



News for and About Oregon Pythians

# Oregon Pythian News

## Eugene Pythians Honor Knight Ed Muth's 98th Birthday



**Saturday, December 3rd** - The Knights of Helmet Lodge in Eugene surprised Brother Ed Muth with a party in honor of his 98th birthday. They celebrated with birthday cake and song!

Ed has spent a lifetime in service to others - primarily for Helmet Lodge Knights of Pythias. In addition, Ed has been quite active with the VFW since he served in the military during World War II. He served in the Army in the South Pacific

From a personal standpoint, Ed married his wife Ada in 1945 after the war - so they have been married for 66 years!

In recognition of Ed's longtime service to Helmet Lodge and his service to the community, PSR, PIR Jerry Girard presented Ed with a silver Knights of Pythias medallion.

**Ed's birthday is actually December 23rd, so please reach out and congratulate Ed on this terrific milestone!**



Ed Muth being presented with silver Knights of Pythias medallion by PSR, PIR Jerry Girard

# Grand Chancellor Ed's Message

## Oregon Knights and Sisters,

2010/11 was a learning experience for me as Grand Vice Chancellor. Now I am Grand Chancellor and hope I can live up to this challenge.

My first priority is to visit all of our Lodges and promote Pythian Fun Day in July at Astoria and to suggest your Lodge plan for the recruitment drive sponsored by Supreme in February. We must never lose focus on recruitment. I also have some ideas for my GC Project and will share them on my visits.

Ed Yates,  
Grand Chancellor



## Fall Visitations to Oregon's Lodges

Last weekend Mike, Randy and I traveled to Eugene and Grants Pass for this year's GC visit. We had a Saturday brunch at the Eugene lodge with a good turnout including 3 prospective new members. Way to go guys. We continued on to Grants Pass and had a great visit with Bruce and Marilyn Stevens. They put us up for the night and served us dinner and breakfast. Sunday we had a Thanksgiving feast at the lodge. They also had a great turnout. Randy and I visited Aurora earlier this month where I was honored in being able to present past CC pins. Jerry was due to join us but was delayed on I-5. Mike, Randy and I joined Hillsboro lodge and presented pictures of John and Darrell. Jerry, Randy and I visited McMinnville for a fabulous chicken dinner prepared by their 5 star chef. They are doing a lot of work on their building including heating cooling systems and new windows. They have a rich history in their city and are making great strides to preserve it. Randy and I joined Jerry at the buffet restaurant for a meeting with Portland lodge. Two new gentlemen were in attendance. I also had the official visit at my home lodge in Gaston. PGC Chris Anderson prepared a great meal as always. Jerry and I visited Forest Grove also. The major topics of all these meetings were the promotion of Pythian Fun Day in Astoria and the Support Our Troops care package. Both of these items were well received.

## Support Our Troops Care Package Project

Grand Lodge has made Support Our Troops Care Packages one of their projects for this year.

Stan Shope, Chancellor Commander of Gaston Lodge, who is a Retired Colonel, Oregon Guard is working on this project and should have more info soon. There might also be a need for families of deployed troops; All lodges have strongly supported this cause and will assist when we get a list of needs. The first care package is due to be sent to a deployed Oregon unit in late February.



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**Hope everyone is enjoying the holidays  
and will have a Merry Christmas.  
Happy Hanukkah! Feliz Navidad!  
In PLE&F, Beverly Cox, Grand Chief**



## Grand Chief Beverly's Message

Greetings from your Grand Chief.

I want to thank everyone for all the help and support you have given me. It is greatly appreciated.

Everyone needs to pull together as sisters and brothers to help our order prosper. I know that we are competing with the high tech world where people don't need to see or "talk" to each other. We need to fill our temples with fun and laughter. This will cause people to want to come to meetings and join our organization. Remember we are all young at heart and I am only 6 years old (add the two digits of your age together) so let's not forget to have fun.

My first official visitation was with Fern Temple on November 15th. I want to thank them for their hospitality and to Glenyce Buxton for offering her home for the Sisters to meet in.

A couple of my visitation dates have changed. I will be visiting Helmetta temple on March 19th and Herculena temple on April 10th. So you have it handy, here is the complete visitation schedule:

December 15 · Phoenicia-Rose

February 19 · Thermopylae

March 7 · Willamette

March 19 · Helmetta

April 10 · Herculena

My project is going to be the Child Life Unit at Doernbecher Hospital. As many of you know I work with preschool children and they are a precious gift given to us so I feel we need to support children and their families in time of need.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and enjoy your family and friends. They are precious and every moment spent with them will bring lifelong memories.

Hope to see all of you soon.

In P,L,E & F,

Beverly Cox

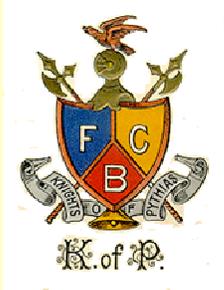


**All best wishes for holidays full of joy and special times with family & friends. May the New Year bring you Peace, Health and Happiness.**  
**The Lacy Family**

## Words From Grand Secretary Mike Harmes

Oregon Pythians

Brother Knights and Sisters:



I am proposing that each lodge or temple take ownership of their individual website. I will still take care of the actual posting of material and the Grand Lodge portion. What I am requesting from each lodge or temple

that want a web site of their own is to provide me with 2 persons that you have in mind that would like to learn web site building.

My plan is to keep this simple. I will provide the information and help you learn the basics of the language. Next year we as an organization are going forward with promoting our selves via our web site presence. It is becoming a very important and useful tool to keep people informed of events. Look what social media has done for Facebook.

