



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Pythian Sword Story—Written by Sir Al Saltzman, PSC



Before I explain the markings on your particular sword, let me give you a brief history of the Pythian Order. You will see how it ties in with the various scenes that are usually found on Pythian swords:

The Order Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington, DC on February 19, 1864 by Justus H. Rathbone. It is based upon the story of Damon and Pythias, two very close friends during the time of ancient Greek history. Damon was sentenced to death by the tyrant king, Dionysius, and his friend, Pythias, offered to stay as a hostage for four hours so that Damon could visit his family one last time. No one expected Damon to return and face his fate, but at the very last moment, Damon,

true to his word and his friend, appeared at the place of execution. The king was so amazed at this show of loyalty and trust that he freed both men. In those days, most men wore helmets, shields, swords, and a variety of weapons. That is why they are so predominant on the swords.

The inscriptions and designs vary. The only requirement is that they meet certain dimensions. The long narrow sword is used for parades and drills because it is easy to handle. The short stubby type is used whenever one has to be placed in a semi-permanent position, such as on the open Bible which is present at all Pythian gatherings. (We are a non-sectarian fraternity but we ask that all members believe in some form of Supreme Being. We do not specify any particular religion or denomination).

Swords are still used in our rituals and ceremonies but they are mainly owned by the subordinate lodges. In former times, many Pythians prided themselves in their ability to do "floor work" as we call performing during the rituals and ceremonies. The swords were individually designed and inscribed, and presented as tokens of esteem by friends and family, much as we would now give an inscribed gavel, a plaque or some other expensive gift.

The following markings are those that are commonly found on swords:

The man in the helmet with the lion on top signifies the highest rank

(Knighthood). There were three steps to reach full Knighthood – Page, Esquire, and Knight. It is the same in reaching full Knighthood in our fraternity as well. The lion means leadership.

"FCB" stands for FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY, and BENEVOLENCE—the three cardinal principles of the Order to which we adhere very strongly, even today. You will see it wherever Pythianism is mentioned

On some swords, you will see the letters "U R" (not V R) which stand for Uniformed Rank. Just after the fraternity was founded, a very elite group of Pythians fashioned themselves into a militaristic type of organization. They had their own military uniforms, they referred to their lodges as military units, they called themselves by military titles, they went to "encampments" instead of conventions, and they even had their own set of rules and regulations based on that of the U.S. Army. They excelled in marching and in drills, but the group became very disruptive to the Order and the last unit was finally disbanded in the 1950's. The Uniformed Rank used the Lily as its official flora but the Knights use the sprig of myrtle, which signifies love and victory. It is placed on the casket of a brother to show that he was loved by his fellow Pythians. The Knights picture a falcon which signifies vigilance, whereas the U R used the dove as its official bird.

The Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, grew out of drill corps units that had been organized in the various lodges after the order was originated in 1864. Bear in mind that many of the members of the Knights of Pythias were men who had been active in the Civil War and who enjoyed the disciplined way of life. In 1876, under the leadership of James R. Carnahan of Lafayette, Indiana, there grew a movement to consolidate these various drill corps into a separate but attached organization. In 1878, the Uniform Rank of Knights of Pythias came into legal being by action of the Supreme Lodge. The membership mushroomed. The URKP was organized completely along U.S. Army lines into Companies, Brigades, Regiments, etc. Named as Major General or Commanding Officer was James R. Carnahan. The emblem chosen for the organization was that of the Lilly and the URKP became known as the "Army of the Lilly". As the veterans of the Civil War began to pass on, there was a declining interest in the Uniform Rank, and the membership began to quickly drop after WWI. In about 1950 one of the last national encampments was held. Shortly after that time, the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias removed the Uniform Rank as an official auxiliary of Pythianism.

The child, man and woman in some scenes are Damon and his family saying farewell for the last time. The scene with the man looking out of a building and the group of people exemplifies the site of the execution and the throng that was waiting for the event to start.

The man pulling down the pillars of a building is Samson of the Bible. He is mentioned in our teachings as representing strength.

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Grand Chancellor Mike's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are ready to start a new year of brotherhood. If you missed the Convention this year you missed a great convention. Yes it rained a bit... but hey it's Oregon. Here in Oregon we know what to call a sunny day after three days of heavy rain... Monday.

