in Oregon.

Maureen's family consists of her husband Phil, sons Aaron, Andrew, James and daughter Sarah. Most of GC Maureen's family are also Pythians.



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due no later  
than February  
20, 2011*

## Grand Secretary Shelley's Corner

Grand Temple was held in Pendleton on October 15-17 at the Red Lion Hotel. Guests from out of state included Supreme Treasurer Margaret Grochocki, Supreme Inner Guard Joel Fierstien, Grand Chief of Utah Bea Cragun, Grand Chief of California Carlene Saria, California Grand Treasurer Jo Ann Gotcher and California Grand Secretary Donna Zinchuk. My Sister Maureen Murphy was installed as the new Grand Chief. We are very happy for our Sister Maureen.

The Grand Officers elected for 2010-2011 are:

**SPGC ~ Elizabeth Evans**  
Thermopylae #37 Grants Pass

**Grand Chief ~ Maureen Murphy**  
Phoenicia-Rose #10 Hillsboro

**Grand Senior ~ Beverly Cox**  
Fern #46 Yamhill

**Grand Junior ~ Sharon Johnson**  
Herculena #27 Milton-Freewater

**Grand Manager ~ Leatha Tyra**  
Phoenicia-Rose #10 Hillsboro

**Grand Secretary ~ Shelley Corby**  
Phoenicia-Rose #10 Hillsboro

**Grand Treasurer ~ Robyn Neeley**  
Thermopylae #37 Grants Pass

**Grand Protector ~ Carolyn Swanson**  
Herculena #27 Milton-Freewater

**Grand Guard ~ Esther McKibben**  
Helmetta #29 Eugene

**Grand Press Correspondent ~ Donna Johnson**  
Phoenicia-Rose #10 Hillsboro

**Grand Musician ~ Barbara Christopher**  
Phoenicia-Rose #10 Hillsboro

Grand Chief Maureen has chosen to continue with Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department as her Grand Chief's Project. Risa Rikken started this project in 1998 when she was Grand Chief.

Maureen's Theme is: *"The Magic of Love"* and her motto is *"Love Through Understanding."* Her Colors are Blue and White and her Flowers are Red and Yellow Roses for Love, Friendship and Sunshine.

Grand Chief Maureen became a Pythian in 1964 at the age of 10 as a Pythian Sunshine Girl. Some of her best memories of being a Pythian are from when we lived in the Medford area and were involved in Sunshine Girls and attended many potluck dinners, picnics and community service events with Talisman Lodge and Thermopylae Temple.

Grand Temple 2011 will be held in Newport Oregon on October 14-16.

It is time once again to send out the Annual Report forms to the Subordinate Temple Secretaries. Let's hope that every Temple will get them sent back on time again this year and in my office on or before February 20 so that the Grand Temple Annual report can be submitted on time before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Here's hoping everyone will have the happiest of Holidays this year. I will post the Temple Secretary list in the next issue of the OPN.

With Pythian Love,

*Shelley*



## Words from Grand Secretary Mike

**Fellow Pythians:**

**Brothers and Sisters,**

I found this list and thought I would share it, it's called Seven Cyber Mistakes Not to Make:

1. Never let yourself get phished or scammed, a financial institution would never ask you for your password. Never use their supplied email reply link.
2. Exchanging personal pictures and information on line. Do not communicate with strangers even if it is a so called friend of a friend.
3. Open e-greetings without thinking. Always make sure you know who sent it and email them separately to verify they sent it.
4. Clicking links in mystery e-mails. Anything questionable in the message should be a flag to delete it completely.
5. Clicking buttons before you think. This scam uses the yes and no or quit and continue buttons but what they do is rearrange them so any button does what they want. Use the red X in the top right to delete.
6. Downloading free internet applications. Do not download without knowing the source. There are free ones out there but just as

many scammers. Check the cookies and delete unfamiliar ones.

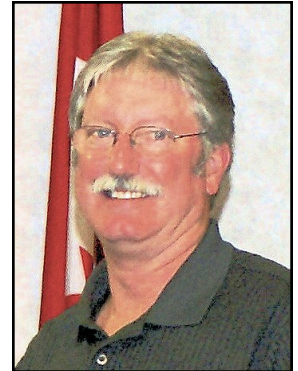
7. Keep your password safe. Use strong passwords and change them regularly. A good way is to think of them as phrases with letters and numbers, that is the best way to have an original password.

For the Knights I have just a few announcements for everyone. The year is almost over and I am working towards getting ready for the annual reports. I will send you two copies this year, one that you filled out for last year and the blank for this year. If you want to do this by email then just let me know.

Please pay extra attention to the member list. I use this list to give the OPN editor and every mailing we send out costs money. Along with the member list did your lodge have a past chancellor that should receive a past chancellor's pin and certificate? I have plenty of supply in stock.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season and all look forward to a new year.

Fraternally,  
Mike Harnes  
Grand Secretary

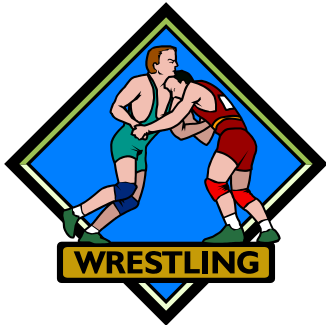


*"Never let  
yourself get  
phished or  
scammed"*

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year*

*From the Sisters of  
Helmetta Temple!!*





## Damon Lodge Organized for Community Service 2010-2011

We will have two primary community service projects that we hold throughout the year.

