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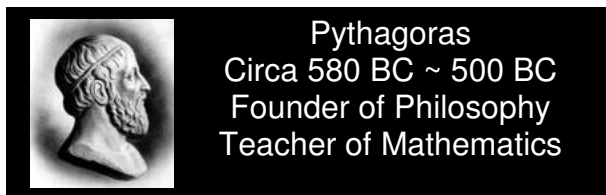
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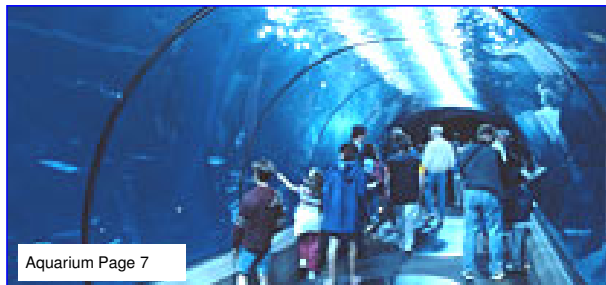
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Youth Service  
Trust  
Honesty  
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Assistance  
Nurturing

If  
fraternal  
love held all  
men bound,  
what a  
wonderful  
world it  
would be.



Pythagoras  
Circa 580 BC ~ 500 BC  
Founder of Philosophy  
Teacher of Mathematics



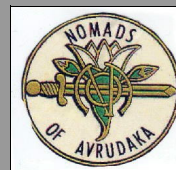
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## Talisman Lodge, Grants Pass Initiates Four Good Men

Four impressive young men joined the ranks of Knighthood in Grants Pass on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The ladies of the Southern Oregon Pythians prepared their usual fine luncheon; a great social time was had by one and all. After the luncheon the Knights and Sisters went to their separate meetings.

Chancellor Commander Duane Johnson, assisted by Bruce Stevens, Secretary and Don Heriford, Treasurer, and some visiting brothers opened the lodge in ritualistic form.

After the meeting was opened Chancellor Duane Johnson turned the gavel over to District Deputy Grand Chancellor Jerry Girard, and the team he had organized. Past Grand Chancellor Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary headed up the installation team. Members from Ivanhoe lodge of Portland, Glencoe Lodge of North Plains and Phoenix Lodge of Hillsboro assisted Wylie. Mark Erickson and Doug Neville represented Ivanhoe lodge. Wylie Nichols represented Glencoe. Jerry Girard, Don Lacy, Charlie VanDomelen, John Lacy, and Darrell Henry represented Phoenix.

The recruitment of these brothers was a joint effort by Julie Lozano, Past Grand Chief and her son Michael Lozano, one of the new members. Julie had the foresight to recognize that young men in Grants Pass could benefit from an organization such as the Oregon Pythians. Her son Michael has been a participant in Pythian activities for years, especially in the Share the Spirit program, serving year after year as an elf as the Southern Oregon Pythians visited those in need of holiday cheer in the holiday season.

Please take a minute to get acquainted with them ~ Pictures and a brief bio follow. And, of course, when you see them greet them with a sincere Pythian handshake and welcome.

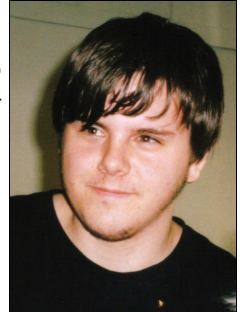


Michael Lozano and his mother Julie Lozano, Past Grand Chief

### Jay Atkins

Attended DeVry University in Phoenix, Arizona last year and plans to earn a degree in Video Gaming Programming. Jay has designed video games.

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### Stephyn Christopher Engle

Senior at Grants Pass High

Plans to attend University of Las Vegas to become a certified Paramedic. Stephyn is an "Expert Rocket Scientist" and has won several amateur rocket contests. He and his family served in the aftermath of Katrina as volunteers.

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### Sean McConnell

2<sup>nd</sup> year at Rogue Community College. Sean plans to attend the university next year to study industrial engineering. He has a passion for "auto stuff". Sean currently works at Wal-Mart to earn money for his passion and school.

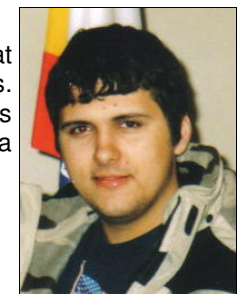
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### Michael Lozano

Michael is employed as Nurse Aide at Three Rivers Hospital in Grants Pass. He took his training at Royal Gardens Health Center. He plans to earn a degree in nursing .

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## Get Involved.

## The World Is Run By People Who Show Up!

## Eugene Pythians Play

Chancellor Commander Frank Mellor, at the start of his second term, decreed that the second meeting of each month would be a social night.

For the last two months Knights and Sisters have met to play bingo, and to enjoy light refreshments. The first night six brave souls showed up, the second time there were seven. We have invited friends, relatives and prospects to join us.



We met at a local restaurant on May 21<sup>st</sup> for a joint Mothers' and Fathers' Day dinner.

Plans for the summer may include a picnic, a trip to the coast, attend a movie or play . . . Stay Tuned!

Paul Lewis ~ Secretary

*Thanks to All of You ~*

*We wish to thank all of you who  
have remembered Mom.*

*Your cards and flowers were  
very much appreciated.*

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness.*

*The Murchison Family*

## Purity ~ A Pythian Principle ~ By Linda Reyburn

Webster's Dictionary defines purity as "the quality or state of being pure". Thorndike-Barnhart's Dictionary defines purity as "freedom from evil; innocence". Pythian Sisters believe in this attribute and also add to the above meanings in the ways that follow.

One of the purposes of our order is friendship and as friends we are to be supportive, helpful and truthful to each other. Pythian Sisters also make these traits a part of being pure.

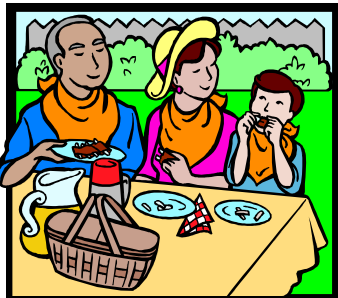
All of us aspire to be accepting and non-judgmental ,not only of our Sisters, but also to our fellow human beings. Our goal is to keep our thoughts, words and actions true to ourselves by refraining from gossip, slander and doing hurtful things to others. And to offer a listening ear, a sorrowful tear or to join in a joyful celebration with a Sister with no motive other than to be a good friend.

In addition, our mission is not only to our Sisters but also to our communities. We are to give of our time and monies in the name of Pythians to causes we perceive to be worthy and in accord with our teachings because of the desire to do altruistic work.

Pythians do this not to bring attention or honor to ourselves, but to give with the sole purpose of helping others and to further the work of our great Order.

It is my hope all Oregon Pythians, Sisters and Knights, will take this attribute as a goal for the further good of the Order.