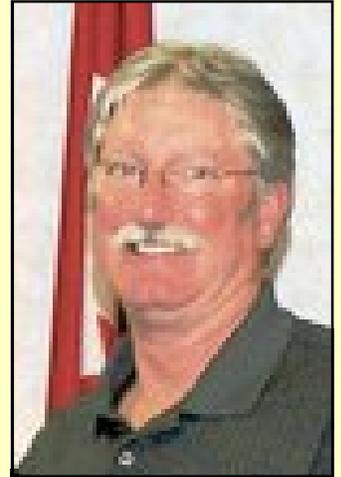
For those that have sent me requests for supplies and have not received them yet do not be afraid to send me the request again. This is a very busy time of the year for me and I do miss stuff every so often. Annual reports will be going out at the first of the year, I will send last years report to aid you with filling out this years report.

Have a safe and happy holiday season this year and we can all look forward to a wonderful next year.

Fraternally,

Mike Harmes,

Grand Secretary



**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS  
AND JOY TO  
ALL FOR THE  
COMING YEAR!**



**HELMETTA  
TEMPLE #29**



**Merry Christmas  
and best wishes for  
the coming year.**

***Yes, Santa!  
We have  
been good!***



**Helmet Lodge #33**

# Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

By the time you all get this we will be working towards plans for Christmas. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving! For those without family or family near, I hope that you got to spend it with people that made you feel at home.

Maureen Murphy, PGC had a good Grand Temple session, which was held in Newport. Our new Grand Chief is Beverly Cox from Fern Temple #46 in Yamhill.

Please bear with me in the transition of the Grand Secretary office. It is slowly coming back to me, as I was the Grand Secretary prior to Shelley taking it over from me, 15 years ago. It is time for Shelley to concentrate on her health and family, so in the event of no one stepping up, I had volunteered to take the job back, now that I have more time since my husband, Dale, passed away in June.

This is a busy time of year, but Secretaries, you should have received your **annual reports** by now. They are due in my office no later than or before **February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure to **include the complete membership list of your Temple with names and addresses**. This is a requirement to have included in my report to Supreme Temple and it is a year for Supreme Session so they will be busy and want these in as soon as possible for compiling all of their necessary reports. I thank you ahead of time for your prompt replies and look

forward to working with all of you.

Due to weather getting over the passes from Central Oregon I will probably not be at many of Grand Chief Beverly's official visitations, but I hope that as many of you that can will support her and I look forward to seeing you at District Convention in May in Dallas and at Grand Temple session in October at Pendleton.

It is the time of year when we try to be more aware of others and their needs and I hope each Temple will take on something extra in their community to help and be seen.

My wishes to each and every one of you for a very **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!** May the New Year bring health and happiness to every one of you.

*Sherri Sievert, PSR  
Grand Secretary*



# Fern Temple Hosts Grand Chief Bernice



MEC Farrel Fuerst with PGC Bernice Meadors and GC Bev Cox

On November 15th Grand Chief Bev visited Fern Temple. We had lunch at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Yamhill. After lunch we proceeded to Glenyce Buxton's house for the meeting. If you have never been to Glenyce's house you are missing a magnificent view. Grand Chief Bev was given a check for \$100 towards her Grand Chief project. Grand Chief Bev presented Most Excellent Chief Farrell Fuerst with a gift. After the meeting we served refreshments of homemade apple pie.



Panoramic View from PSR Glenyce's home

## Let There Be Friendship — A Message from Supreme Chancellor Ed Wright

To my Pythian Family,

My first year as your Supreme Chancellor has flown by. I have traveled to many Domains and presented my Program of Friendship and found that the Brothers do believe in our first principle of Friendship. We are a great Order and this is evident by the dedication and love shown by the Brothers as we struggle to keep growing. I thank each of you for your work on my Programs from Cancer, Eagle Scouts, Support our Troops and Volunteerism and Community Service and all the other programs you work on locally.

The most important program is membership and the week beginning with Founders Day on February 19, 2012 will be Membership Recruitment week. There are materials available from S.S. Don Grant to help with this. I want to hear that every subordinate and Grand Lodge made an outstanding effort during this week to recruit members. This will also help with Public Relations.

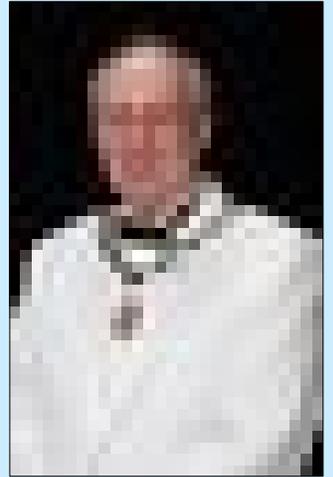
Please start now to plan your activities during Membership Recruitment, Public Relations week. We must bring in new members and we must become better known in our communities. Only you can make this program work.

I would also invite you to attend Supreme Session which will be held

at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The formal Opening and Memorial Service will be on Sunday afternoon July 29th, 2012. The Session ends on Wednesday August 1, with the Incoming Officers Banquet. Reservations should be made now by calling the Radisson Hotel at 603 625-1000. The code is KP2012 to get the negotiated room rate of \$119.00 plus tax. More information about banquets and tours will be sent as it becomes available.

I look forward to seeing you at Supreme Session.

In Pythian Friendship,  
Ed Wright, S.C.