The first one is steak feed fund raiser activities that we have approximately 4 times a year. This is to support local school organizations that want to raise money for their activities. We provide the facilities, supplies, guidance, and manpower to assist the groups during the steak feeds. The organizations have to sell the tickets but we assist in fronting the money for supplies and we help with the steak feeds and we provide the facilities.

The second one is a memorial football game with an auction. The purpose is to honor a former Knight and local leader in the sport of wrestling in

the Pendleton area. We hold an auction to raise money for local wrestling scholarships.

All of these activities help local high school students work either towards their learning activities and / or sports activities. By helping provide these fund raisers we are helping our students be active in the community. They see by example that you can get things done if you work together. Also, students who are successful in these learn that work brings rewards.

Andrew Lacey, CC  
Damon Lodge 4



## Southern Oregon Pythians Upgrading Building



Southern Oregon is alive and well. Talisman Lodge and Thermopylae Temple have been busy upgrading our facility to make it more community oriented. We have been painting the exterior of the building and are going to start the inside next.

This has been a huge undertaking for our group. We have a wonderful group of young volunteers who have come out to help us. We are hoping to be finished this spring so we can have an open house and invite the community for a get together.

Thermopylae Temple has been active in the community this past year with donations to the Food Bank and the Shelley Corby medical fund.

Submitted by Julie Lozano and GPC Donna Johnson  
Picture by Julie Lozano



***Wishing you  
a happy holiday season!!  
The Knights and Sisters  
of Southern Oregon***

## Grand Temple Supports New Cause

Please help us support our friend and Sister, Shelley Corby, who is battling cancer.

We are fundraising to help her pay for an experimental treatment that is not covered by her insurance.

Shelley has a rare, slow growing form of cancer (pseudomyxoma peritonei, or PMP) that currently has no known cure. Without this experimental treatment, Shelley will have to repeatedly undergo surgery.

Shelley's out-of-pocket expenses could exceed \$100,000. We had an excellent start to this fundraising at Grand. Between Grand Temple, Grand Loge and the generosity of the members, over \$6,000 was donated to the Shelley Corby Fund!

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please make checks payable to, **Pythian Sisters Shelley Corby Fund**, and mail to:

The Shelley Corby Fund  
c/o Vesta Poteete  
84750 Didion Lane  
Milton Freewater, Oregon 97862

Please help us defray the cost and make this experimental treatment possible for Shelley – donate today!

Sincerely,

**Grand Temple of Oregon**

For more information on PMP, visit:

[www.pmpawareness.org](http://www.pmpawareness.org)



## Herculena Temple Hosts GC Maureen



GC Maureen escorted by Vesta

Herculena Temple welcomed Grand Chief Maureen with a special dinner November 16th where 19 Pythians and their family members were in attendance. The meeting was festive in the Sisters "new" meeting location—a recreation center with high ceilings and decorated with pictures of hot air balloons!

The Sisters introduced GC Maureen at the altar and presented her with a special "green" corsage. She showed off the gifts which members donated to help raise money for her Grand Chief's Project Doernbecher Child Life Program.

After the meeting the Sisters visited while enjoying homemade cookies, coffee and tea.



GC Maureen and MEC Tanya with gifts.

## Thank You Note from Shelley

*Dear Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends,*  
*My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for all that you have done to support me and my family during my recent medical condition. We are so grateful for your generous donations to the Fund which will allow me to get the important surgery I need. You are my Angels!*

*My husband Don and I will keep you posted on my progress as we decide when and where I will receive my surgery and treatment. It is a difficult time for us but I know that with the love, thoughts and prayers from all of you we will be able to get through it. Thank you all so very much.*

*In Pythian Love,  
Shelley Lacy Corby*





*"Little kids can  
really clear a  
cloudy day for  
me ..."*

## Greetings from Grand Chief Maureen

Dear Pythians ~

Thank you for all the love and support you have given me, also for the so many courtesies. It is such an honor. I really appreciate your confidence in me to serve as your Grand Chief.

We need to get new members if we are going to continue. I think maybe one way is by doing activities together. It could be fun activities such as parties, plays, musical events, educational events, a family night of games and movie of course along with snacks. It could be a community volunteer activity. Our Lodge and Temple has sponsored a team for Relay for Life for 7 years now. Shelley is the team captain this year. It is really fun and for a very good cause. I urge you to find out if there is one in your community and to volunteer if you are able to. If not I suggest that you attend one. Especially the Luminary Ceremony. It is so very moving. This event is open to the public.

My Grand Chief's project is the Child Life Department for Doernbecher Hospital. As some of you know I love children. It makes me so happy to be around them and to see and receive their pure love which they give us so freely and their beautiful smiles. My favorite John Denver song has a couple of lines in it that I love because to me they are so true. The lines are the "flowers and the children are my brothers and my sisters they can clear a cloudy day." Little kids can really clear a cloudy day for me. Another line in that song says "listen to the wisdom

of the children with their innocence and trusting they can teach us to be free."

As most of you know my sister Shelley has a rare form of cancer. The Grand Temple, under the leadership of Ann Ross, has set up a Shelley Corby fund to help raise money for Shelley's treatment. Shelley and her family really appreciate all the donations this fund has received and all the love and support expressed. Since this is a rare form of cancer regular Chemo doesn't work therefore insurance doesn't cover it. The cost of the treatment is anticipated to exceed \$100,000.

My official visitations this year are as follows:

February 15 — Fern Temple #46

February 17 — Phoenicia-Rose #10

March 2 — Willamette Temple #45

March 6 — Thermopylae Temple #37

March 21 — Helmetta Temple #29

The official visit to Herculena Temple #27 was made on November 9<sup>th</sup>. It was very enjoyable.