Linda Reyburn. PSR  
Herculena Temple



**Southern Oregon Pythians**  
Invite You To Join Them For Their Annual Picnic  
**Sunday July 15 @ 1:00 PM**  
Grants Pass Riverside Park  
**304 E Park Street**



## News From Pendleton ~ Damon Lodge On a Roll ~ By Scott Hancock

Damon Lodge is on a roll. On March 12<sup>th</sup> they initiated four more quality members. Please take a minute or two to get acquainted with them:

**Andrew Lacey** ~ Andrew is married and has sons ages 9 and 12. He has been employed for 29 years as GIS analyst with the U.S. Forest Service. He is a graduate of OSU and has worked in John Day, Heppner and Pendleton.



**Doug Aldrige** ~ Doug is 22 years old and a graduate of Pendleton High School. He is employed at Fleetwood in the Finishing Department. His hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is the son of Knight Jim Aldrige, and in the past has worked on many Lodge projects with his father.



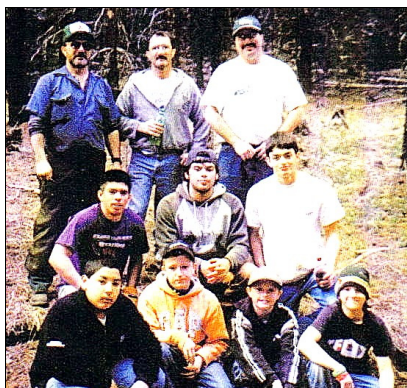
**David Frye** ~ David is retired after 20 years with the Oregon State Police. He worked in Pendleton, Salem and was he Station Commander of the Coos Bay office. David is married and presently employed by the Pendleton School District. Dave's wife Annette is employed by the ESD and is an avid golfer.



**Jeff Kendrick** ~ Jeff is 39 years old and a pharmacist at Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. He is an OSU graduate, married with children ages 10, 8 and 4. He has lived in Boise, Albany and Pendleton. Jeff is the son of Knight Alan Kendrick and was born and raised in Pendleton. His hobbies are sports and outdoors activities.



On April 4 we had a workday on our mountain property at Meacham Lake. Eight local boys helped, along with 4 adults, to improve the camping area.



**Damon Lodge Family nights have proven to be fun, interesting events.** Some of the highlights from the past few months are reported below.



On April 19th our family night was entertained by a local group of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The students played Irish, Scottish and Western music for 35 Lodge members and guests.

During the last two weeks of April and the first week of May we supported 3 steak feeds to benefit the FFA, Girls Softball and an exchange trip to Japan for Pendleton High School students.

### Environmental Cleanup Topic at KP Lodge in Pendleton

On February 19th the lodge members and their families enjoyed their third Monday meeting with a program presented by David Ammons, Pendleton's Environmental Recovery Specialist.

David presented a detailed and informative program concerning dangers to the public of meth lab and diesel spill cleanup in Eastern Oregon and the local area. He cited examples and answered questions from his work experiences.



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## Rose Temple No. 43 (Prepared in 1980 by Betty Murchison, PSR)

Rose Temple was instituted in June 1908 with the following charter members:

Jessie A. Starr	Calla A. DeVaul
Olive Hurlburt	Mary A. Clark
Augusta Hiller	Belle Byerlee
Jennie Hendricks	Alice Weimer
Stella Sank	Hannah Vincent
Josephine Hendricks	Sarah Brice
Edith G. Ellis	

There are no charter members now living.

Sometime after 1914, Rose Temple fell into a slump but 7 plucky members decided to fight to keep the Temple alive. They held many money-making drives—the most important of these was baking and selling donuts. Members and their families baked hundreds of donuts, sold and took orders throughout St. Johns.

Through their untiring efforts, the Temple began to prosper and has continued to do so.

These hard workers were called the “Hungry Seven” and they were:

Josephine Hendricks  
Sarah Brice  
Alice Weimer  
Effie Maxfield  
Anna Clark  
Laura Oihus  
Hannah Vincent



Betty Murchison, PSR  
1911 ~ 2007

When Margaret Phillips was initiated, Ernie, her husband, came in at the same time. Ernie received the obligation and Maggie was the candidate. During the initiation, Maggie was so surprised to see Ernie marching in the staff.

One member tells us that after every meeting they had a dance. Everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy it. Two members played the fiddle and one the piano. They held many home talent plays and funny skits.

*Submitted by Kaye Pomerleau, GPC*

## A Few Cookbooks Still Available

This will be the last report to bring everyone up to date on the status of the Oregon Pythian Cookbook.

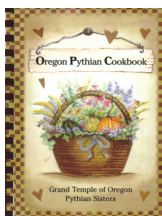
When we ordered the cookbooks, we ordered 300 and since they do a 10 percent overrun to allow for any problems during printing and binding, we actually received 330 cookbooks, plus 11 free cookbooks to offset the cost of the shipping. Out of the 341 received, we donated a few to Supreme Temple for their Craft Room and to date, with the help of all the Sisters and many of the Brothers, 263 cookbooks have been sold.

After paying the bill from Morris Press for the printing of the cookbooks, which was \$950, there has been \$1,600 turned in to Grand Secretary Shelley Corby.

This sounds really great, but, we do still have about 75 cookbooks left, and available for sale. Most of these are at Irene Clinks home in Cornelius, so they will be more easily available to anyone wanting more to sell. Everyone has done a great job of selling, but if we all try just a little more, we can sell the last of the cookbooks and add another \$750.00 to what has already been turned in.

If you can help to sell some more, please call Irene at (503) 357-8429 or for those in eastern Oregon, call me at (541) 548-2546 as I do still have a few of them here with me and have still been selling some.

Sherri Sievert  
Oregon Pythian Cookbook, Chairman



## 2007 DOKK/Nomad Convention

The Nomads and Dokeys of the Far West are holding their annual meeting in Newport, Oregon this year.

The dates for the meeting are June 8, 9 and 10. The meeting will held at the Hallmark Resort in Newport.



All Pythians, families and friends are invited to join in the fellowship and family fun, There will be a tour of the Newport Aquarium on Saturday after we enjoy lunch at Mo's restaurant.

Tourists “fish-watching” in undersea tunnel at Newport Aquarium

If you have in interest in joining the Far Western meeting please call Irene Clink regarding schedules, costs, etc..

Irene's phone number is  
**503-357-8429.**

Come join us.

You'll have a good time!





## 29th Quilt Show Presented by Friendship Temple ~ By Frances Reynolds



Friendship Temple in North Plains held their 29<sup>th</sup> quilt show and lunch in March with many beautiful quilts, some were very old and some so new they were barely finished.

Pythian Sisters and several nice neighbors who like to make a million or so little stitches worked for hours on the quilt being made. The top of the quilt was put together almost entirely by Sue Dailey and it is beautiful. It will be raffled off when finished, with part of the proceeds probably going toward a nursing scholarship. **Quilt tickets are still available!**

**Call Irene Clink at 503-357-8429.**

Almost everyone who came to see the quilts stayed for lunch. The lunch committee stuck to the menu we have had all these years, sandwiches, soup and pie.

A rather unusual event occurred for one of the lunch committee. In the midst of slapping together an egg salad sandwich, she received a phone call telling her to hurry home to help look for a lost kid before the coyotes found him. So she grabbed her granddaughter and they hurried up to Dixie Mountain and found the kid (that's a baby goat you know) and were soon back with the sandwich making. And yes, that lady we are talking about is Leatha, our Most Excellent Chief and fairly new Grand Guard. And yes, several of our Sisters are sort of country folks. We know about kids and colts and that sort of stuff.