Our Supreme Representative, **Supreme Master of Arms Mark Mead**, informed us of the changes that have taken place in Supreme and we pretty much all felt these were changes that will help us grow our organization and help us move into the future standing shoulder to shoulder in brotherhood. He was also a neat guy to sit around and chat with over a beer. If he's an example of our future leadership, I do think we're in good hands.



By the time you read this we should know which lodge won the contest for membership growth. Send some feedback if you think we should do this again this year.

My wife, Grand Chief Paula, and I are looking forward to visiting all the lodges and temples this year.

Here's to a year of growth all over the state.

Fraternally,
Mike Talbot, Grand Chancellor

Fundraiser Breakfast for FRC Robotics Team



Ivanhoe Lodge and Ivanette Sisters with FRC Robotics Team 1432 will be holding a pancake breakfast **December 10th from 9 to 11** at the lodge hall located at 5400 SE 84th, Portland OR 97206.

This fundraiser will aid the robot team raise the \$3,000 needed to enter this year's contest. There has been an unexpected increase this year and it's caught the team off guard.

Come out and help The Knights and support the team of high schoolers learn to use tools, project management, teamwork and communication skills. All for a **\$5 donation** at the door. Menu: Pancakes, eggs, sausages and hashbrowns.

Announcement submitted by Alan and Rebecca Lohkamp

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Grand Chief Paula's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am very honored by this wonderful opportunity to serve as your Grand Chief for 2016-2017.

Now that our Grand Convention is over it is time to get busy and grow our Temples. I did see a couple of new faces and many familiar ones, which shows us that we can make a difference in a positive way by getting involved more in our communities and sharing with friends that want to do the same.

My visiting dates have not yet been confirmed so letters will be sent again, and I hope to see everyone when I visit each Temple.

Here are my picks for the coming year:

Color: Heather Iris
Flower: Clematis Vine
Grand Chief's Project: Pythian Scholarship Fund
Motto: Pay it Forward when You can.

I wish everyone a very wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely, in P,L,E &.F,
Paula Talbot, Grand Chief



HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND
BEST WISHES FOR THE
NEW YEAR!

from Oregon's Grand
Chancellor and Grand Chief
Mike and Paula Talbot



Grand Secretary's Report from Ed Yates

Oregon Pythians,

It has been a busy few months. I was prepared to relax but the Supreme Secretary popped my balloon. I just finished with the update on the journal from this year's Grand Convention and he sends me all the forms for the annual report to be completed.

I have e mailed or mailed this information to all the lodge Secretaries. If you have not received it, call me and I will get it to you. This year be sure to include names of new members, 50 year members, deceased members, suspended and terminated members. Also, note the new per capita amount. I could use this information as soon as you can get it to me. January 15 is my deadline to give me time to prepare Supreme Lodge's reports. PLEASE INCLUDE AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP LIST WITH NAME ADD PHONE # AND E MAIL.

Thanks,
Ed Yates, Grand Secretary
503-985-7585, 503-806-5359



HELMET LODGE # 33 & HELMETTA TEMPLE # 29

OF EUGENE, OREGON

WISH YOU AND YOURS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS

NEW YEAR 2017!



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

As I am sitting at my computer writing this article, it is a very cloudy, overcast day. We briefly had our dose of sunshine this morning. All week we have had above normal temperatures for November. Winter is coming and so many people are saying it will be a bad winter! I really hope not, though we could use the snow in the mountains.

We had our Grand Temple session in Cottage Grove October 14-16. **Grand Chief Cheryl Bergman, PSR** had a very good session and we were blessed with 9 out of state visitors, represented from 5 states, which also included our new **Supreme Chief, Nancy Hall** from Iowa, and Sisters from British Columbia, California, Washington and Utah. It was really nice to be sharing our meals with the **Knights** and having their presence throughout the sessions! Thank you to those **Knights** who attended Grand and mingled with the **Sisters**. I hope you enjoyed our company also.

Grand Chief Paula and her officers wore black skirts and heather blue tops for their official outfits for the year. **Grand Chief Paula's** picks for the coming year are as follows: Color – Heather Iris; Flower – Clematis Vine; Motto – *"Pay It Forward When You Can"*; Song – *"What the World Needs Now is Love"*; Grand Chief's Project – Pythian Scholarship Fund.