The District Convention will be held On May 7 in Hillsboro with Ann Myers serving as DDGC. Thank you so much for the privilege of being your Grand Chief. I will do my very best.

In Pythian Love,

Maureen Murphy, Grand Chief

*The Sisters and Brothers of Phoenicia-Rose Temple # 10*

*wish to extend to our friends and family*

*the Best of Holiday Seasons and a*

*Happy & Healthy New Year!*



## Three Oregon Past Grand Chiefs Celebrate Happy 90th Birthdays!!

In 1920 three baby girls were born. One in Oregon, one in Nebraska and one in Kansas. By 1945 they were all living in Oregon. In 1939, Pauline Terry, the native Oregonian joined Orionette Temple #31 in Elgin.

In 1949 Rosenna Powell, born in Nebraska joined Fern Temple #46 in Yamhill. In 1953 Fay Robinson, born in Kansas joined Phoenicia Temple #10 in Hillsboro.

These women were very active in their Temples, then joined Grand Tempe extending their work in Pythianism.

Fay Robinson was elected Grand Treasurer in 1970. After serving 5 years she received her past Grand Chief rating in 1975. She served as Supreme Representative in 1982.

Pauline Terry was elected Grand Guard in 1983. After serving in that office years, she went up the line of officers and served as Grand Chief in 1989. Then was Supreme Representative in 1996.

Rosenna Powell was recruited to serve as Grand Senior in 1998 and was Grand Chief in 1999.

The three Sisters were in attendance at the 2010 Grand Temple sessions. Their 90th birthdays, Fay on August 24th, Pauline on October 10, and Rosenna October 31st were celebrated at the convention.

In combining their membership years, over 180 years of Pythianism is represented.



From left to right: Past Grand Chief Rosenna Powell, Past Supreme Representative Pauline Terry and Past Supreme Representative Fay Robinson

*Submitted by Fay Robinson*

*Photo by Kathlene Henry*

## Friendship Camp Takes on New Look

Damon Lodge members take to the Blue Mountains to meet at the Friendship Campground and get it ready for the winter season. Some sixteen members gathered on Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at the property owned by the lodge to open up another area for camping and mountain fun. Many thinning operations have gone on during the summer but due to fire conditions slash has not been burned for fear of forest fire. The restrictions have been lifted and burn we did. The areas flanking the road into the property are beginning to take on the look of a true campground rather than a lodge pole thicket.

Chancellor Commander Andrew Lacey, his wife and two sons brought their four wheeler and used it to yard logs out to the roadway to be cut into poles or fire wood. Secretary Ben Anderson loaded his truck with firewood for a warm winter season. Bill Peal was interested in loading poles for his corrals and also hauled off a load of firewood for the annual bonfire which has become a Damon Lodge tradition.

Trustee Jim Aldrich, was dubbed the "Torch Warrior," with his flame thrower propane torch. Jim arrived early and had many of the piles ablaze when the rest of the crew arrived.



Knight Roman Olivera and sons working on the Friendship Forest Park project at Meacham.



Grand Chancellor Bill Peal

*"Adopt a hungry attitude, and then feed it with new activities and involvement that brings the spirit of volunteerism and service . . ."*

## Grand Chancellor's Message: *Where do we go from here?*

We have embarked upon a journey as an organization of Knights of Pythias, but where do we go from here?

We are becoming a leaner organization. We question... Why are we doing this? What are we accomplishing in our operation? How can we increase our effectiveness? Who should we involve in restructuring our programs? Is the cost of operation justified, and where should we draw the line? The answers to these and many other questions must be discovered by you, the membership of our lodges and you, our officers who have been handed the reins. Yes, you are now the ones who will determine if your lodge grows and serves the community that is yours.

Are you challenging your membership with a program of activities which is engaging and fun to be a part of? Are you repeating your successes while taking on something new which people want to take part in? Is your Lodge a happening place?

How do you determine what programs you will support? Are you looking for new ways to serve

the members and their families? Are you looking for ways to serve the communities where you live?

I ask that each officer team formulate a program of activities, one that causes you to evaluate your present plan, and to elicit input and ideas from the people you serve. Try something new! Energize your lodge by involving membership in promoting worthy causes where you work and play. Find needs in your schools- cities- programs- and organizations. Adopt a hungry attitude, and then feed it with new activities and involvement that brings the spirit of voluntarism and service out in your members and the public that you serve. When people feel the need and satisfaction of accomplishment, they will spread the news. The Knights of Pythias is doing good things, and I am proud to be a part of it.

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

Bill Peal, Grand Chancellor



At GC Bill Peal's official visit to Ivanhoe, Hermes and Phoenix Lodges on November 15th Mike Stone, John Murchison, Mark Erickson, Ed Yates, GC Bill Peal, Jerry Girard, Charlie Van Domelen, John Lacy, Darrell Henry, Kenny Swartout and Scott Swartout took the "Together We Can" pledge!

## Notes from Grand Lodge / Temple Fun Tours

Grand Chancellor Bill Peal arranged a most interesting tour for Friday, October 15. A large gathering of Sisters set out for the Pendleton Woolen Mills chauffeured by a very brave Ben Anderson, Secretary of Damon Lodge #4. The Woolen Mills gift shop was full of beautiful blankets, clothing and trinkets. Our tour guide, Jenny, escorted us through the working factory. Headphones were provided to raise her voice above the noisy machinery. She explained the processes of washing, carding, dying, and weaving of the wool. The building was constructed in 1909 and the original huge wooded posts and ceiling still stand. One of the owners, C. M. "Mort" Bishop Jr. (1925-2007) was honored in 1991 by receiving a pipe tomahawk as a friendship award from the Confederated Tribes. The Indian name bestowed on Mr. Bishop was "Just Right Doer of Things".