Thanks to all of you who came to the quilt show this year and thanks to all who helped. We will look forward to seeing you in March of 2009 for our next quilt show, if not before.



Linda Dorland working on a quilt!

### Betty Murchison ~ PSR



*G'ma Betty !*

*You were a great lady, we miss you~*

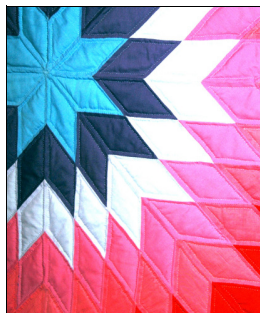
*Sarah*



Irene Clink, Pauline Osmund, and Sue Dailey working away!



Dianne Knorr



Frances Reynolds



## Comments from Grand Chief Sarah ~

### Love Lives On

*Those we love remain with us  
for love itself lives on,  
and cherished memories never fade  
because a loved one's gone.  
Those we love can never be  
more than a thought apart,  
for as long as there is memory,  
they'll live on in the heart.*

*Author Unknown*

Thank you to everyone for all the support, kind words and to my thoughtful Grand Temple officers for the beautiful flowers I received from them after the passing of my grandmother, Betty Murchison. Special thanks to Darrell Henry, who did a wonderful job officiating for G'ma's funeral. His words were thoughtful, caring and honored her very nicely. She will be missed.

I am currently gearing up to determine the committees for Grand Temple. A big thank you to the few people I've already asked to take on jobs. I am planning on getting out a letter to everyone soon with all the pertinent details.

I have now completed my official visits to all the Temples and I attended both District Conventions. Thank you to all the Sisters for your kind hospitality, you are all very generous. Thank you to Mary McIlvaine and Cheryl Bergman, my District Deputy Grand Chief's for District #1 and #2, respectively. You gals did a great job!

Mary had a super idea to offer the Phoenix Knights the opportunity to provide us lunch as a fundraiser for their Lodge. Well, to my pleasant surprise, they turned around and donated the money to my Grand Chief's Project!

Those Knights are definitely a treasure – thank you all very much. And thank you also to Mary for including a donation to my Project in the price of District #1's Convention. That was an innovative idea which I appreciate very much.

As you all know, my Project is continuing our donations to Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department. I had planned on having a tour of the facility on June 9<sup>th</sup>, but as it turns out, that is the same weekend as the Nomad's Far Western Convention at the beach. So, I am currently in the process of finding another date for the tour. I am planning on scheduling it for some time in September. I will let you know when I have a firm date.

It feels like Grand Temple is just around the corner! It's not too soon to set aside those dates, October 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. **Please remember to get your registration, meals and hotel rooms arranged early.** I hope everyone who can do so, will attend!

Thank you for your fantastic commitment to our Order and to our communities.

Until we meet again, enjoy the summer!

**Sarah Murchison**  
Grand Chief



**Sarah Murchison**  
Grand Chief

## Hillsboro Pythians Support Community Projects ~ By Jerry Girard

The Hillsboro Pythians, as part of their serving the community, worked with the **City of Hillsboro annual Vision Town Hall**. This meeting is an annual meeting where the citizen's desires are discussed for the future of Hillsboro. At this meeting, progress on the Hillsboro 2020 Vision plan was discussed with the community.

The lodge hall located next to the new City Civic center was made available for childcare during the meeting. This was a great success with 30 children participating in the many activities offered at the Hall including art and crafts, Lego construction and indoor volleyball.

This contribution by the Hillsboro Pythians assisted the City present a very successful evening sharing the Hillsboro 2020 Vision plan with the Community. For the Hillsboro Pythians this was just another example where they have worked to serve the Community in which we live.



## A Pythian Knight in Jerusalem ~ Colin Brown, March 2007

It is taking me time to decompress and to unpack the density of experiences that I experienced in Jordan and Israel as part of my training to be a Lutheran pastor. It was, so to speak, a "history crash" where modern mores collided with historic prejudices, where cities of steel and electronics are built over cities of stone and mud and where angry claims of the past are gouged into the flesh of modern children by rocks and bullets.

I did reflect on the irony on being a Knight in travel in the Holy Lands carrying a message of brotherhood and peace between all peoples. I carried the goodwill of Hermes Lodge 56 with me as I traveled into these very different worlds.

The fast pace through scenes of biblical history, layer upon layer, provided a kaleidoscope of sensory images. Wherever we would go, I would caress the surfaces of the stones, knowing that my touch would blend with the touch of hundreds of thousands who had gone before. The incarnate nature of this experience was deep and penetrating.

I had prepared for my journey by reading our recommended books - finding the most hopeful to be the "Tent of Abraham" the compendium by Joan Chittister, Murshid Saadi Shakur Chisti and Rabbi Arthur Waskow which looked to the patriarch's legacy as a foundation of unity between the three faiths. Hopeful that is, until I understood that the conflict in the Middle East appears to be much more venial than that, more about money, power and land ownership -the base elements - than differences of view. The religions get along quite well it appears.

Our journey had two levels, the first took us back into time contemplating the pulse beat of different civilizations moving across the holy land, the second part plunged us into the cauldron of modern suffering in the Middle East. I found that a veneer of modern civilization in Israel covered a brutality that seemed straight out of 1930s Germany - even though we visited the Holocaust memorial Yad Vashem and saw how deeply the memory of this horror was cut into Jewish culture. This modern, similar world of land seizures, internal passports, instant executions and disrespect was based on a philosophy of exclusive divine right to one group of people. The chosen people- who, through some fantastic denial and anesthesia of conscience, - was somehow revisiting this curse on others.

The other group of people, the Palestinians, a mix of Christian and Moslem origins, was constrained in their freedom to the point of hunger and death. I found by far that my experience of oppression of the Palestinian peoples moved me deeply and profoundly. Their suffering, interminable and deep, scarred me and disturbed me - so

much so that I know I will be involved and will go back. I noticed with deep concern the unease experienced by Naim, our Palestinian guide when we traversed places like Hebron, where we visited the Christian Peacemakers - and stood between soldiers and settlers, and when visited the Augustus-Victoria hospital when we had to move through cordons of soldiers who had power of travel permission, and also, obviously life or death. What a relief it was to hold an American passport here. Israel was a staccato experience for me, of tension, relief, tension, and relief as we moved from checkpoint to checkpoint. Israel was not peaceful at all. It felt, on almost every level, unholy - as if somehow the divine had moved away in disgust at what was going on - as if this filtering and exclusion had filtered out the most high.

The wall that had been constructed across the Palestinian homeland was dividing the soul of the Palestinian as well as the Israeli people. Its construction was being used to take valuable agricultural land from the Palestinians and resulted in the essential imprisonment and exile of the Palestinians from their homes, their families and schools.