## Message from Supreme Chief Ad Interim Audrey Wetterwald

It is my sad duty to inform you that Supreme Chief Addie Sadberry resigned her position on August 6, 2011 due to declining health. All of us extend to Addie our Best Wishes and sincere hope that she continues to improve and that she be filled with love, happiness and joy.

I have been declared Supreme Chief ad interim. I have appointed Supreme Junior Sandra Symons to the office of Supreme Senior and have installed her as that officer. Sandra has graciously declared that she will continue to be chairman of Ways and Means for Supreme Temple for the rest of this term.

In honor of Addie, I will continue with her programs and her chairmen shall remain the same. You will be receiving a pin. This pin is in the shape of a trophy and is to remind you to be a membership champion. Wear it everywhere and 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. If you bring in ten new members, you will receive a trophy presented at Supreme Temple Sessions in 2012.

*I ask for the support of all of you. We must continue to open our arms to welcome everyone to join our Beloved Order. It is a well-established fact that if you ask 10 people to join our Order, at least one will join. I am asking everyone to ask 20 friends and / or relatives. This would insure an increase in membership. Do it now. We can not*

*afford to wait.*

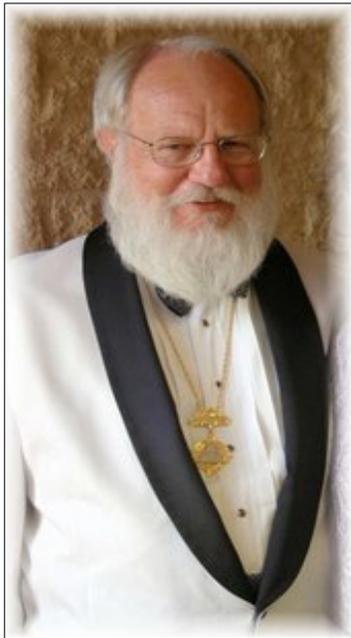
*I am taking the Sisters along with the Knights in support of the American Cancer Society. The members in Canada will, of course, support the Canadian Cancer Society. Plan to participate in Relay for Life.*

*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.*

*I hope to see many of you on my visits. Please extend every courtesy to my Officers who are here to serve you and our wonderful Order.*



# In Memory of Sir Darrell Henry, Past Supreme Chancellor



**Darrell Leon Henry**  
**Past Supreme Chancellor**  
**June 1939 ~ October 2011**

## Darrell Leon Henry "An Uncommon Man"

Darrell Leon Henry was born June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1939 in Portland, Oregon to parents Bertram Frank Henry and Opal Maxine Vice Henry. Darrell was the oldest of 7 siblings . 6 boys and 1 girl. As a carpenter, Darrell's father moved the family often. The Henry family started out in Portland, lived in Oklahoma for a brief time when Darrell was 4, then to Newport for over a decade, finally returning to Portland. Following Darrell's graduation from Roosevelt High School, he enrolled for college at Brigham Young University in Salt Lake City, Utah. He would have liked to complete his education, however money was tight so he left college and joined the US Army in October 1958. His military duty included working as a medic in the psychiatric wards of Fitzsimons Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

Darrell married Marilyn Harlow in 1961. They made their home in Hillsboro where they worked together to raise 3 sons: Brad, Matt and Jason. Darrell was very proud of all 3 of his sons. In 2004 Darrell moved to Beaverton. In 2008 he became divorced, then married Kathlene Lacy of Portland, Oregon.

Darrell was always industrious. At age 12, he took on a large newspaper route, riding his bike along the steep, twisty roads of Newport. After the Army, Darrell worked at US Bank and Sawyers/GAF (ViewMaster). Because of his outgoing personality and leadership style, he became a sales representative for a large fastener company. When the opportunity arose in the mid-1970's, Darrell became a co-owner of Stauffer Supply , a fastener distribution company in Portland. This was the position Darrell held the longest (approximately 25 years) and loved the most, as it allowed him to use his skills in sales and management as well as developing complex inventory control systems. He relished the year that Stauffer's hit their goal of \$1,000,000 in annual sales. Two of Darrell's sons, Brad and Jason, as well as his daughter-in-law Sheri Mathiesen and his nephew Randy Long, worked at Stauffer over the years. When Darrell's longtime partnership at Stauffer ended in 1999, Darrell moved on to public service at Washington County. He worked in the Capital Project Management Department, where he managed the contract process for road and bridge construction. Darrell retired in 2009, two days following his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Darrell was always active in community service, whether to his church, the Association of Retarded Citizens, Hillsboro Kiwanis or the Pythians, he was a leader. As President of Hillsboro Kiwanis, Darrell was awarded as President of the Year for the Northwest Division (OR, WA, ID, BC) of Kiwanis International. A fellow Kiwanian, Nick Mathiesen introduced Darrell to the fraternal order Knights of Pythias, which is based on the timeless principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Darrell joined that organization in North Plains, later transferring to Hillsboro. Darrell rose through the ranks of leadership, from local chapter, through state level, then in 1994 ascending to the highest office possible: Supreme Chancellor (International President) for a 2-year term. He was an accomplished public speaker and loved teaching leadership training workshops.

One of Darrell's favorite activities was serving as Santa Claus for the Pythians. For 10 years, he donned the red velvet jacket, white trimmed hat, tall boots and bells so that he could bring cheer to children and elders in numerous hospitals, retarded citizens shelters, teen shelters, family shelters, Alzheimer's homes and the Washington County Foster Parents Association. In the month of December, Santa Darrell and a crew of Pythian elves would often share the Spirit with more than 1,000 children and elders.