We could have spent all day at the Woolen Mills, but we were off to the world famous cowboy outfitters, Hamley's established in 1883. One side of Hamley's sells saddles, tack and such. The other side is a fancy steakhouse restaurant and lounge. They used to make harnesses and belts (30,000 belts a month to sell back East) upstairs, and saddles and luggage downstairs. Co-owner Parley Pearce escorted us through the two buildings that have now been joined and magnificently restored upstairs, and make you think it is 1885 all over again. For a minute I thought I saw Doc Holliday coming around the corner. The

103-year old elevator is still operational and we used it. There are two huge rooms, one formerly a ballroom and the Elks Lodge, purchased by the Elks in 1909 for \$2,500, and one room that was a gentlemen's club for smoking cigars. The rooms are now used for wedding receptions and private parties. The massive ballroom bar was built in 1890 in Butte, Montana and purchased by Mr. Parley in 2004 for \$60,000. Two long walls in the gentlemen's club room are lined by a huge apothecary built in 1890 Berlin, Germany. It was purchased in 2006 by the Hamley's owners and shipped in sections to the new location. The sculptured tin tiles for the new ceilings were manufactured by a company still in business since before the Civil War. According to Mr. Pearce, people come from miles around just to see the X-rated artwork in the upstairs restrooms. We just took a quick peek. Too bad if you missed it.

Thank you to Ben for getting us back to the Red Lion Hotel in time for the next scheduled event. Thank you Bill, and your committee of Knights for arranging such a good time for us. It was great.

Submitted by  
Robyn Neeley



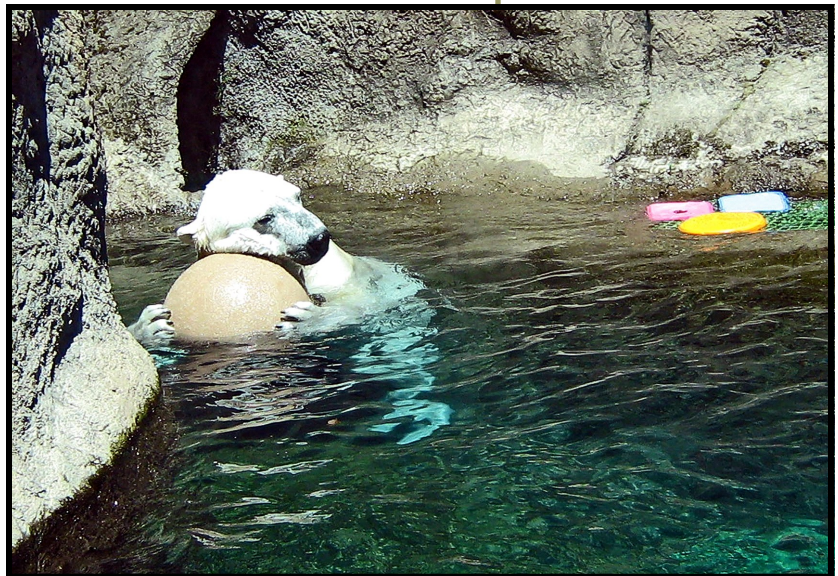
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## People's Choice Winner—Fun Day !

By an overwhelming vote of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple attendees the picture of the Polar Bear enjoying a moment of contemplation on the ball in the crystal clear water this past summer's Pythian Fun Day was the winner of the Pythian Fun Day picture contest.

As it turned out, the winning picture was a team effort! Grand Chief Maureen noticed the polar bear in the water with the ball and asked her husband Phil to take the picture. They took the picture at just the right moment to capture this very restful, loving pose!

This polar bear captured the interest of several contest participants this year. Out of 12 entrants, 4 were pictures of this bear. Perhaps the heat of the day made our members envious of the polar bear in the pool!



## Oregon Grand Convention Fun and Productive



Oregon Grand was held October 15-17 in Pendleton, Oregon the home of Grand Chancellor Bill Peal. GC Bill and the Convention Committee decided to start things off with a little fun this year, so they set up four tours – 2 each for Friday and Saturday afternoon. Friday's tours were to Pendleton Woolen Mills and Hamley's Western Store. Please see Robyn Neeley's article on page 9 for more details on the Friday tours.

Friday evening was a social time as everyone gathered to break bread together at the Joint Representatives' Banquet. Following that meal the Sisters of Herculena Temple presented a lovely Memorial Tribute for the Knights and Sisters who had passed away during the past year. The decorations were angels and candles with a painting of clouds and sunbeams which was painted for the Grand Memorial by PGC Tanya Bancroft.

Business meetings were the focus for Saturday morning. Both the Knights and Sisters "hurried along" in their proceedings so that they could be free to enjoy the 2 tours which had been scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Those tours were to the Pendleton Roundup and Damon Lodge's meeting hall. Those who participated really enjoyed seeing the Roundup's arena and facilities – and – at the lodge hall, they saw all the improvements which the Knights have made to the building to make it a better place for their members and the town's citizens who come to their steak feeds and other public events.

Saturday evening we all gathered again for the Grand Banquet. A local western band provided great music and song for everyone's enjoyment. GC Bill wound up serving as Master of Ceremonies for the evening since the Knight who had planned to fulfill this role had a family illness to contend with that evening. GC Bill took up the challenge in true Pendleton style using a cattle bell to sound the changes from one topic to the next during the evening's festivities. (See photo in right column.) During the evening we heard greetings and comments from Grand Chancellor Bill, Grand Chief Beth and Supreme Inner Guard Joel Fierstien.