It appeared in many ways, that the oppression was energized by a core group of ultra-orthodox fanatics (with American roots) driving a process of invasive settlement in Palestinian heartland areas by home confiscation and demolition. Along with the influence of Christian Zionists, as outlined in Gorenberg's book, "The End of Days" this effort seemed designed to accelerate a process of disintegration. We were lucky to find this core of dementia somewhat counteracted by groups such as B'Tselem, Rabbis for Human Rights, Sabeel and the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions who act as representatives of the conscience of Israel and Palestine.

We had flown from Chicago, to Paris, to Jordan first. Our guide in Jordan was Mohammed, a middle-age man. He was a devout Muslim and shared with us, quietly, his stories of faith. Our first hotel in Jordan was the Star Hotel, its entrance at the top of a hill. After orange juice and a meal



Colin Brown,  
Chancellor Commander of  
Hermes Lodge in Aurora.  
Colin is also studying to be-  
come a Lutheran minister.

*(Continued on page 12)*

## Graduation, Scholarships and Wilma Klein~ By Frances Reynolds

Now that the month of June is almost here with graduations and scholarships we need to think about the many organizations, businesses, fraternal orders, including Pythians, and individuals responsible for the funds. Thanks for the thoughtfulness and for being willing to help a young graduate with their next steps.

This is the 9<sup>th</sup> year Friendship Temple of North Plains will be giving a sizeable scholarship to a Glencoe graduate, thanks to the kindness of one of our former Sisters. We have called our gift the Wilma Klein Memorial Scholarship. We would like for it to go to a North Plains student, but not necessarily ~ just to someone who needs it.

We didn't know Wilma when she lived in Portland but when she and her husband, When Tony, retired and the children were grown, they moved to the little town of North Plains. We don't know why they chose this town, but we were glad they did. Wilma and her husband were both busy artistic people. They did bead work, made jewelry and did some painting. They sometimes spent part of the winter being "snowbirds" in a warmer climate.

Wilma volunteered at the Senior Center. She was a food driver and was always ready and willing to take anyone where they needed to go. She soon decided that Pythian Sisters would be a good thing to be a part of so she joined us ~ just the kind of new member every Temple would be glad to have. She joined and said, "Here I am, what can I do?"

She held most of the offices. She was MEC several times. She was never interested in being a Grand officer ~ didn't want to be "a queen bee" ~ just a worker and she was that. She loved young people and spent a lot of time working with a group called SMART (Start Making a Reader Today). She often said that she thought young folks were not so much impressed by learning to read better but by the fact a nice, pretty lady, who was old enough to be their grandmother, was still willing to come visit with them.

When she was no longer with us, Friendship's Sisters were not surprised to learn that her will gave Friendship Temple scholarship money that will last a very long time. We will always remember Wilma as a very dear Sister.

**Your OPN staff will be in Europe for three weeks this coming August.** This will cause the September issue of the OPN to be delayed about two weeks, being mailed in the middle of September rather than being mailed to arrive the first week of the month.



For those of you who support the OPN with your contributions of articles and photos we ask that you please send your materials to arrive by August 31st so they will be available upon our return.

As usual, electronic copy is appreciated. We will type your submissions if you do not have a way to send them electronically.

My new email address is darrell.henry@verizon.net. It is a much faster computer process and you should feel free to send your pictures electronically if you wish. As usual we can process printed pictures as well.

## Rose City Santha #34 ~ Nomads of Avrudaka

The Nomads of Rose City Santha are all great Nomads. They each give tirelessly and unselfishly to our organization. However, we would like to spotlight two Nomads for this OPN.

First, Nomad Irene Clink: Irene is our scribe, or secretary, of Rose City Santha. We all know how important it is to have a good secretary in any organization. We at Rose City Santha are fortunate to have Irene. She keeps us on the straight and narrow, keeping all of our official records in order and when called for, submitting the appropriate records to Imperial in an orderly and timely manner. She is an example to us all and we appreciate her sooooo much. Thanks, Irene for all you do for Rose City Santha and your fellow Nomads!

Last, but not least, is Nomad Charlie VanDomelen. Charlie is a relatively new Nomad to Rose City Santha. However, being new hasn't stopped Charlie from jumping right in and becoming active. We at Rose City Santha know Charlie as "Chef Charlie." Before each meeting Chef Charlie has a delicious meal prepared for us. Since our meetings start early, most of us don't have time to go home for dinner. Charlie, thank you for your delicious pre-meeting meals and all you do for Rose City Santha!



*Rani Judy and Rajah John P. Murchison*



## 2007 North Plains Garlic Festival ~ By Russ Sheldon

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival will take place on August 10, 2007 through August 12, 2007 at the Jessie Mays Community Center in North Plains, Oregon.

The festival opens at 12:00 noon Friday, with 20 food booths, 50 arts and crafts booths and FREE children's entertainment. A variety of live music can be enjoyed at the Beer and Wine Garden from opening until closing Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A 10k run, 2K walk will begin on Saturday at 8:00 AM. The parade begins at 10:00 AM on Saturday and will wind through the streets of downtown North Plains, ending at the festival center. This year the car show is back, featuring Classics, Modified, Rods, Customs and special interest vehicles and will start at 11:00 AM, running until 3:00 PM on Saturday. The car show will be held on Commercial Street in the heart of downtown North Plains. The beer garden opens at 10:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday and closes at 6:00 PM on Sunday. The Beer Garden will offer Coor's Beer, a unique Garlic Beer and local wines with festival seating to enjoy the entertainment and grab some of the delicious foods available. For complete information on the 2007 Garlic Festival please visit [www.Funstinks.com](http://www.Funstinks.com).



The Knights of Glencoe Lodge operate the Beer Garden through an agreement and in cooperation with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce. Through this unique partnership, Glencoe Lodge is entrusted and responsible

for the entire beer garden operation, including: set-up, product selections, coordinating with a beer distributor, wine vendors, setting prices, serving, monitoring, containment, handling receipts, expenses, tear down and clean-up.

The North Plains Garlic Festival is the largest community activity that the Glencoe Knights participate in. The Garlic Festival also accounts for our single largest source of fundraising revenue during the year. Through our operating agreement with the North Plains Chamber of Commerce, Glencoe Lodge splits the profits (after expenses of operation) with the Chamber of Commerce. Glencoe Lodge is dependent upon its membership to pull off this event. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a high profile event for the Glencoe Knights, it provides a great source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our Order.

## Hillsboro Pythians Raise Funds for ACS Relay for Life ~

Again the Hillsboro Pythians have a team for the Relay for Life. We have done three fundraisers so far, one was a rummage sale and two were "all you can eat" spaghetti dinners with bingo afterward. So far we have raised \$552. for the Relay. Thank you everyone for coming and supporting us in this effort.