Darrell's hobbies were community service, travel, photography, reading, desktop publishing, cooking and leadership training. Darrell loved long road trips, so it wasn't unusual for him to take off for a trip in his convertible and

drive from Portland to California or Arizona just to see the sights. He especially loved travelling to areas where there were high mountains, such as to the start of the Columbia River in Revelstoke, British Columbia, to Wallowa Lake in NE Oregon, and to the Swiss Alps. In his later years, Darrell and Kathlene made trips to Hawaii, where Darrell arranged a horseback ride in the lush Waipi'o Valley, and to Europe, which had been a childhood dream. He especially enjoyed Rome, Venice and Switzerland.

The last year of Darrell's life was a difficult one due to health issues. He was in and out of hospitals from January through September. In mid-April Darrell was diagnosed as having had an ischemic stroke; with a 2<sup>nd</sup> larger one mid-June.

On August 1 a contrast MRI-identified the real problem as a brain tumor . not a stroke. To extend his life, Darrell began a rigorous 6.5 week course of oral chemo plus daily radiation treatments. However on September 28<sup>th</sup>, when he had only 7 treatments to go, his body failed and he was referred to Ray Hickey Hospice House in Vancouver, Washington. Darrell, as well as his family and friends who visited him there, were well cared for by the compassionate hospice staff. Earlier on and throughout all of his treatment, Darrell said over and over again how much he appreciated the professionalism and advocacy that he was receiving to each of the Kaiser Permanente staff members who cared for him.

A wall hanging on Darrell's office wall explains his view on life. The poem "My Creed" authored by Dean Alfange reads as follows: *"I do not choose to be a common man. It is my right to be uncommon – if I can. I seek opportunity – not security. I do not wish to be a kept citizen, humbled and dulled by having the state look after me. I want to take the calculated risk; to dream and to build, to fail and to succeed. I refuse to barter incentive for a dole. I prefer the challenges of life to the guaranteed existence; the thrill of fulfillment to the stale calm of utopia. I will not trade freedom for beneficence nor my dignity for a handout. It is my heritage to think and act for myself, enjoy the benefit of my creations, and to face the world boldly and say, this I have done. All this is what it means to be an American."*

In summary, Darrell was a fine man. He was charismatic, smart and had a good sense of humor. He was a true leader who had a sense of vision for the future. He was especially talented in leading groups, working on long-range programs so that everyone would have success. He was honest to a fault and would stand up for what he believed was right, even when it wasn't the popular view. Above all, he was a faithful friend and will be sorely missed.

Darrell passed away the evening of October 7, 2011 surrounded by family and friends. He is survived by his first wife Marilyn Harlow Henry, his second wife Kathlene Lacy Henry, his sons Brad Henry (Barb) of Moro, Oregon, Matt Henry of Hillsboro and Jason Henry (Sheri Mathiesen) of Hillsboro. He is survived by his siblings Marsha Henry de la Garza of Portland; Gene Henry (Linda) of Peoria, AZ; James Henry (Pam) of Redmond, OR; Joseph Henry (Catherine) of Phoenix, AZ; and Jeffrey Henry of Portland, OR. He was predeceased by his parents Bertram Frank Henry and Opal Maxine Vice Henry, as well as his brother Rodney Henry (Winonna).

A Celebration of Life event was held Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at Hillsboro Pythian Hall with Steve Calaway presiding. Colin Brown offered the prayer. PSR, PIR Mark Erickson, GC Ed Yates and PGC Bill Peal presented the Knights of Pythias Memorial Service. Two members from Aloha American Legion Post presented the American flag and played Taps. Hillsboro Pythians assisted the Henry family with hosting a luncheon following the formal ceremonies.

**Please sign the online guest book at [www.oregonlive.com/obits](http://www.oregonlive.com/obits)**

Donations may be sent to: Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF), c/o Sarah Owens, 1015 NE Delsey Road, Hillsboro OR 97124.

**Prolog ~ In early August 2011, shortly after learning of his diagnosis of Glioblastoma Multiforme (GBM) – Stage IV, Darrell made the statement: "I was just living life, enjoying life and now it is too late." He would encourage each of you to make the most of every day. Get out there and enjoy life while you can. Travel to the places you've dreamed about. Tell the people that you care about that you love them. Hug them every day.**

**Live Life – Enjoy Life – Before It Is Too Late!**



## Eugene's Helmet Lodge is Growing!

When Paul Lewis passed away, the Eugene Helmet Lodge 33 had to look at where it was and where it was going to go. With several older members they had to look at the two basic options- to grow or to close the Lodge which had been a part of

the City of Eugene supporting many organizations there as well as a large dance studio school.

After much discussion it was decided that the Lodge should try to come up with a way to attract new members, but after talking to several groups about joining that turned out to no avail with little interest in joining. Most said that they didn't have the time to spare.

With Frank Mellor retiring and a previous member who was also retiring coming back, a plan was made to have some dinners with family and friends. At these dinners we discussed things that the Lodge was planning and the values of the Knights of Pythias. These turned out to be very successful in recruiting several new members who then became the core to recruiting additional members.



Now Helmet Lodge is growing again with a half a dozen new members and we are talking to eight additional potential members to join the Lodge. We are now discussing several activities that we want to undertake, such as going to the

two Care Centers in Eugene to share the Christmas cheer with the residents. Today Helmet Lodge #33 is growing.

We also are looking at methods and things of interest to younger members with hope to gain some members also. With their jobs and school it is hard for them to attend meetings. To encourage them, as well as benefit other members we have purchased a large screen TV and have held several game days the University of Oregon fans.