I was once again given grace and understanding in the lack of carrying out my Grand Secretary duties in a timely manner, and I am again the Grand Secretary for the Oregon Pythian Sisters. I will try my very best to fulfill my duties on time and be more efficient. Anyone having questions or needing supplies, etc, please contact me. If I do not have the answers or such, I will get them for you. Again, I would like to welcome all of the new **Ivanette Temple #68 Sisters**, and encourage you to continue with the same zeal and learning for our Order. We are all proud of you and wish you only the best.

To all the other **Sisters** in our beautiful state, I can only encourage each of you to spread the word of our Order by word and deed in your area. I am not able to increase membership, as do not have a Temple locally, but I still let people know about the Order and what it does in the

communities and its principles. At one time I wanted to start a Temple in Redmond, but with working and such, I know that I do not have the time and effort to give to a brand new Temple to keep it going and following the rules. It is a lot of work and that is why I encourage and give kudos to the **Ivanette Sisters**.

Unfortunately, as we gained **Ivanette Temple**

#68 back, we lost **Willamette Temple #45** in Dallas. They chose to merge with **Fern Temple #46** in Yamhill and several members will be attending their afternoon meetings. Age and health affect us more and more, so we appreciate the younger **Sisters** and encourage your attendance and support in stepping up to accept positions and learn the working of our Order. Stick with this for the sake of our Order. We do have much to offer, if we will just continue to seek more members and do as **Grand Chief Paula** asks, *"Pay It Forward When You Can"*, others will notice. Please support **Grand Chief Paula Talbot** in her project fund throughout the year by buying tickets @ 5 chances for \$1.00. If you are not local, I will take care of getting the money to her and having her fill out the tickets.

As the Holidays are just around the corner, I end with wishing everyone Bountiful Blessings on Thanksgiving and throughout the year! Also, that Christmas will be a joyful time with family and friends. Good health, happiness and healing for our Nation is my prayer for everyone!

In Pythian Love,
 Sherri Lee, PSR
 Grand Secretary



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 to the Sisters and Knights of the
 Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon
 Your friends

Grand Jurisdiction of Washington/Alaska

Eugene's Mothers' Day / Fathers' Day Luncheon

May 2016—Eugene's **Helmet Lodge and Helmetta Temple** held their annual Mothers' Day / Fathers' Day luncheon at Don Juan's on May 21st. A good time was had by all who attended.

Article and photo submitted by Mike Talbot via Facebook



Fern Temple Awards Scholarships & Supports the Troops

We at **Fern Temple** are doing well. We want to report that we absorbed **Willamette Temple** recently, as they gave up their charter in October this year. There were 6 or 7 Sisters who transferred their membership to Fern.

After much consideration and reading of letters, the Sisters of Fern Temple decided to offer \$500 scholarships to the following recipients:



- Ashley Van De Walle
- Kayla Archer
- Nathan Van De Walle
- Erin Rush
- Paul Meyers

We hope to donate more scholarships next year. Please remember if you are a member of a Pythian family going to school to apply by sending us your letter and grades by March 31st .

Ann Myers was appointed Grand Ruth of the Oregon Order of Eastern Star.

And our very own 96-year old **Rosenna Powell** has been writing letters to the sailors and servicemen. They're letters of encouragement, of course and thanks.

We will meet on Dec 14th for our annual Christmas Lunch at Trask Mountain Cafe in Yamhill at 1pm.

Merry Christmas to All Happy New Year from Fern.

Article submitted by Donna Johnson, SR, GPC



Rosenna Powell, PSR

Greetings from Thermopylae Temple

Grand Temple was a "Grand" event enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to attend. The surroundings were spectacular at the Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove. **Grand Chief Cheryl** did a great job and had a wonderful session and we congratulate new **Grand Chief Paula** and all of her officers.

Thermopylae Temple and Talisman Lodge had their Thanksgiving dinner on November 20th. Wish you could have been here with us.

Happy Holidays to all!

Article submitted by Robyn Neeley, PSR



Fern Temple Sends Cheer to Bernice Meadors



The photo shows gifts given to **PGC Bernice Meadors** who went through treatment for breast cancer earlier this year.

The cactus was presented to her by her sister **Beverly Cox** for the PGC Association.

There is a beautiful quilt and pillowcase made by **Barbara Christopher PGC**.