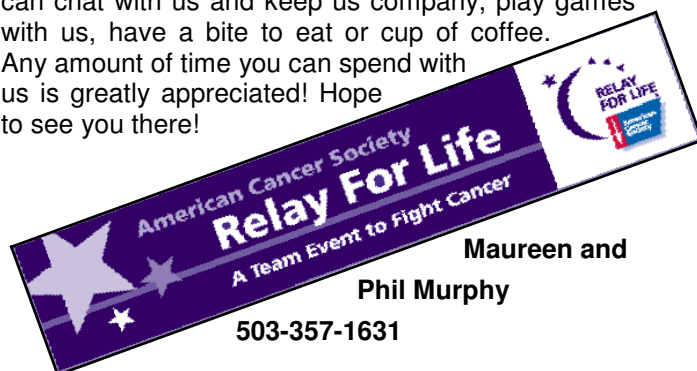
Thank you so much for your time and work in helping us with the bingo & for your donations of food. Also thank you to Ivanhoe Lodge for letting us use your hall for the rummage sale, bingo cards and for all of your donations. We may have another spaghetti dinner & bingo to raise more money. If we do, we will let everyone know the date. The time will remain the same: 4:00 pm.

The date of this year's Relay is Saturday June 23 and starts at 10:00 am and it goes on until Sunday June 24 10:00 am. We will have at least one team member

walking on the track at all times so come on down and cheer us at the Hillsboro Stadium at Hwy 26 and Cornelius Pass Road and spread Pythianism! (We might get a few new members!)

We would enjoy having you come and join us. Look for us at the shelter with the Hillsboro Pythians banner. You can chat with us and keep us company, play games with us, have a bite to eat or cup of coffee.

Any amount of time you can spend with us is greatly appreciated! Hope to see you there!



Maureen and

Phil Murphy

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## A Pythian Knight in Jerusalem

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I happily retired to my single room to isolate myself from the world of new forces that impinged upon me. I went to sleep quickly after watching some Jordanian television, Al-Jazeera with a Signal toothpaste advertisement. I woke quickly at 4.40 am with the call of the muezzin haunting my room. It was an otherworldly, haunting sound, suggesting that the divine had crept front and center of things. It sent a frisson of strangeness down my spine.

I rose quickly with the sound, not praying exactly but reflecting on how God had brought me to this place. I nursed my shower into providing a trickle of water for my purposes. Water was much of a theme as I would later discover. After breakfast, we began the first of our fast journeys. (Mitri Raheb, the Lutherna pastor, who we would meet later in Bethlehem, would call this rapid dash into history, "Running where Jesus had walked").

Our first visit was to Madaba, a town with a history from the Neolithic times, where, in the Madaba Church, we saw a map mosaic from the 6<sup>th</sup> century that laid out in correct sequence the bible lands; including the Sinai, Israel, Palestine and Jerusalem. We photographed this map extensively. Afterwards we made the ascent to Mount Nebo, where Moses first witnessed the Promised Land. We left the rocky landscape behind us and saw, through the mist, the sweep of verdure reminiscent of my home state of Oregon. Here, at the top, was a church maintained by the Franciscans, who we would find, seemed to have a proprietary interest over many of the holy sites in the Middle East. Here there was a clever sculpture combining the Tau Cross with the snake that Moses lifted high on a pole as an antidote to those bitten by poisonous snakes, that eerily foreshadowed the cross and that emerges in modern symbolism as the staff of Asclepius in medicine.

After Jordan we came to the site of John the Baptist, Bethany beyond the Jordan, said to be the authentic site where Jesus was baptized. It inhabited a weird desert environment, complete with wind-carved turrets and ledges. It felt like the ground that the Holy Spirit played in. Here I felt quiet, at home in a strange way - and as we made our way to the Jordan river, I felt excited, much more so than anything else I had felt. Close to the border with Israel I noticed the barbed-wire fences that cordoned off land that once had been seeded with land-mines - a relic from the six-day war. I thought that Jesus would have loved to be here, before the land-mines, here where John had made this eerie solitude a place of purity, a gateway to the promise of the kingdom. How could you not be among these odd spires and natural carvings and not feel close to the maker of things? We came to a dried-up spring and mosaics, thought to be where John performed his rite with "living

water" from the spring. A few yards away were steps down to the Jordan River, where I fished a liter bottle of river water upon the explicit instructions of my pastor. A Jordanian soldier guarded watch, rifle pointed down but ready.

We visited Petra the next day, travelling from our next hotel, the "Candles" hotel just a hop away from the canyon, Wadi Musa, that led to the lost city. Petra was the city featured in "Raiders of the Lost Ark". Petra, the capital of the Nabateans was a natural vehicle of water collection used by the Nabateans to harvest the gushing floods of the fifty day rains that regularly drench Jordan. The majesty of this rock-hewn city was extraordinary.

I became detached from our group here, wandering to a restaurant in a cave that I found later was the wrong cave - to wait for the others. I stayed drinking ubiquitous Nescafe with the owner, Ali, and talked about his life and thoughts. I was invited the next time I visit to stay with him out in the desert and sleep under the stars. He was, he said, a descendant of the Nabateans and this was his life. The Nabateans use to navigate using the stars, he said. The Nabateans were dealers in frankincense and myrrh, desert spices, and made trade routes between the oases of the desert and hidden sources of water. Ali said to me that if the Palestinian issue was solved, all the struggle in neighboring Iraq would cease.

After Petra, the next day, we visited Jerash, the Decapolis city. I had developed a presentation describing the architecture and significance of this majestic city as part of my class work.

I thought of how these non-human scale buildings must have rankled with Jesus, with the apparent licentiousness and alien eros of this new culture. How much in contrast to the stark beauty of the desert this must have been. Seeing these marauding and gigantic cultures crash into the little world of the Galilee must have been an awful thing to see.

After Jerash we traversed the border to Nazareth, taking on our new guide, Naim, an old friend of the Professors'. In Nazareth, a chilly and not well-kept inn welcomed us. We visited Mary's well and the Church of the Annunciation, where I wept for no good reason at all.

We then visited Caesarea, driving through Haifa, (an Israeli version of Seattle, complete with Microsoft), on the coast. Its Roman aqueduct still looming over the oceanfront. After this we raced to Megiddo, where its ominous reputation as a place where the end of the world would be invented (Armageddon) was displaced by its pastoral charm. I took a few moments to baptize the mountain Megiddo with a new

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## 2007 Poster Contest Entries Judged

This year's poster contest netted three posters for the Grand Lodge judging, one each from McMinnville, Talent and Roseburg.

Grand Secretary Shelley, who has a degree in graphic arts from Portland State University, Darrell Henry, and John Lacy met to judge the posters.

After much looking, commenting and admiration they judged the pictures with the results shown in this article.

Our First Place entry will be sent to the Supreme Lodge for judging at the Supreme Lodge level.



Third Place Poster submitted by  
Ira Loshakova  
from Roseburg High School



Second Place Poster submitted by  
Nicole Todd  
from Phoenix High School



The First Place Poster, being shown by Shelley Corby, was submitted by Maya Lim, McMinnville High School. Maya was also the first place winner last year.

Her message is:

***Real Friends Remind Us Who We Are.  
Be A Friend When It Counts.***

### ***A Pythian Knight in Jerusalem***

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name, Salem, place of peace - after our capital city in Oregon and prayed for the peace of all mankind. I did this with some of the river water from the Jordan river. In this way we cancelled Armageddon and thus brought about the end of the end of the world. You may now carry on as usual.