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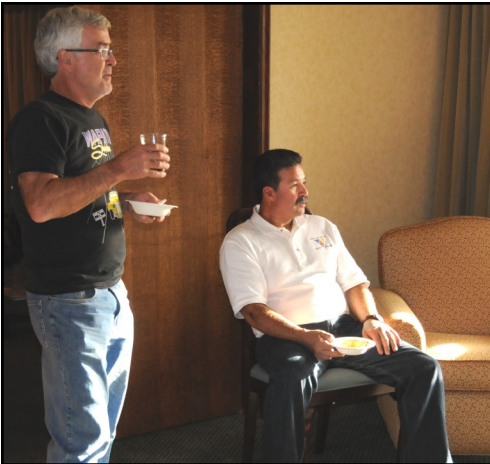
## Oregon Grand Convention Fun and Productive



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Sunday morning started early with the Fun for Funds Breakfast where the members socialized while they ate their meal. After that, the business meetings started again. The Sisters' sessions concluded around 11am. The Knights took a break from meeting so we could all gather for lunch, then the Knights reconvened their meetings and finished with their Grand Officers' Installation at 2pm. The Sisters' Installation of Officers followed the Knights' at 3pm.

Next year's Grand Convention will be held at the beach in Newport, Oregon. It will be held at the Best Western Agate Beach on the 3rd weekend in October 2011. Please make plans to join us there.



## Oregon Pythian Sisters' Service Adds Up

If you ask any Pythian Sister they can tell you that they have a longstanding custom of keeping track of the altruistic work that they do. In addition to recording what the Temples donate, they record the individual members' contributions too. At each meeting they pass around a notebook or clipboard where each Sister writes down the service she has provided since the last meeting.

It's amazing how much benefit our communities gain from the service of our members. The altruistic work numbers are added up by our Secretaries — first at the Subordinate Temple level, then at the Grand level and every 2 years for all of the States and Provinces together at the Supreme level.

The chart to the right shows the altruistic work of Oregon's Sisters for the two year term 2008-2009. Most Pythians take for granted the amount of service work that we perform in our communities. It's just in our nature to help others. However if we look at it from the perspective of the recipients of our good work, this 2-year period offers 22,170 acts of kindness, 1,930 hours of service and \$41,557 in monetary contributions to benefit others. All this from a state with a relatively small membership base.

Way to go Sisters! Keep up the good work!

2-Year Altruistic Activities - 2008 & 2009			
Activity	Quantity	Hours	Dollars
Blood Donatons - Pints	32	0	\$0
Cancer and tests	0	52	\$717
Cards	3,135	0	\$0
Cerebral Palsy	0	0	\$5
Charity	0	0	\$1,326
Clothing Value	193	0	\$5,789
Donations to Pythian Homes and Camps	0	0	\$100
Endowment Fund for Scholarships	0	0	\$255
Food and Meals	349	0	\$4,344
Gifts, Flowers and Memorials	0	0	\$3,724
Grand Chief's Projects	0	0	\$0
Heart and Tests	0	0	\$142
Holiday Cheer	0	0	\$174
Hospital Volunteer Hours	58	1,141	\$0
Members Cared for in Homes and Hospitals	6	0	\$0
Miscellaneous	1,456	382	\$22,747
Miscellaneous Community Service	2,880	692	\$505
Other National Programs	0	26	\$4,319
Scholarships	2	2	\$1,325
Telephone Calls	1,727	0	\$0
Transportation Miles	15,225	0	\$0
Visits	668	0	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>22,170</b>	<b>1,930</b>	<b>\$41,557</b>

## Remembering True Pythian Sir Paul Lewis

Brother Paul Lewis passed away on October 20, 2010 at the age of 89. He was born August 26, 1921 in Dayton, Oregon. He married Marjory Healea Hoff on June 17, 1950 in Eugene.

Paul served in the US Army Air Corp during World War II and earned a degree in business from the University of Oregon. He worked in retail and owned Buster Brown Shoes in Astoria.

Paul is survived by his son, Paul of Dallas; a daughter, Sally Heller of Eagle, Idaho; and nine

grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Paul joined the Pythian Order on March 27, 1950 serving the Order well for 60 years. Paul was a Past Grand Chancellor for the Domain of Oregon. In recognition of his service to the community and humankind he was dubbed Knight of the Golden Spur, the highest honor within the Pythian Order.

Paul was loved by many and will be missed by all.



**Paul Lewis**

August 1921 ~ October 2010

## Glencoe Lodge Members Receive Award Certificates

On the occasion of his official visit to Glencoe Lodge on November 17th Grand Chancellor Bill Peal presented Awards to three members of the Lodge.

Glencoe Lodge is a dynamic lodge that has developed a connection with their community and the recognition is well deserved. The connection with the community has resulted in increased membership and community service.

Congratulations are in order to the leadership and work of Glencoe Lodge and members.



Michael Basile receiving Progress in Community Involvement Award from Grand Chancellor Bill



Roger Newton receiving Excellent Progress on Promoting Youth Award from GVC Ed Yates



Corky Funk receiving Excellent Recruitment of Members Award from GVC Ed Yates

## A Note from Supreme Chief Addie

Hello Sisters,

It is such an extreme honor for me to be your Supreme Chief. I hope that with your help, I can lead us through two successful years.