Also, as a result of the growth of the men's lodge there has been a growth in the women of Helmetta Temple #29. Helmet Lodge has held and is planning in the future activities to be held jointly with them. This has allowed couples to do things together and makes for an enjoyable event for all.

**May your Christmas  
be filled with  
heartwarming memories...  
happy traditions...  
and the gentle joys of love.  
Happy Holidays!  
Sisters of the  
Grand Jurisdiction of WA/AK**



Wishing you the best  
Christmas gifts of all ~  
the love of family,  
the warmth of home  
and memories so good  
you just can't stop smiling!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year  
Gwen Rhodes, PSR  
Supreme Temple Membership

# McMinnville Supports Food Bank Fund Raiser



CC Dave Faxon and Kristen Dollarhide with Fund Raiser Calendar

Diana Lodge donated \$500.00 to the Calendar Ladies in support of a fundraiser for the new local Food Bank building here in McMinnville. Pictured with CC Dave Faxon is Kristen Dollarhide (wife of Knight member, Derek Dollarhide) presenting calendars to the lodge on appreciation of our \$500.00 donation. The calendars featured local professional women from the community who support the local food bank building. These are women known throughout McMinnville for their professional and charitable activities. The calendar photo for the month of August features two Knight of Pythias wives: Mrs. Robert Moshier (Karin) and Mrs. Brian Shea (Dianne), top left to right.

Submitted by Lee Vasquez

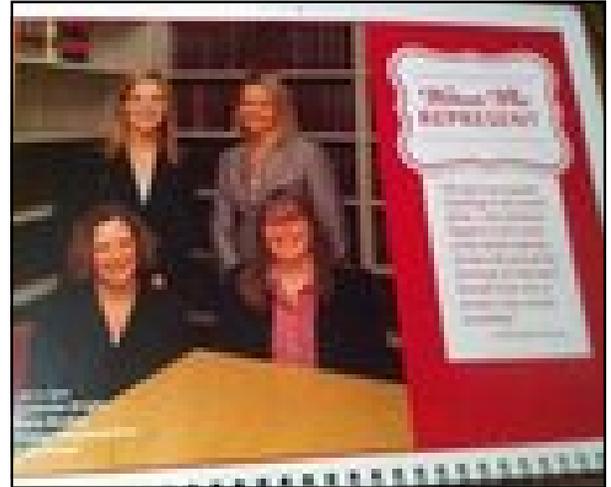


Photo for August featuring Karin Moshier and Dianne Shea

## Speaking Historically — by Mark Erickson



Mark Erickson

As Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, it is my duty, at times, to remind the members of the conditions when the lodges in Oregon were being instituted.

At the time of the institution of the Grand Lodge in 1881, these were the conditions for travel in Oregon. Those who now reap the advantage of the labors know little of what it meant in those days to work up and institute lodges in a country that had not a single railroad save the apology for one that ran on the sand hill alongside the upper part of the Columbia River. For instance: To reach Baker City from the Central Pacific Railroad on the South meant a journey 450 miles by stage .

from Portland meant 300 miles by river, and then 190 miles over the Blue Mountains, by stage. Those who instituted these lodges made both journeys and can speak feelingly. The names of the men who blazed the Pythian way through Oregon in those days should ever be held in grateful remembrances, and if, in one or two instances, they failed to measure up to the full standard, their services should earn for their shortcomings the mantle of Charity. We knew them all, the strong as well as the weak . the latter have long since gone to their eternal rest . peace to their ashes, and may the recollections of those better days and kindly deed, be to others, as to us, the only place on memory's page that bears their names.

Lodges instituted before the Grand Lodge were:

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1 in Portland, Oregon, on January 26, 1873, through the efforts of Louis Lachman and Charles Tichenor of San Francisco.

Mystic Lodge, No. 2 in Portland, Oregon, on September 16, 1873, through the efforts of Ward S. Stevens and George F. Grant who withdrew from Excelsior No. 1 for the purpose of organizing Mystic No. 2.

Myrtle Lodge, No. 3 in Marshfield, Oregon, on September 27, 1875, through the efforts of Alexander Campbell and William Dunbar. Marshfield, Oregon is now Coos Bay.

Damon Lodge, No. 4 in Pendleton, Oregon, on April 28, 1876, through the efforts of J.H. Turner and Israel C. Disoway.

McLaughlin Lodge, No. 5 in Oregon City, Oregon, on December 8, 1876, through the efforts of George A. Harding and J. B. David. McLaughlin Lodge surrendered its charter on October 4, 1878.

Astor Lodge, No. 6 in Astoria, Oregon, on January 24, 1877, through the efforts of Brothers O.F. Bell and Theodore Broemser and E.D. Curtis.

Laurel Lodge, No. 7 in Albany, Oregon, on May 30, 1879, through the efforts of George M. Champlain and George W. Hochstedler.

Gauntlet Lodge, No. 8 in Baker City, Oregon, on August 1, 1881, through the efforts of William D. Kennedy, PSR of Chicago and T.C. Hyde.

Friendship Lodge, No. 9 in The Dalles, Oregon, on September 24, 1881, through the efforts of Brothers J.C. Neitz, S.E. Yancy and E.S. Larsen.

# Oregon Grand Convention ~ at the Beach in Newport

Oregon Pythians and members from several other states convened in Newport the 3rd weekend in October for our State Pythian Convention. Grand Chancellor Bill Peal and Grand Chief Maureen Murphy presided over the Knights and Sisters sessions. Meetings went smoothly and everyone took advantage of breaks to enjoy some time on the beach.