Also one of **Donna's Quilty Things** - happy bags donated so she can carry her books and magazines with the quilt to and from treatment.

Article and photo submitted by Donna Johnson SR, GPC

Some friends make you laugh, some make you feel loved.
Some friends keep your deepest secrets, some keep you honest.
Some friends walk through life with you,
Some dream with you and some even cry with you
and there are my Pythian friends...who do it all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
My Pythian Friends!

Gwen Rhodes, Supreme Manager



Hillsboro Pythians' 15th Annual Relay for Life

The **Hillsboro Pythians** once again gathered together in late June of 2016 to participate in the Hillsboro Relay for Life with **MEC Sarah Murphy** serving as our team captain.

This is the 15th year that we have been volunteering at Relay for Life. The Relay was only 18 hours instead of the usual 24 hours this time. The location was at the Hillsboro Stadium on the baseball field that the Hillsboro Hops play. We really liked this location for many reasons. The field is AstroTurf so it is easier on the feet. Also the place we keep our food is closer to our campsite in the seating area because we couldn't have food on the field. There were theme laps where we could dress up in various outfits to match the theme of the hour. Of course we all really like the Luminaria ceremony at 10 pm Saturday night where we decorate bags with names and photos of loved ones who are survivors or have passed away from cancer. We all took lots of photos which I have included a few.

Visit our members' Facebook pages to see photos. Of course we will Relay again next year in June. We have already started having our Bingo/Potluck fundraisers once a month on the first Saturday of each month. Please join us as we have lots of fun. For more information please contact any of the Hillsboro Pythians.

Article submitted by Shelley Corby

Photos submitted by Shelley Corby, Tiera Corby and Pat Salas, 2016 Relay Chairperson



From our family to yours:
Best Wishes for Happy
Holidays and
a New Year filled with Peace,
Happiness and Good Health.
The Lacy Family

Ivanette Temple Activities

The Pythian Sisters from Ivanette Temple #68 have some wonderful news to share with you. The ladies started making baby blankets on August 20th, 2016 at the lodge hall. These beautiful fleece blankets will be donated to the Doernbecher's Children's Hospital on behalf of the Temple. Many thanks go out to those who donated money and time: **Mary Lou Sullivan, Judy McDuffy, Corinthia Bethune, Kimberly Brown, Karen Ellis, Tasyu Cantu and Marya Tracer.** Donna Johnson and **Barbara Christopher** from the Phoenicia-Rose also stopped by, to help cut them out. Most of the fabric was donated by **Mark Erickson and Al Meska.** The Sisters have been meeting once a month to work on the blankets. A total of 30 blankets will be donated this month.

The Pythian Sisters from Ivanette Temple #68 celebrated their one year anniversary on September 24th, 2016, by hosting an Ice Cream Social at the lodge. Several of the Knights and Sisters gathered together and enjoyed making banana splits. There were some teenagers from the neighborhood that stopped in to visit. Thank you everyone who helped out to make this event a success.

The Pythian Sisters **Mary Lou Sullivan, Judy McDuffy, Corinthia Bethune, Tasyu Cantu and Kathryn Gail** rallied together on October 8th to make some beautiful jewelry as gifts for the Grand Convention. **Kimberly Brown** made a beautiful plum, rose and cream silk flower arrangement to be presented to **Grand Chief Cheryl.** **Tasyu Cantu** went to the Grand convention on behalf of Ivanette Temple #68.

The Knights of Pythias made a lovely Thanksgiving dinner on November 22nd. The turkey was prepared by **Brad Doern**, and the Sisters brought side dishes to be enjoyed by all. The feast was enjoyed by **Mark Erickson, Alan Lohkamp, Patrick Lohkamp, Hal and Mary Lou Sullivan, Judy McDuffy, Bambi Ferguson, Corinthia Bethune, Kimberly Brown, Mike Taylor, Marya Tracer and Michael Wallen, Tasya Cantu, David Lohkamp, Joyce,** there was also a family from the Robotic team who join us.

Thank you to everyone who prepared dishes to be enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful dinner with great fellowship!