During these two years, I plan to promote Membership. I believe this is the most important issue before us. We are like the beautiful panda bear and the great soaring whooping cranes. We are on the verge of extinction and we must take action now! I need YOU to join the fight. Go out there in your daily lives and convince women you see and meet that we need them. Convince them that they need us. Show them the friends they will have if they join us. Show them the friends they will meet because of this order. Convince them, as did our previous Supreme Chief, that *"Pythians are Friends Forever."*

I will be giving you a pin. This pin is in the shape of a trophy and is to remind you to be a membership champion. Wear it everywhere – every day. When

friends ask about it, you can explain our order and invite them to join. For each new member that you bring in, you will receive an award certificate from me. For each three new members you bring in, you will receive a special coin from me. If you bring in ten new members, you will receive a trophy presented at Supreme sessions.

I am taking the Sisters along with the Knights in support of the American Cancer Society. The members in Canada will, of course, support the Canadian Cancer Society. Plan to participate in Relay for Life.

We are going to support our militaries and our local food banks. Please continue to do volunteerism in your areas.

By supporting all of these projects in your jurisdictions, together, we can keep our name before the public. This can convince them we are doing something they want to be a part of.

In Pythian Love - Addie



**Addie Sadberry**  
Supreme Chief 2010-2012

## Grand Chancellor Presents Awards to Outstanding Oregon Knights



### Chris Anderson, PGC

Chris Anderson was the recipient of the **Pythian of the Year** award for the Grand Lodge fiscal year. Chris's brothers nominated him because of his outstanding leadership skills. Chris is involved in most everything that goes on in Gaston Lodge. He was one of the people responsible for the re-birth of Gaston Lodge, establishment of the Wapato Showdown car show as well as being a spearhead for the renovation projects that have improved the Lodge Hall to the point it is today.

Congratulations to Chris for a job well done! Your leadership and involvement is appreciated.



### Mark Erickson, PSR, PIR

Mark Erickson received the **Bulletin of the Year Award**. Mark has published and distributed a bulletin highlighting the activities of Ivanhoe Lodge each month. His bulletin highlights the minutes of the lodge's meetings and announces upcoming lodge activities.

Congratulations to Mark for his success in keeping the Ivanhoe members informed.



### Russ Sheldon, Past Chancellor Commander

Russ Sheldon has been a guiding light for Glencoe Lodge for several years. He is always involved in the lodge activities as well as community activities. He has reported many of the lodge's community service projects to the OPN.

For these reasons GC Bill awarded Russ with the **Outstanding Leadership to Your Lodge Award**.



### Stan Shope, Secretary Gaston Lodge

Stan Shope, Gaston Lodge #104, receives a plaque in honor of his selection for special recognition by Grand Chancellor Bill Peal. This award, with the narrative read by Grand Secretary Mike Harmes, was for his contribution to the OPN for research and publication on the history of the Gaston Wapato Car Show this summer.

## Oregon Pythian News completes its 20th year!

The year was 1990. Our Grand Chancellor was Mark Erickson and our Grand Chief was Betty Alexander. A lot of water has passed under the bridge in the 20 years since then.

Oregon's Pythian organization continues to be viable, serving both its members and our communities. Thousands of dollars have been donated to community causes. Not to mention the thousands of hours Oregon Pythians have devoted to planning, service and charity.

For the past 2 decades, the OPN has attempted to chronicle as many of those events as possible. In addition, we recognize the special milestones of our members.

Thanks are in line for Don Lacy who started, funded and published our

publication for its first several years. Don appointed Mark Erickson to be his Assistant Editor—then Mark assumed the OPN Editor's responsibilities for about five years. In 2004, Darrell Henry became the next OPN Editor. Randy Tipton was appointed as Editor in October 2008 by GC Jerry Girard. The following year GC Bill Peal reappointed Darrell as OPN Editor.

The OPN fills several important roles—it's a membership tool, it records our history and offers a means of sharing news via the articles and photos contributed by several of our members.

Congratulations to the OPN and all who have participated in its success. We hope the OPN continues to wave our Pythian banner for many more years to come!

## Message from Supreme Chancellor Edwin Wright

To My Pythian Brothers:

Thank you for your support as I moved through the Supreme Lodge line.

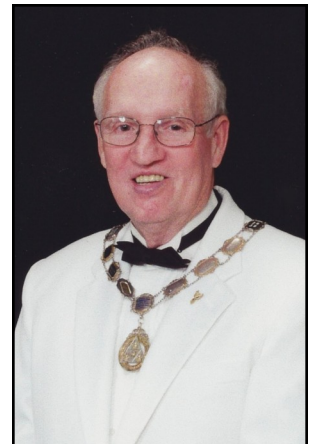
I enjoyed visiting your beautiful state when I attended Supreme Session in Portland. I expect attend your Grand Lodge session in 2011. Many of you I have met in my travels and I hope we have become good friends. My program of "Friendship" is because of the friendship I have received from so many and because I know that Pythian Friendship is important. It means we are FAMILY.

My congratulations to all of you for all the programs you have to bring Pythian Friends together.

Hopefully you have seen my program and will support the idea of Friendship as you work on the many Pythian programs. Volunteerism is a good example of Friendship being shared with your neighbors and communities. Working for Cancer also is an example of Friendship. Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts also are our Friends. Poster contest participants become our Friends.

Let's keep Friendship in our hearts.

Yours in Pythian Friendship,  
Edwin Wright  
Supreme Chancellor



**Edwin Wright**  
Supreme Chancellor  
2010-2012

## Donna Johnson Presents 50-Year Pin to Don Lacy

Donna Johnson came into possession of her father, Duane Johnson's 50-Year Service pin after his passing last year. Rather than keeping this treasure for herself, she decided to keep her father's memory alive by passing the pin on for someone else to wear and enjoy.