The weekend began with hospitality hosted by Damon Lodge of Pendleton. Next came Friday's joint Representatives Banquet where the members enjoyed good food and fellowship.

Saturday morning our meetings convened. We had a joint luncheon where the Grand Temple Officers continued their tradition of presenting a gift to the Grand Chief. Following lunch, the meetings began again.

Saturday evening's activities began with the Memorial Service where Brothers PSC Darrell Henry, PSR Paul Lewis and PSR John Lacy were eulogized. Sisters read eulogies for PSR Juanita Clum, PSR Helen McKibben and PGC Sandy Ryan.

The formal banquet came next with great music, speeches and awards. We heard messages from Grand Chancellor Bill Peal, Grand Chief Maureen,

Supreme Chancellor Ed Wright and Supreme Treasurer Margaret Grochocki. Grand Chancellor Bill presented several awards to the Pythian of the Year, a Team Award and several other awards. (Look for more details on those awards in the next issue of the OPN.) Following the banquet, the band played on and members danced the evening away.

Sunday morning started with the Fun for Funds fundraiser breakfast and drawings. The meetings reconvened including Election of Officers. The newly installed Grand Lodge Officers are Grand Chancellor Ed Yates, GVC Randy Tipton, Grand Prelate Bob Smith, Grand Secretary Mike Harnes, Grand Treasurer Jerry Girard, Grand Master at Arms Mike Talbot and Councillor at Large Don Allen. The newly installed Grand Temple Officers are: Grand Chief Beverly Cox, Grand Senior Donna Johnson, Grand Junior Leatha Tyra, Grand Manager Bernice Meadors PGC, Grand Secretary Sherri Sievert PSR, Grand Treasurer Robyn Neeley PSR, Grand Protector Virginia Mellor, Grand Guard Esther McKibben, Grand Press Correspondent Rosenna Powell PGC and Sitting Past Grand Chief Maureen Murphy.

The 2012 Oregon Grand Convention will be held in Pendleton, Oregon. We hope to see everyone there for another Grand time!



A nice welcome sign greeted us upon arrival in Newport!



PSR Fay Robinson presided over Sisters opening ceremonies



Grand Chief Maureen being presented with flowers by her Grand Officers



Grand Chancellor Bill and his wife Kathy



SC Ed Wright and GC Ed Yates with newly installed Grand Lodge Officers



GC Maureen at podium with sisters Brenda Branson, Shelley Corby, Kathlene Henry and daughter Sarah Murphy



2010 ~ 2011 Grand Lodge Officers at Memorial



Grand Chief Maureen gets congratulatory hugs from PSR Betty Alexander and PSR, PIR Jean Schlinsog

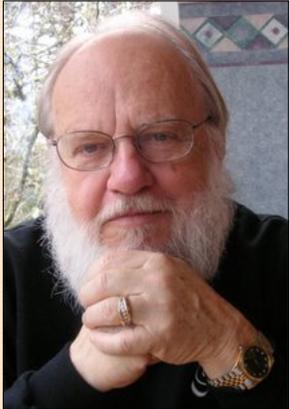


2011 ~ 2012 Grand Temple Officers



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## Updates from Hillsboro's Phoenix Lodge



PSC Darrell Henry

Phoenix Lodge has lost a friend and member, PSC Darrell Henry this past October. Darrell was a friend to all, a mentor that anyone could come to for advice on any subject. I miss his unique humor, friendship, guidance and as Santa Claus for Share the Spirit.

The members of Phoenix Lodge have started repairs to their building this summer. The first project was to replace the leaky roof. Now that we have the roof watertight, we had the attic insulated. Our plans for the coming Winter/Spring are to repair and paint the ceiling and walls.

The Knightsq members along with the Sisters have decided to participate in Relay for Life again this summer. The first

all you can Spaghetti Bingo fund raiser for 2012 has been scheduled for January 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

I would like to report on one of our members, Cameran Heckenlaible, who is serving in the Navy. He spent last year stationed at Bastain Hospital located in Afghanistan's Helmand Province. He left Afghanistan back in May for a 5-month Radio Communications School, and has been

assigned to the Destroyer USS Paul Hamilton out of Pearl Harbor. Cameran's doing well and going through many different technical schools all the time. Working hard toward future goals and currently assembling a package to return to SEAL training with Letters of Recommendation from Commanders in Afghanistan. He's also received two Navy Achievement medals for his tours in Afghanistan and Africa. *"The work has been both tough and rewarding but has taught me that "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." -Winston Churchill.*

He does miss attending Pythian meetings and helping in the community, so he's attempting to contact Mystic Lodge located Kaneohe, Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie VanDomelen



Cameran Heckenlaible  
Navy Serviceman and Phoenix Knight

## Southern Oregon Happenings

Talisman Lodge was happy to be visited by Grand Chancellor Ed Yates and his traveling companions, Mike Harmes and Stan Shope on November 20. They were treated to a pre-Thanksgiving turkey and ham lunch with the trimmings and a tour of the Pythian Hall in Grants Pass. They stayed with Bruce and Marilyn Stevens on Saturday night and the wildlife on their hill put on an appearance, as usual.

Thermopylae and Helmetta Temple are planning a Joint Installation of Officers in January.

Jackson Scott and longtime girlfriend Wendy got married! Congratulations to the newlyweds! Scotty belongs to both Talisman Lodge and Thermopylae Temple.