In Ibillin, we visited Archbishop Eliad Chacour, at the Peace Center of the Mar Elias Educational School where he delivered a numbing tongue-lashing to us in our roles as Americans for our actions in Iraq that he said was discrediting us all over the Middle East. "Oil" he said - all this was about oil.

At the Ein-Gev kibbutz I sat on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and experienced the lapping of the waves and the serenity of the water at sunset. It was, as Jesus must have experienced it, natural, simple, gentle, unencumbered by trappings of imperialism. I could imagine him walking on the water here.

Bethlehem was a shock, it had a giant wall and guard-towers built around it. It was a prison city. Our entry into Bethlehem felt as if we were entering a jail and we were inmates. The wall had crushed much of the life from the city. Inside we met dapper ELCA Pastor Mitri Raheb, author of "I am a Palestinian Christian" who says in his book, "I am a Palestinian

living under Israeli occupation. My captor daily seeks to make life harder from me. He encircles my people with barbed wire; he builds walls around us, and his army sets many boundaries around us. He succeeds in keeping thousands of us in camps and prisons... Yet despite all these efforts, he has not succeeded in taking my dreams from me." Mitri is known and loved by all the people, both Moslem and Christian, that I came to speak with in Bethlehem. His non-violent openness and faithfulness was inspiration to me.

In my journey I visited many places and talked to many people. I wandered freely and without fear in the Arab quarters of the west bank towns. The Americans are seen as kind and generous people by the Arabs who will one day help them too.

I also went to the wailing wall and shared in the prayers of 10,000 orthodox Jews on a Sabbath eve - and felt the waves of divine love wash over the crowd like a tidal wave.

I took over 1,000 pictures and recorded 150 sound files. Some of these I am soon posting on my website [www.pastorblaster.com](http://www.pastorblaster.com) where you may view them. I would also be happy to come and give a slide show to our brothers and sisters at any time. You can call me at (971) 219-0924 **Colin Brown**

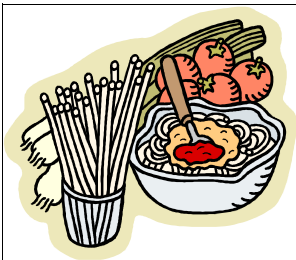
#### Editor's Note:

*Opinions in this article are those of the author, Colin Brown and not necessarily those of the OPN or the Pythian Order.*



## Glencoe Knights Hold a Social ~ By Russ Sheldon

On May 5th the Knights of Glencoe Lodge held a social night to bring the lodge and their families together for a Spaghetti dinner. They also invited guests Knight Tony Hoffman prepared a special sauce for a delicious Spaghetti dinner complete with a crisp green salad, garlic bread and beverage of choice. Dinner was served from 5:00 to 7:00 in the evening. Several games of Texas Hold'em Poker and much visiting ensued after the meal which continued into the late evening.



The goal of the event was to get those members together who often do not attend meetings and expose as many interested individuals as possible to the fraternal aspects of the lodge environment. While not directly recruiting, it was felt that perhaps we should promote fraternity among the members as a benefit to the members. The dinner was viewed as a success as 31 dinners were served and everyone attending had a good time. Glencoe Lodge will be planning more social events in the future.



## Phoenicia Temple Happenings ~ Reported by Judy Murchison

It's always a challenge to try to write an article and find out how hard it is to remember past and future events. Of course, if I kept a journal (which I don't), I wouldn't have any worries. Let's see if I can organize my thoughts and share what Phoenicia Temple has done and will be doing.



Shelley Corby presents her PLE&F afghan to GC Sarah

On March 1<sup>st</sup> and as a Temple, we joined Grand Chief Sarah in Dallas as she made her official visit to Willamette Temple. It was a great evening and we so enjoyed visiting with the Willamette Temple Sisters. We've decided that we've missed the days when visiting other temples was more the "norm" than not and we are going to try to do more!

We attended and participated in our own District #1 Convention on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Hillsboro, as well as attending District #2 Convention in Dallas on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Both District Deputies and their Temple Sisters planned really nice conventions.

Recently a Temple Sister surprised us at temple meeting by bringing a door prize. You may ask why we were surprised. We just hadn't had a door prize in quite a long while and the idea just slipped away from our temple meetings. They're back! Isn't it fun to remember some of the old things and try them again?

Of course, it's important to try new things as well – and we are doing that too. Our Temple with the Knights and Nomads, who also meet in the Hillsboro Hall thanks to our Knights, join together once a month for dinner and a brain storming meeting. We plan events and bring them back to our respective organizations. These events are inclusive of all our organization members, families and friends. Often our events are just for fun and other times it's a combination "work can be fun" and the profits have

a designated purpose -- to benefit others. We try to mix it up a bit.

For example, the fun events Phoenicia has participated in have included: attending the three concerts performed by our local community orchestra and afterwards meeting at a local restaurant for refreshments; as well as attending and enjoying a high school musical performance by one of our local high schools. Events to benefit others have included: a rummage sale and two spaghetti/bingo nights, as well as a "benefit dinner party."



From left to right: Phil Murphy (back to camera) Jerry and Jacquie Girard, John Lacy (back to camera) Larry Owens, and Sarah Murchison enjoying good conversation at Benefit Dinner.

Before temple closes for the summer we are looking forward to a luncheon with all of our Temple Sisters at a local restaurant – just a time to get together casually and visit. Also, on our summer calendar is a tour of a unique local museum combined with a picnic.

## District No. 1 Convention April 14, 2007 ~ Reported by Kaye Pomerleau

### **"HAVE FUN AND FRIENDSHIP IN OUR DOLL HOUSE"**

Hosted by Fern Temple No. 46, Hillsboro, Oregon  
April 14, 2007, Mary McIlvaine, DDGC

#### **District Convention Officers:**

Past District Deputy: Irene Clink, Friendship  
District Deputy GC : Mary McIlvaine, Fern  
Convention Senior: Frances Reynolds, Friendship  
Convention Junior: Maureen Murphy, Phoenixia  
Convention Manager: Shelley Corby, Phoenixia  
Assistant Manager: Carol Jenkins, Una  
Convention Secretary: Barbara McKee, Phoenixia  
Convention Treasurer: Glenyce Buxton, Fern  
Convention Protector: Leatha Tyra, Friendship  
Convention Guard: Farrel Fuerst, Fern

The Convention commenced at 10:00 a.m. There were 30 members registered. Welcome was given by Ann Meyers, PSR, Fern #46, and the response given by Kathlene Lacy, SPSC, Phoenixia #10. Pages introduced were Judy Murchison, PGC, and Jacquie Girard, PSR.

The ritualistic opening was performed by Phoenixia Temple #10. Vesta Poteete of Herculena #27 was asked to act as Musician, pro tem, and started with a repetitive rendition of the first line of the Tennessee Waltz, to the delight of all present. (Later on, Linda Reyburn then offered a Pythian Sisters service book with printed music so Vesta played several more pieces.)



An invitation to the 2008 District Convention was presented by Phoenixia Temple #10. We adjourned for lunch.

A delicious luncheon of salads, a variety of pies, coffee & punch were served by the Knights of the Hillsboro Pythians. They are to be commended for a job well done.