The Knight Donna chose as the recipient was Don Lacy, who had begun his Pythian career in Southern Oregon. Donna had heard that Don had just become eligible to wear this special service pin. She asked GC Bill if she could "do the honors" after Grand Lodge's Installation of

Officers ceremony so that the Lacy family could take part in the presentation. Thankfully GC Bill agreed with her request.

Duane Johnson's 50-Year Service Pin has extra sentimentality since the pin had previously been worn by another 50-Year member, JK Sikes, prior to being presented to Duane when he earned his 50-year honors. So Don Lacy is the 3rd 50-Year Member to wear this special pin.

Thank you, Donna for sharing and keeping the history going.



Donna Johnson Placing 50  
Year Pin on Don Lacy

## Jim Gets the Big One!

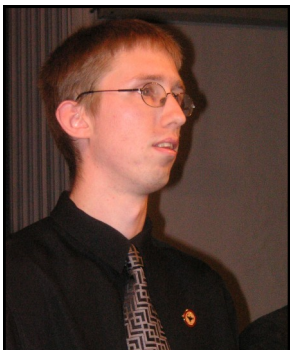
Jim Aldrich of Pendleton poses with a Rocky Mountain Elk he shot with a bow and arrow on Monday, September 20th on Mount Emily which is between Pendleton and La Grande. According to Elk Green measurements, Jim's elk scored at 378 points, putting it near the top of the list for largest of its species ever shot by bow in Oregon. Jim had fallen and injured himself several years ago and this is the first time he has been able to hunt since that injury.

Jim is a trustee at Damon Lodge and serves as a councilman at large on the Grand Council.





***“What is really memorable however, is how warm and welcoming Pythians are...”***



## **SIG Joel Says “Oregon is a Grand Grand Domain”**

Oregon has some truly magnificent scenery, but equally impressive are the activities of the Domain, maybe 400 people doing so much, and the good fortune of having Grand Chancellor William Peal.

The events, activities, the *Oregon Pythian News*, and a membership increase show an active, vibrant membership. The Wapato Car Show and Pythian Fun Day are wonderful events. The lodges are fortunate to own their own castle halls and facilities, and to make them supportive. The greatest obstacles are east-west distance, increasing communication, and a current, updated listing.

The domain does much in the way of community service, and has done so for some extended period of time. Community Service is a cherished core value. Take advantage of the numerous events and activities to generate public relations for the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters at every opportunity, planning, recruiting, announcing the event, and with its conclusion, take a photo with a caption or account to capture the venture. And, at the end of the event or during its course, ask people to help and to join the project and the Order. The Supreme Chancellor's Program, particularly Friendship, Volunteering, and the American Cancer Society, as well as Community Service which are important to all, helps inspire everyone to grow and to get younger.

GC Bill Peal is a special asset of the Domain because he sees areas where the Domain must concentrate its focus and the importance of enjoying each other's company. PSC Darrell Henry and PSC Kathlene Henry are special as they have accomplished and contributed so much, meaning they have so much to offer as an invaluable resource.

Help DSC Mark Erickson help the Supreme Lodge make a difference in Oregon.

Turn GS Shelley Corby into a mission. Support and love her, have an event to help her if she likes the suggestion, and promote the cause. Help give her the strength for her struggles and to overcome this dark hour. The support for her at the Grand Convention shows so much about the heart and spirit of the Pythian family, Friendship, and Love.

Finally, let me share how special Oregon is to me. Darrell and Kathlene Henry showed me the surf of the Pacific Ocean, a logging camp (Camp 18) with stumps wider than I am tall, the beauty of seeing the Columbia River Gorge from Crown Point, looking up at Multnomah Falls, driving along the historic overlook highway, and being on the Hood River Highway between Mt. Hood and Mt. Adams. And, then seeing the Pendleton Roundup museum with War Paint in the doorway and Damon Lodge was a treat. Realize that on Thursday I saw the Atlantic Ocean at 9 A.M. and at 3:30 P.M. I was watching waves crash at the Pacific, and then Monday on the return home I saw the Statue of Liberty standing before New Jersey. What is really memorable, however, is how warm and welcoming Pythians are, in addition to the pride of Oregonians, whether showing me sites, telling of relatives who predated statehood or first settlers, or shown in a license plate- 3GEN-OR.

Thank you for being so gracious, and for all that you do. You make a grand domain grand. Good luck GC Maureen Murphy, GC Bill Peal, Oregon Pythians, and to Sister Shelley and her inner strength to conquer adversity.

Joel D. Fierstien  
Supreme Inner Guard

## **Aaron Murphy Earns Licensed Practical Nursing Certification**

Aaron Murphy, son of Grand Chief Maureen and Knight Phil Murphy completed his training as a licensed practical nurse on Saturday November 13th in a ceremony in Tigard, Oregon.

Aaron is a member of Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro, Oregon. After completing a two year mission for his church, he began his studies at Portland

Community College. While working in various jobs in the medical care arena he finished up at Sumner College in the Practical Nursing Program.

A registered nurse designation is now on Aaron's sights for the future. We wish him success and satisfaction in his endeavors.

## Notes from Grand Press Correspondent Donna Johnson

Dear Pythians,

Just a note to let you all know what the temples around Oregon are up to.

### Phoenicia - Rose

They are selling the Entertainment Books again this year. We also gather newspapers for recycling, and getting their Relay for Life team signed up.

We are very happy to have Grand Chief Maureen here at our Temple.

### Herculena

Had a no bake sale to raise money for the Battered Persons and Rescue Mission there.

They are also getting ready to have the Grand Chief's visit.

### Helmetta

Reports they are selling their antique cup and saucer sets to raise money for the Shelley fund.

### Thermopylae

Reports they donated last meeting to give \$50 to the Shelley Fund. And hoping to send money to

the Food Bank again this year as it needs more than before with the economy the way it is.