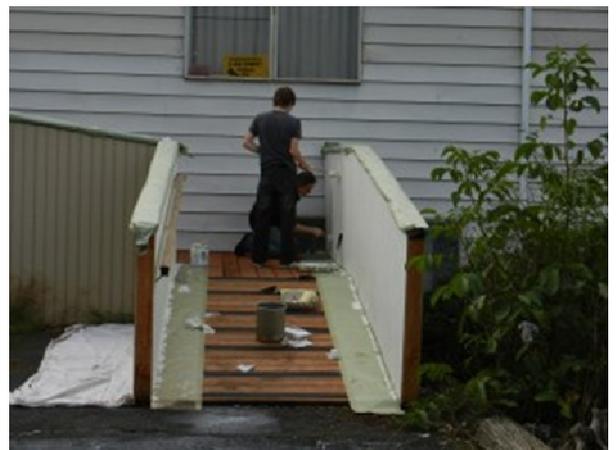
Article submitted by Marilyn Stevens, PSR

## FRC Team Paints Ivanhoe Lodge's New Wheelchair Ramp

The Knights of Pythias Ivanhoe Lodge # 1 had a new wheelchair ramp built at the end of summer. To help out, FRC team 1432 offered to paint it. For one reason or another the paint did not arrive until the rain came. Some of you reading this may not have been through an Oregon or Washington rainy season, so you might think that this is an inconvenient but not an insurmountable problem. After all, you can just wait a day or two for a sunny day. Those of us who live here know that once the rains come sunny days are a rare thing.

Yet during the very next meeting the sun did break through long enough to run out, splash some paint until another shower drove us in. This happened time and again until we ran out of paint just short of completion. We bought two more gallons and finished it at the next meeting. Looking Good!

Article written by: Matt and Submitted by: Rebecca LohKamp



Chase and Hadrian paint wheelchair ramp at Knights of Pythias Ivanhoe Lodge #1 in Portland, Oregon.

## Glencoe Lodge Delivers Schmidt House to Gaston Lodge

Big News! The lost Schmidt house has been found. Those scoundrels in Glencoe Lodge #22 found it stashed away in a corner of their property room.

I myself had searched for this many times and never found it. The last place it was known to be at was Pendleton & Damon Lodge so the guess is they secretly delivered it to our property room. That it is back in circulation is the important thing.

If you get the Schmidt house, do not put it away. Keep it out in plain sight and plan on delivering it to another lodge as soon as possible. You will also find some very impressive items inside it. Add your items and have a lot of fun delivering it. We did.

Submitted by,

Mike Harmes, Grand Secretary



The photograph shows Chancellor Commander Stan Shope of Gaston Lodge on the left and Chancellor Commander Corkye Funk of Glencoe Lodge on the right delivering the long lost Schmidt house.

*Editor's note: The Schmidt house is a "travelling trophy" of sorts. As we understand it, the object of the Schmidt house is to get Knights to visit other lodges—to share fellowship and to see how things work at other lodges. The Schmidt house has been around for decades and has travelled the length and breadth of the state. Please "keep it going!"*

## Phoenicia-Rose and Hillsboro Nomad's Activities

Over the summer we were busy preparing for Grand Convention in October because our own Grand Chief Maureen Murphy was going to be presiding over the Sisters sessions.

Next came our Pythian Fun Day in late July in Oregon & far east town of Baker City. Several of our members attended and we had a great time.

Little did we know how quickly things would change. With Darrell Henry & increasing illness and the 24/7 care which he needed, we saw little of PSC Kathlene for a couple of months. Then on October 7th, suddenly Darrell was taken from our midst.

One week later we left for Oregon Grand Convention in Newport. PSR Fay Robinson served as MC for the Opening; PSR Betty Alexander organized a lovely welcome of hugs and flowers for GC Maureen—who did a lovely job presiding over the Sisters meetings. After 15

years of diligent service as Grand Secretary, PSR Shelley Corby was able to turn over the reins over to another of Phoenicia-Rose & members: Sherri Sievert, who had held the position before Shelley.

Everyone did a great job and we even had some time to enjoy walks on the beach. The weather cooperated with sunny days and blue skies— which is a rare treat on the Oregon coast!

In November we attended the Hillsboro Symphony as a group. The theme was Lords and Ladies with works from Verdi, Wagner and ended with the Homecoming March and Waltz by Hillsboro & own Dr. Jeffrey Olenick!

On December 5th Rose City Nomads hosted a holiday dinner. The menu

included ham, scalloped potatoes, several salads and desserts. Festive holiday music completed the scene.

We are looking forward to the New Year in 2012 with our Supreme Convention coming up next August.



## Brief History of the "Schmidt Haus"

The Schmidt Haus was created in 1966 by Knight Rip Van Winkle of Astor Lodge (in Astoria, Oregon) as a token of recognition to Southern Oregon for our numerous community activities as well as our visitations around the state.

Roseburg, Thermopylae and Talisman had joint meetings once each month in rotating fashion with a dinner prior to the meeting. We also made a point of visitations to Bend, Salem, Astoria and many other Lodges and Temples. Talisman had just completed our fourth community project. In 1963 we located a building to house the deaf school established by the Junior League. The Veterans Administration was abandoning an old schoolhouse which they sold

to us for \$1.00. We then refurbished it and brought in play equipment to create a playground for the children. In 1964 we refurbished a Medco logging locomotive as playground equipment in a local park. In 1965 we restored the roof of McKee Covered Bridge on the Applegate River just outside Jacksonville and in 1966 we built a dressing room/restrooms at another park in Medford.