The afternoon session went quickly. Fern Temple #46 performed the proper procedure when someone is entering the Temple when it is in session, and the proper procedure for the admittance and greeting of a visiting Sister. Friendship Temple #8 performed Balloting for a new member Knight. Unfortunately, Grand Chief Sarah Murchison was unable to address the convention as word was received that her Grandmother, Betty Murchison, PSR, had fallen and broken her hip. A ritualistic closing was performed by Una Temple #26 and the convention was adjourned. Refreshments were served soon after.

## Comments from Grand Secretary ~ By Wylie Nichols

Going **Dark**----The Habit Of Many Lodges Suspending Regular Meetings For The Summer Months. One might think activities also cease but that is far from the case. While a lot of planning may occur during the year, many events actually take place during the "dark" period i.e. Wapato Showdown, Garlic Festival, Maintenance of Lodge Buildings and properties, lodge picnics and other activities across our Domain.

September, 2007 Our Lodges Will Become **Light!** Let's look with favor toward Pythian Opportunities for Re-Dedication "To Do Good."

**A Reminder: Grand Representative Credentials with the Registration Fee are due by July 1, 2007.**

Proposed Legislation deadline is August 10, 2007. Please type in Microsoft Word and attach to an email or send by post. I will put it in Word to re-send to the Lodges.

Oregon Pythian News deadline (September Issue) is August 31.

Oregon Grand Lodge/Temple is October 12-14, 2007; Registration information can found on pages 19 and back cover of this issue of the Oregon Pythian News.





## Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF) ~



Word has it that the OPCEF awarded five (5) scholarships this spring. Also word has it that only five applications were received.

We don't have confirmation of either the number of scholarships or applications but it is good to know, at least through the rumor mill, that OPCEF is active.

In our past issues there were indications that there would be fund raisers for the OPCEF this year. We don't know at this point if they have been successful, or even if they came to pass. Perhaps in the future fund raising events can be publicized and we can all get behind the efforts.

Some food for thought ~ The Grand Lodge of Oregon established the Oregon Pythian College Fund several years ago as a separate entity. It has been organized as a 501(c)3 corporation which provides some tax benefits to its earnings and for donors, so long as we continue to operate it within the rules established by law.

The OPCEF is a good place for you to consider when planning and making your donations this year. Your donations are tax deductible and go to a very worthy Pythian cause.

Here is a reminder ~ scholarships and grants are for progeny of Oregon Pythians and Oregon Pythians. This availability is not to be interpreted strictly as current Pythians but any Pythian, living or deceased, who was an Oregon Pythian. You can help your children, grand children or any active Pythian by making educational benefits available to those who are willing to learn.

OPCEF cannot distribute grants or scholarships without applications. OPCEF cannot make donations if money is not raised to support the scholarships.

You and your Pythian organization can help the OPCEF and Pythians with your involvement.

**Make tax deductible donations!**

**Find worthy students!**



### Ivanhoe Lodge Invites You to a Picnic

Ivanhoe Lodge will be celebrating their Anniversary on July 28th

With a picnic and Invite you to join Them

For Good Food and Fellowship

From 12 noon to 3 PM at the Lodge Hall

**Please Mark Your Calendar and Join the Fun.**

## Ivanhoe Lodge Continues ~ By Mark Erickson

The officers and members of Ivanhoe Lodge invite all to pack up their family and friends and bring them to the Ivanhoe Lodge building on Saturday, July 28, 2007 from Noon to 3 PM for an Anniversary Casual Picnic. Our chef will be preparing classic picnic food for our enjoyment. Enjoy a couple of hours of good food and good conversation with good fellowship.

We will be electing our regular officers and Grand Representatives at our regular meeting on June 12, 2007. The regular meeting will begin at about 7:30 PM or when a quorum is present. If you are a member of Ivanhoe Lodge and would like to be an officer, please plan on being present.

The lodge building is still being used as a location for a local food bank run by the Boy Scouts we sponsor. This

food bank is run from 1:30 PM to 5 PM most Wednesdays.

We are continuing to hold our Community Rummage Sales. The next one will be on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 from 9 AM to 4 PM both days. We use money from these sales to be able to purchase bicycle helmets for children in the Lents Neighborhood.

We attended the Lents Resource Fair held on April 28 held at Marshall High School. We believed that due to insufficient advertising and word of mouth along with the location of the venue, attendance at the fair was very poor. We plan on attending Lents Founders Day in the month of August.



## Comments from Grand Chancellor Charlie ~

Knights, Sisters, and Friends,

The Grand Lodge Officers stayed busy completing the Official visits. The last one was at Talisman lodge on April 15<sup>th</sup>. I had the pleasure, and opportunity to help in a three in one rank work for the lodge's four new members. These new members will make a great addition to the members already in the lodge. With the addition of the new members, I look forward to the Talisman Knights continuing and increasing their community involvement in Grants Pass

The District Deputies have been doing a great job arranging the visits, and helping install the new officers, and organizing the three in one rank work. The Deputies are a great resource for any needs, issues or questions.

The Grand Chancellor's AED\* Project has been well received by the lodges. I have mailed out letters to charitable foundations, seeking matching funds. I'm still waiting for responses from four of the organizations. I

hope to hear from them in the next month.

The Grand Lodge program is keyed around membership and ways to increase the ranks. As we distribute the AED's we need to have the local media involved to report on our activities, by doing this all of our communities can learn about our order.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support. It's been another enjoyable year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlie Van Domelen

*\* AED stands for "Automatic Electronic Defibrillator," a medical device which can save someone's life.*



**Charlie  
Van Domelen  
Grand Chancellor**

## Damon & Pythias ~ The Story Again

There once lived two men, called Damon and Pythias. They were both lovers of truth and integrity and in all the city of Syracuse they could find no one who upheld these principles so well as each other. Dionysius was at that time the ruler of Syracuse; he wielded complete authority and very often abused his power, for he was hot-tempered and imperious and anyone who angered him was put to death. One day he was informed that a young man named Pythias had been heard complaining against the cruelty of Dionysius; no one was allowed to criticize the ruler, and Dionysius condemned the youth to die.

When Pythias learnt of his fate, he begged to be allowed to return home to set his affairs in order.

"How far away is your home?" enquired Dionysius suspiciously, "and how may I be certain you will return?"

"My home is many miles distant," replies Pythias, "but I have a friend, Damon, who is willing to take my place while I am away."

There was a stir amongst the bystanders and a man stepped to Pythias' side..

"I am Damon, my lord" he said. "I will give myself up as a pledge of my friend's return, and if any accident befalls him I will die in his stead."

The tyrant was amazed by this generosity, and gave Pythias leave to depart, fixing on the day and hour of his return, and warning that he would not fail to exercise justice on his friend, if he did not arrive back in time.

The days passed and the morning dawned on which Pythias was to have been executed – still, Pythias did not appear, and the people of Syracuse said that Damon would surely be killed.

Everyone was agreed in condemning his behaviour as rash and foolhardy; but Damon himself was the happiest man in the prison. He was filled with hope that his friend would *not* return in time, and he

was led out to execution with a cheerful face.