They are eking by with so many sick members and losing some.

### Willamette

Reports they are working on the ongoing project of Educational coupons for the schools with the Campbell's soup labels to get computers and they are given to Whitworth Elementary School in Dallas. They also have a no bake sale but it will be this spring. They will have their Christmas Potluck dinner with the first meeting in December.

### Fern

Reports they have been making pillowcases for the soldiers returning from Afghanistan and have 225 so far.

They will have Christmas dinner and gift exchange next month also.

That is what is up.

Thank you,  
Donna Johnson, GPC



**BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOURS  
FOR HAPPY HOLIDAYS & A GREAT NEW YEAR!  
DARRELL & KATHLENE HENRY**

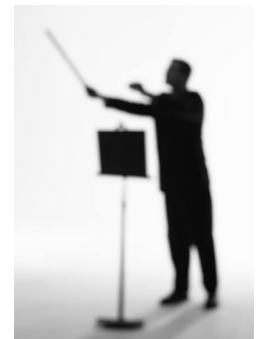


## Hillsboro Pythians ~ Enjoy the Season

Hillsboro Pythians had a busy fall getting ready for Grand Convention and sprucing up the hall with a fresh coat of paint for the holiday season. We celebrated as Phoenicia-Rose Sister Maureen Murphy was installed as our Grand Chief. In addition, Phoenicia-Rose now has the following Sisters as Grand Temple Officers: Grand Manager Leatha Tyra, Grand Secretary Shelley Corby and Grand Press Correspondent Donna Johnson. At the close of our State Convention, our Temple hosted the Joint Grand Reception for GC Bill, GC Maureen and all of the incoming Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers.

Hillsboro Pythian members are looking forward to our group visit to the Hillsboro Symphony on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and our holiday dinner on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. In addition, December is the month where several of our members will serve as elves for our Pythian Santa visits to elder facilities and shelters in our community and as far south as Eugene. Those are heartwarming times for all who participate.

We're looking forward to another good year of community service in 2011. We send best wishes to all of our Pythian friends and family as we cross into another New Year!





Kone Stoking the Fire



Jim Getting the Day Started



Aha! At Last Lunch Time!!

## Friendship Campground 2010

If you are in the need for a good snowball fight this winter, the Meacham Friendship campground is ready to go. Thanks to many hearty souls, good attitudes, and chainsaws.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the lodge had its annual fall burning and thinning day up at our Meacham property. It was a great success. Legally we must wait till fire season is over before we burn the slash/thinning piles. We prefer to have a bit of snow on the ground or falling the day of the burning. This year the weather was ideal. It snowed earlier that week. The piles were covered for the summer and fall, and were dry inside. The weather on the 6<sup>th</sup> was mild and not raining or snowing. This prompted a great response from the lodge members and their families to play in the woods for a day.

There were 16-18 different people who showed up to help that day. Jim Aldrich started it off by showing up early. When I arrived he had 3 piles he was feeding and had all one guy could do. Within the hour we had 10 people working, 6 piles burning and being fed, firewood being cut and poles being hauled to the roads. We took the cover off of the frame to put it away for the winter. We stacked the tables on edge so they shed the snow. Generally, prepared the site for heavy snows and protect our improvements.

By noon we had been working 3-4 hours and hunger was upon us. We had hotdogs, chips, potato salad, cookies, and drinks. Of course we had the perfect hotdog fire to roast them on.

Thanks to Micah Olivera and his girl friend who whittled out some nice long sticks to cook with. After the needed rest we were back at it. More cutting, more piling, firewood cutting, loading poles, and general cleanup. More people kept showing up. Some came for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of the day and some came for the second half of the day. A special thanks to the Lacey family for the use of their ATV, the cookies, and for bringing the whole family to help. I believe they had fun "logging" with the ATV. It did not appear they were considering it work at the time.

In the end I am very pleased with the results. 12 piles were burned, that's 6 more than average. Two people went home with firewood and one a good load of poles. A particularly nasty piece of ground with lots of dead trees has been vastly improved. There are about 5 acres of this property that looks park like today. We had no injuries outside of blisters.

As of November 7<sup>th</sup> there has been an estimated 256 hours of labor put into the Meacham property for just 2010. I can say it really shows. No money was spent by the lodge in 2010 for work or improvements at Friendship campground. It makes you proud to be a Knight to see how we come together and have fun while getting good work done. Thanks to all who have helped and or supported these activities.

By Kone Hancock  
Trustee

*Best wishes for a very happy  
holiday season and a  
wonderful New Year.  
Don Lacy and family*



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## “Don’t Be a Bully, Be a Friend”

One of the largest social problems in our society today is bullying. Especially bullying of and by some of our young people and often exacerbated by adults.

The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias has decided to take this problem on with an attempt to highlight both the problem and perhaps publicize some ways to monitor and manage bullying.

While the time is short for getting this information out to our membership we can still present the opportunity for our high school age youth to participate in a Poster Contest to highlight this problem. As an added incentive there are dollars to be awarded for the best posters.

Grand Chancellor Bill Peal has assigned the task of organizing the lodges throughout the Grand Domain in support of this opportunity to Stan Shope, a member of our dynamic Gaston Lodge. Last year only 8 Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada submitted posters for judging. The winning poster artist received \$1,000 for their effort. The other seven poster kids received prizes ranging from \$500 to \$100. All were winners.

Stan will be distributing information soon, so be on the lookout for it and get your community involved in this project and in winning a few bucks for the kids’ education.

You can reach Stan at **503-648-9350** or **sps665@comcast.net**.