Article submitted by Kimberly Brown

Photos submitted by Corinthia Bethune, Kimberly Brown, Shelley Corby and Kathlene Henry



Supreme Convention—Cleveland, Ohio

August 2016—Six Oregon Pythians attended the Supreme Convention in Cleveland, Ohio: SR's Ed Yates, Donna Johnson and Beverly Cox, plus PSR Shelley Corby and PSC's Kathlene Henry, and Margaret Grochocki.

Supreme sessions were presided over by **Supreme Chancellor Keith Stooksberry** from Ohio and **Supreme Chief Sandy Symons** from Ontario, Canada. The motto of their 2-year term was *"Making a Difference Together."* The Supreme Convention Committee did a great job, offering limo rides to/from the airport and plenty of outings for our enjoyment. A few of our favorites were trips to see the musical Billy Elliot, a Nautica dinner cruise on Lake Erie and a trip to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Some of the special highlights of this year's convention were: **SC Sandy** asked **PSC Kathlene** to serve as Mistress of Ceremonies for the Sisters' Opening Ceremonies and preside over the Re-Obligation Ceremony on Monday morning. The Sisters' Re-Obligation Service is very special to Oregon Pythian Sisters because this beautiful ceremony was written by **Oregon Sister Cobie DeLispinase** many decades ago. **SC Sandy's** Tuesday session was "wear pink day" for all who have been affected by cancer. **Shelley Corby, Karmen Kennerly and Donna Zinchuk** were introduced as officers of the International Grand Secretary/Treasurers' Association; **SC Sandy** gave Supreme Chief's Awards to the following Oregon Sisters: **Maureen Murphy**, PSR for exemplifying true Pythian kindness and compassion; **Sarah Owens**, PSR for excellence in Ritualistic Work; and **PSC Kathlene Henry** for service to the Pythian Sisters. Sessions concluded on Wednesday with Joint Installation of Officers. The incoming Supreme Chancellor is **Alan Krell** from New York and the Supreme Chief is **Nancy Hall** from Iowa.

The 2018 Supreme Convention is scheduled to be in New York—location and dates to be announced later.



Grand Convention—Village Green in Cottage Grove

October 2016—In the spirit of fraternity and longstanding tradition, Oregon's Knights and Sisters met jointly at Village Green Resort in Cottage Grove. This town is the home of **Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot** and his wife, **incoming Grand Chief Paula Talbot** who are members in Eugene, Oregon.

This year's Grand Convention started with a joint Representative's Dinner on Friday evening followed by a beautiful Memorial Service.

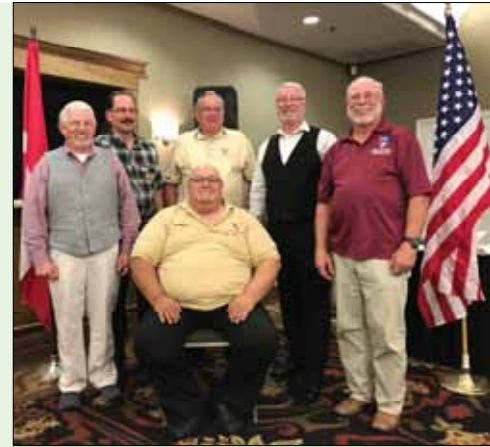
Presiding Officers for this year's sessions were **Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot** and **Grand Chief Cheryl Bergman, PSR**. We were honored to have in attendance **Mark Mead, Supreme Master at Arms** from Virginia and **Nancy Hall, Supreme Chief** from Iowa. We also had several visitors from other states and provinces.

Grand Lodge and Grand Temple meetings began on Saturday morning. This year Grand Lodge completed their sessions on Saturday afternoon, one day earlier than usual. Their 2016-2017 The new Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers are listed on page 19:

Grand Temple sessions were held on both Saturday and Sunday. Sessions concluded with a beautiful Installation service presided over by **SC Nancy Hall**. The other Installing Officers were **Robyn Neeley, PSR** and **Virginia Mellor, PGC**.

After many years of service as our Grand Convention Co-Chairs, special thanks were offered to **Betty Alexander, PSR** and **Irene Clink, PSR**. **Grand Lodge** paid for **Irene and Betty's** hotel room and the **Sisters** offered them gifts of fuzzy robes so they could retire in comfort. The new Grand Convention Co-Chairs will be **Donna Johnson, GPC, SR** and **Beverly Cox, SR** who will serve along with **Arlene Kimball, PGP** and **Carol Jenkins, PGP** are our Co-Chairmen for convention meals.