Dionysius had come to see him meet his death, and called out to him in mocking words.

"So, Damon, where is your friend, of whom you were so confident? I fear you have allowed him to take advantage of your simplicity."

"It is impossible for me to doubt my friend's constancy," replied Damon. "Perhaps he has met with some accident along the way."

At that moment a horse broke through the crowd, and Pythias, travel-stained and weary, half fell out of his saddle, and ran to embrace his friend.

"I am come – in time," he gasped. "My horse – was killed, and I could not find another. Thank heaven I am in time to save you!"

But Damon did not want Pythias to die. He pleaded with him to allow the execution to continue, and Dionysius watched in disbelief as each friend eagerly sought to give up his life for the other.

"Cease, cease these debates," he exclaimed, stepping forward and taking their hands. "I hereby set both of you free. Never in my life have I seen such loyalty; nor did I dream such a thing could exist. I beg you will accept my pardon and allow me to share in your friendship."

~Bethan Lewis~



*Editor Note: There are many versions of the story of Damon and Pythias, the first I have seen going back to the time of Cicero. I thought it may be of interest to Pythians to read some of them so I will occasionally place a different version in the OPN. I hope you will enjoy them.*

*Source: Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*

## District #2 Convention ~ Reported by Kaye Pomerleau, GPC

### DISTRICT #2 CONVENTION

May 5, 2007

#### **"ANGEL ON YOUR SHOULDER"**

#### **Hosted by Willamette Temple No. 45, Dallas, Oregon**

We headed out from Eugene at 7:30 a.m. on a beautiful sunny day. We were greeted warmly when we stepped into the beautiful Masonic Hall in Dallas, Oregon. Once everyone arrived, registered and treated to coffee and mini donuts, the following District Convention Officers were introduced and seated:

Past District Deputy: Ann Ross, PSR  
Helmetta #29

Dist. Deputy Grand Chief: Cheryl Bergman, PSR  
Willamette #45

Convention Senior: Bernice Balschweid, PGC  
Willamette #45

Convention Junior: Kaye Holmes, PGC,  
Helmetta #29 and  
Willamette #45

Assisted by: Sandy Ryan, GJ,  
Thermopylae #37

Convention Manager: Robyn Neeley, GT,  
Thermopylae #37

Convention Secretary: Carol Jenkins, PGPC,  
Willamette #45

Convention Treasurer: Marion Willcox, PSR,  
Willamette #45

Convention Protector: Esther McKibben, PSR  
Helmetta #29

Convention Guard: Marilyn Stevens, PGC,  
Thermopylae #37

Convention Musician: Barb Christopher, PGC,GM  
Phoenicia #10

The Convention commenced shortly after 10:00 a.m. with 33 members and guests in attendance. The Pages were Rosalee George, Una Temple #26, and Julie Lozano, PGC, Thermopylae Temple #37. Carol Jenkins, PGPC, Willamette #45, graciously welcomed us and Robyn Neeley, GT, Thermopylae #37, gave the response. Throughout

the hall were a variety of angels to depict the theme of the convention.

The ritualistic opening was performed by Willamette Temple #45 using only 5 in the officers march. We were delighted to have Grand Musician, Barbara Christopher, as our musician for the day. The Draping of the Charter was performed by Helmetta Temple #29; the officers march with 7 officers was performed by Thermopylae #37; and the Grand Temple officers performed the exemplification of the Temple signs. An invitation to the 2008 District Convention was presented by Thermopylae Temple #37. It was noon then and we adjourned for lunch.



#### District #2 Convention Officers:

Front Row: Kaye Holmes, PGC with daughter DDGC Cheryl Bergman, PSR; Esther McKibben, PGC Marilyn Stevens next to daughter Julie Lozano PGC

Back Row: Page Rosalee George and her mother Carol Jenkins, PGC Barb Christopher, G.Mus.; PGC Bernice Balschweid, GC Sarah Murchison, PSR Ann Ross; PSR Marion Willcox, PGC Robyn Neeley, G.Treas.

The delicious luncheon of croissant sandwiches, and a variety of salads, was topped off with strawberry shortcake, served by Brenda Kumm, Patti Heseman, and their kin.

The afternoon session went quickly. Cheryl Bergman, DDGC, gave each of us a Stress Survival Kit containing an Eraser, to erase our mistakes, a Penny, so we would never be broke, a Marble, in case we'd lost our marbles, a Rubber Band, to stretch us beyond our limits, a String, to tie things together when all else falls apart, and a Hug & Kiss to remind us that someone, somewhere, cares for each and every one of us.

Willamette Temple #45 closed the session and those able to stay, were treated to refreshments to fortify them for their journey home.



*"In about the same degree as you are helpful, you will be happy."*

~ Karl Reiland

# OREGON PYTHIANS GRAND

## 2007 Grand Lodge / Grand Temple Convention

	Price	Quantity	Total	
<b>Friday October 12</b>				Please print your name and Temple or Lodge Affiliation.
Joint Representatives Dinner				
Stuffed Chicken Breast	\$ 25.00			
Past Grand Chief's Dinner (Past Grand Chiefs Only)	\$ 25.00			
<b>Saturday October 13</b>				
Past District Deputies Breakfast (Sisters Only)	\$ 12.00			
Friendship Luncheon (Mark Your Choice)	\$ 14.00			
Beef Sandwich & Salad				
Ham Sandwich & Salad				
Turkey Sandwich & Salad				
Grand Banquet (Mark Your Choice)	\$ 36.00			
Prime Rib				
Baked Pacific Salmon				
<b>Sunday October 14</b>				
Fun for Funds Breakfast	\$ 16.00			
Altruistic Luncheon (Mark Your Choice)	\$ 14.00			
Beef Sandwich & Soup				
Ham Sandwich & Soup				
Turkey Sandwich & Soup				
Meals Package Price ~ Pythian Sisters	\$ 117.00			
Meals Package Price ~ Knights	\$ 105.00			
Total				
List special dietary needs:				

Please send check or money order for meals, payable to Pythian Registration Committee to:

Carol Jenkins  
4682 Beaverbrook Ct. SE  
Salem, OR 97301

**Mail Form and Check to Arrive by 5 OCT 2007**

**Please cut here and send the form below, along with your check, to your secretary.**

### Pythian Sisters Registration Form:

Registration fee is \$10.00

Send this form and your check to Grand Secretary:

Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary  
17180 SW Hart Way  
Aloha, OR 97007

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
Temple: \_\_\_\_\_  
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536 SW Elizabeth Street

Newport, OR

Direct Telephone Number: 541-265-7701

Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-200-222-2244

Room Rates: \$87.95/night Plus Tax

Extra persons in room \$15 per person per night

For Pythian rate make reservation by:

September 27, 2007

## Independence Day ~ Take a Moment to Reflect!

Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the Declaration of Independence is at once the nation's most cherished symbol of liberty and Jefferson's most enduring monument. Here, in exalted and unforgettable phrases, Jefferson expressed the convictions in the minds and hearts of the American people. The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new; its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the Continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident truths" and set forth a list of grievances against the King in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

### CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

#### The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they

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