Rip created the travelling trophy and presented it to the Talisman/Thermopylae dinner in the fall of 1966.

Submitted by Don Lacy, PCDS

# North Plains Glencoe Lodge Works Hard, Plays Hard

CC Corkye Funk sends out emails to encourage Glencoe Knights to help out in their community and follow up with fellowship activities. In September the North Plains Senior Center asked the Knights for help with their moving project. The Knights helped by providing some able-bodied men to help move items back into the newly remodeled Center from storage. Afterwards they enjoyed a potluck party!

In October, Glencoe held a Chili Cook-off. They had over 285 people who came for Chili and had 28 entries in the contest. Jessie Mayes Center was crazy with people everywhere. It was a fun night. David Hatcher expressed appreciation in seeing Glencoe members in their black Knights of Pythias shirts serving hotdogs to all who attended.



In November, Glencoe lodge hosted the civil war football game in their newly remodeled lodge hall. The Knights had the walls re-textured and painted. The floor was looking so bad that they couldn't take it any longer. Many hours of hard work and we completely re-finished the floor. It now looks great. And if that was not enough we installed a sound system and mounted our projector for a very nice ten-foot screen. We can boast that we have the biggest theater in town. Gaston lodge joined in on the potluck and everyone had a great time.

Submitted by:

Mike Harmes, Grand Secretary



# Helmet Lodge Dines with Visiting Massachusetts Knight

Sam Savage, PGC Domain of Massachusetts, came out to Eugene, Oregon for training with Symantec and contacted us on our Website.

He asked if we were having a meeting while he was in town and would it be alright if he attended? As we were not having a meeting the week he was here it was decided that we would take him out to dinner. Jerry and Jacquie Girard, Frank and Terrie Proulx, Pat and Katrina Ormsbee and their children Patrick and Karina, Frank Mellor and Mike and Paula Talbot joined Sam for a informal dinner at Sizzler. Sam, Jerry and Jacquie found they had many mutual friends. After the dinner Mike Talbot, CC of Helmet Lodge #33, and Paula



Talbot, MEC of Helmetta Temple #29, took Sam downtown and gave him a tour of our Pythian Building.

Helmet Lodge's Facebook page now has

a new friend! Canton Lodge K of P, the Canton Lodge Facebook page, sent us a friend request! Thanks Sam!

Submitted by:  
GMA Mike Talbot



Sam Savage  
PGC Massachusetts

# Editors' Message

To all Pythians and friends ~

This Editor's Message is especially difficult to write because I'm sitting here at the computer alone. Normally it would be Darrell writing this article, sometimes with input from me.

With your help, I plan to carry on the banner of the OPN just like Darrell and I had done together for the past few years. Just so you know, we kept several goals in mind when we put together each issue of the OPN. We tried to make each issue as positive as we could. We wanted to keep things balanced by representing both the Knights and the Sisters as well as including articles from all around the state. I apologize in advance that this issue is somewhat "unbalanced" due to the short timeframe in which it was put together. I'm thankful that Darrell had such keen vision and set up templates which I could use for this issue of the OPN and hopefully for many more issues to come.

As many of you know, Darrell was increasingly ill from late July until his passing on October 7th. Thankfully with his type of brain tumor, it did not bring physical pain. We held Darrell's Celebration of Life event on November 5th, so I didn't start this issue of OPN until after that. In addition to working on the OPN, since Darrell's not here to be Santa for Share the Spirit visitations, Dad agreed to step back into the Santa role this year. So I'm helping Dad with scheduling STS visitations too. Given the circumstances, I hope you'll forgive me for any errors you may find in this issue.

On a personal note, I appreciate those of you who supported Darrell and me while he was sick—and those of you who support me still. Your cards, emails, calls, visits and especially hugs are much appreciated. I also want to publicly thank the Hillsboro Pythians for their help with the Celebration of Life for Darrell; to Steve Callaway for presiding so eloquently; to Colin Brown for his beautiful prayer; to Mike Harmes for setting up Skype so that people who were at a distance could participate; to Charlie VanDomelen for his technical expertise with the picture slideshow; to Mark Erickson, GC Ed Yates and Bill Peal for performing the Pythian Service; to Betty Alexander and Irene Clink, my right-hand gals; to my sisters Maureen, Shelley and Brenda, my Dad, Darrell's sister Marsha, his sons Brad, Matt and Jason and daughter-in-law Sheri and so many others who helped with all that needed to be done in preparation for November 5th and over the past few months while Darrell was ill.

I will do my best to continue to produce an excellent OPN with articles "for and about Oregon Pythians." I hope that you will continue to submit articles and photos so the OPN can be the best it can be.

**The next OPN is scheduled for distribution by March 1st. Please send articles and photos to arrive by February 14th so we can process and deliver the March issue on time.**

Sincerely,

*Kathlene*

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- ⇒ **January 7** · Hillsboro Pythians Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for Relay for Life
- ⇒ **January 28** · Aurora's Annual Crabfeed Dinner
- ⇒ **May 5** · Pythian Sisters District Convention
- ⇒ **July 20 to 21** · Pythian Fun Weekend - Astoria· Contact GC Ed Yates for details
- ⇒ **July 29 through August 1** · Supreme Pythian Convention· Manchester, NH
- ⇒ **October** · Oregon Grand Convention in Pendleton, OR
- ⇒ Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!

*To Our Pythian Friends and Family*



*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year*

*Bruce & Marilyn Stevens*