Photos submitted by Bill Peal, PSR, Shelley Corby, G.Jr., PSR and Donna Johnson, GPC, SR



Hillsboro Pythians Activities

Hillsboro Pythians continue to be active in many ways:

- Monthly fundraiser dinners for Relay for Life
- Donating to community service needs such as Washington County's Bicycle Project, food baskets for those who are less fortunate than we are
- Our Nomads group arranges monthly "fun activities" such as attending Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra events 3 times each year
- We attend and support Pythian events year round, such as:
 - ◆ Pythian Sisters' District Convention in May
 - ◆ Pythian Fun Weekend in July
 - ◆ Supreme Convention in August
 - ◆ Oregon Grand Convention in October
- Work parties to make craft items for sale
- Hosting joint dinners for various Holidays

Photos submitted by Shelley Corby, PSR, Barb Christopher, PGC and Kathlene Henry, PSC



Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot is an Author!

GC Mike Talbot's first Novel

A fun Sci-fi mystery/adventure set in Earth's future.
He traveled from the frozen reaches of Neptune to the
terror filled tunnels of Mars to solve a double murder.
Then He's chased out to the stars to save Humanity.



What do others think of this book?

I'm really liking your story-line.....it's got it all. The wronged, but highly skilled lead character.....the military component.....the space terminology and gadgets.....the cat is a great touch.....there is rebellion, intrigue, conspiracy, murder, betrayal, and all sorts of mayhem.....set in outer space. You go into enough detail that I can easily visualize the ship and all of its components."

G W Andrews.

Author of "God Bless Chesty", "Taking Back the Street", "The Old Man on the Bench",

"The Day the Glass Shattered", "The Widows of Dry Creek" and "The Death Coach". Which are all available on Kindle.

A fun easy read that surprises and delights - Set in a future that is both interesting and recognizable, our reluctant protagonist "discovers" that he has been assigned to solve two murders. The murders are solved in due course and the plot opens to eventually encompass the fate of all humanity - Simultaneously the identity of our protagonist is revealed. A good detective story, and a good adventure story set in a future that is not distracting or annoying..

Michael G Shively

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at... lastinhisclass.yolasite.com

Gaston Lodge 104 Holds Bingo & Starting Free Family Movies

Gaston Lodge is starting a community family movie night with FAMILY content movies and free popcorn. The first night was 11/12/2016. It is scheduled to reoccur on the second Saturday of each month if the trial night is popular. More information available on Facebook



Saturday 10/05/2016 Gaston Lodge held its last Bingo Night. Fun was had by all. Doors opened early and Hot Dogs and Nachos were offered for sale. Free Popcorn was supplied to the players. After expenses, it turned out to be a nice fundraiser for the Lodge. Next Bingo is scheduled for January 21, 2017.

Articles submitted by Ed Yates.

Pendleton's Damon Lodge Hosts Labor Day Outing

September 2016—Pendleton's Damon Lodge hosted a Labor Day get-together at Hancock Friendship Camp. They invited all members from Oregon to attend. Here are some photos to show their preparations and good times.

Photos submitted by: Bill Peal via Facebook



Pythian Sword Story (Continued from page 1)

There are many types of weapons shown on the different swords. The jewels and pendants which our officers wear around their necks during meetings show a particular weapon or combination thereof, and each officer's rank is represented by a different weapon. The other decorations and designs have no special significance.

The words "In Esto Perpetua" can be found on some swords. That means "This will be Forever" or words to that effect.

Some swords have the skull and crossbones symbol. That signifies the mortality of man as compared to the immortality of the Supreme Being which most national fraternities ask their prospective members to believe in. We stopped using that symbol many years ago.

In most cases the value of a sword is more sentimental than actual. It is priceless as a family heirloom but not very valuable on the open market. They can be found on the internet for around \$150. A brand new one from the factory, with no markings at all, will now cost about \$325.00

Article submitted by Mike Harmes, G.Treasurer, PSR

Editor's Notes:

- 1) This historical article was most likely written decades ago, however the information about our Pythian Order is timeless.
- 2) In 1995, when he was Supreme Chancellor, the late **Sir Darrell L. Henry, PSC** was given a beautiful Pythian Sword, engraved with his full name and title. I believe it was a gift from Oregon's Brother Knights when he received the honor of Golden Spur.

Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF)

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF) encourages all students to apply every year for the OPCEF scholarship. Any Oregon Pythian member in good standing, their children, grandchildren, or relatives of a deceased Oregon Pythian who was in good standing at the time of their passing, is eligible to apply. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required and applications are due by April 15th of each year. Scholarship applications are available from any Knights of Pythias Lodge or Pythian Sister Temple, or by contacting the OPCEF directly at:

OPCEF
c/o Gaston Lodge, PO Box 507, Gaston, OR 97119

The Board invites you to support continuing education for Oregon Pythians! Donations of any size are deeply appreciated and are welcome at the address listed above.

Please keep OPCEF in your thoughts during this time of giving. Scholarship funds are heavily dependent on your donations and donations of any size are deeply appreciated.



2017 Imperial DOKK-Nomad Convention Info



Imperial Palace just announced information for next year's convention:

Dates: Friday, August 4-
Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Location: Double Tree by Hilton Westlake, 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake, OH 44145-1033 Phone: 440-871-6000

Tentative Schedule:

Friday, August 4th—Imperial Palace Foundation Trustees Meeting

Saturday, August 5th—Imperial Palace Council Meeting
Supreme Council Meeting

Sunday, August 6th—Joint Opening & Memorial
Moose Milk Party
Imperial Banquet

Monday, August 7th—Official Opening of Sessions
Most Gracious Maharani Luncheon
Ohio Society Midnight Breakfast

Tuesday, August 8th—All Day Sessions
Far Western Society Luncheon

Wednesday, August 9th—Sessions until business completed

Installation of new Imperial Palace and Santha Officers

Reception Dinner
More information to follow.



To Our Pythian Friends & Family

Our best wishes to you for a

Happy Holiday Season!

Bruce & Marilyn Stevens

Pythian Fun Weekend-Wallowa Lake

July 2016—Oregon Pythians had a great time at Pythian Fun Weekend again this year. **Pendleton's Damon Lodge** hosted this year's event at Wallowa Lake which is just south of the historic town of Joseph, Oregon—named for Chief Joseph.

Most of us stayed at the RV Park by the River, which was very nice. It was walking distance to several local attractions such as the tram to Mount Howard, mini-golf and local shops where we could purchase gifts, clothing or ice cream. A few of our members tent-camped at the State Campground, which had frontage on Wallowa Lake.

Many of us went on the trip up Mount Howard, where we had breakfast (on our own) followed by hikes around the crown of the mountain, where we could see many mountain peaks.

There was plenty of time for sitting by the campfire and visiting. On Saturday evening we had a potluck dinner in the main building on the premises. It was very nice to be indoors in a large room where we could sit at long tables and break bread with one another.

Next year's Fun Weekend is scheduled for Lapine, in Central Oregon where we held Fun Weekend in 2009.

*Photos submitted by Bill Peal,
Ray Cable and Kathlene Henry*



Pythian Fun Weekend-Wallowa Lake



2017 Grand Convention—Hotel & Dates Information

Here's the information for the 2017 Pythian Sisters' Grand Convention:

Location: Red Lion Inn & Suites in McMinnville, Oregon

Dates: Friday, 10-20-2017 through Sunday, 10-22-2017.

Cost: \$95 per night for Double Queen or King Suite (plus 9.8% tax)

Here is the information so you can make your hotel reservations now:

Phone: 1-800-RED-LION (or direct to the hotel at 503-472-1500)

Online: www.redlion.com

Group code: "OREG1020" to get discounted Oregon Pythian Convention rates

Information submitted by Donna Johnson, SR, GPC, 2017 Convention Co-Chair



OPN Editor's Message

Dear Brothers, Sisters, Family and Friends,

Once again I say a BIG THANK YOU to all of you who faithfully sent in articles and photos for the Oregon Pythian News. We say this over and over, however it really is true: "Without YOU, we wouldn't have any OPN news to read and enjoy! From the feedback we hear, it seems that "everyone" likes to read the OPN, however in order to be able to read it, someone (many members actually) need to take the time to write down their stories and send them in—preferably with pictures! Facebook has made this process a bit easier.

Contributors who deserve special thanks are GC's Mike and Paula Talbot, Bill Peal, Ray Cable, Shelley Corby, Robyn Neeley, Kimberly Brown, Corinthia Bethune and Rebecca Lohkamp. (And to Shelley again for being our proofreader!) Also, to Mike Harmes for maintaining the OregonPythians.org website where 12 years of OPNs are posted.

In 2017, we're hoping to go back to 3 issues of the OPN—Spring, Summer and Holiday issues. Please continue your support of the OPN. We appreciate all support: OPN Boosters, Holiday Greetings, advertisements and donations—even coin marches from regular and district meetings. OPN Boosters (see chart on right) contribute an extra \$8 or \$10 to help defray the cost of printing and postage for our older and/or housebound members who cannot get the OPN via the internet, or at their lodge or temple meetings.

Request: If you change your email address or postal mailing address, please promptly notify both the OPN and your Grand Secretary. If you're currently receiving a paper copy of the OPN via postal mail and you're willing to switch to email, please let me know. Any names we can remove from the "snail mail" list save precious OPN budget money.

If you have suggestions for the OPN, please submit those also. We're always looking for new ideas.

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

Kathlene

Happy
Holidays!

Updated OPN Booster List after 2016 Grand Convention:

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2	Tanya Bancroft	Oct-17	22	Julie Lozano	Oct-17
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4	Kimberly Brown	April-17	24	Maureen Murphy	Oct-17
5	Glennyce Buxton	Oct-16	25	Kaye Pomerleau	Oct-17
6	Barb Christoper	May-17	26	Vesta Poteete	Oct-18
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10	Shelley Corby	Oct-17	30	Carlene Saria	Oct-17
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12	Farrel Fuerst	Oct-16	32	Rachelle Sievert	Oct-17
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14	Helmet Lodge	Feb-25	34	Bruce & Marilyn Stevens	Oct-20
15	Kathlene Henry	Oct-17	35	Carolyn Swanson	Oct-17
16	Kathi Jamison	Oct-17	36	Paula Talbot	Oct-17
17	Carol Jenkins	April-17	37	Leatha Tyra	Oct-16
18	Arlene Kimball	Oct-17	38	Wapato Showdown	Oct-16
19	Heather King	Oct-17	39	Donna Zinchuk	Oct-17
20	Don Lacy	Oct-17	40		

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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ **December 10** (Saturday) — Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for Youth Forensic Robotics Team —Ivanhoe Lodge Hall—9am-11am—Cost \$5—All are welcome to attend (Details on page 2)
- ⇒ **January 7** (Saturday) — Don Lacy's 90th Birthday—Open House at Hillsboro Lodge Hall—2pm-6pm—Please join us for a light meal and celebration.
- ⇒ **January 21** (Saturday) - Gaston Lodge Family Night (See article on page 13)
- ⇒ **February 4** (Saturday) - Hillsboro Pythians Relay Fundraiser Dinners start again—1st Saturday of each month 4:30pm
- ⇒ **May 6** (Saturday) — Pythian Sisters' District Convention
- ⇒ **June 24-25** (Saturday-Sunday) —Relay for Life walk-a-thon—Hillsboro Stadium
- ⇒ **July 13-16** (Thursday—Sunday) — Pythian Fun Weekend in Lapine—Contact Don Allen or Ed Yates for details
- ⇒ **August 4-9** (Friday-Weds) - Imperial Convention in Westlake, Ohio. (See page ____ for details)
- ⇒ **August 26** (Saturday) — Wapato Showdown Car Show in Gaston—Details at www.WapatoShowdown.org
- ⇒ Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next issue!

2017 Pythian Fun Weekend Save the Date



Dates: July 13–16, 2017

Location: Lapine State Park located about 5 miles north of Lapine, along a river.

Lots to See & Do: There are a lot of things to see and do in this area: fishing, hiking, rafting, Diamond Lake, Crater Lake, Lava River Cave, and lost more. The Saturday trip will be to the High Desert Museum.

RV Camping: We reserved 22 campsites and 2 cabins. Prices are \$86.00 for campsites and \$140.00 for the cabin.

Act quickly: We have filled all but 7 campsites and 1 cabin.

To reserve an RV spot—or-if you have any questions:

If you want to go, please call:

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RIGHT AWAY BEFORE ALL THE SITES ARE FILLED.

Information submitted by Don Allen