



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Helmet Lodge Awards CW Ross 50-Year & Life Member

Helmet Lodge hosted a special Award Dinner for CW Ross at the Sizzler Restaurant on June 14th.

CW Ross joined Grants Pass Lodge in 1967, so he's being recognized for his 50 years of service.

Helmet Lodge got CW a lifetime membership jacket, a Special Award medal, and a 50-year pin.

He also received his lifetime membership card. Plus two pages of jokes from Kaye.

Everyone had a great time and a good meal at Sizzler and we didn't have to do the dishes



Article and
Photos
submitted by
GC Mike and
GC Paula
Talbot



Grand Chancellor Mike's Message

Summer is starting to peek in the windows once again! Finally!

The state officers have visited all of our lodges around the state and we can happily report our state is growing again. Keep up the good work.

We have decided that the membership contest worked so well that we are doing it again this year. The winners this year? It looks like Helmet was first with a growth rate of 46%, Damon came in second at 21%, and Gaston took third with a 10% growth in membership.

We have a lot to offer our communities... Don't be afraid to hand someone a membership form. They may just be ready to start giving back to their community.

Being lucky enough to be married to this year's Grand Chief Paula, I've been traveling with her to most of the Temples in our state. I was able to sit in on their meetings too. (I'm a member of the Pythian Sisters in both Eugene and Grants Pass temples, so it OK for me to do that.)

The Sisters have opened a new Temple this year! There's a goal for the men to think about.

Fraternally,

Mike Talbot, Grand Chancellor



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Remembering Ed Muth



After the passing of longtime member Ed Muth, Helmet Lodge dedicated their dining room and named it after him.

Here is a photo of the plaque which now hangs on the wall in Ed's memory.

Grand Chief Paula's Message

I want to say a big Thank you to all the Temples I visited the last two months. The Sisters were all so lovely. The food was wonderful and the gifts and flowers I received were so thoughtful and beautiful. I got to attend Helmetta #29 when two ladies joined us as new members.

I enjoyed meeting everyone that could attend when I was there at your Temples. A few tickets were sold for the **Oregon Pythian Scholarship Fund**. My goal is \$1,500.00 this year. The Temples have already jump started it with their generous contributions.

Please remember that we are still trying to get new members. To help our communities by volunteering wherever we can.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at the convention in McMinnville, Oregon this year, so make that date available if you can.

In P.L.E.& F.,

Paula Talbot Grand Chief



Oregon Pythians Grand Convention Hotel Information

Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention—Hotel Information October 20-22, 2017



Red Lion Inn & Suites
2535 NE Cumulus Avenue
McMinnville OR 97128

Hotel Reservation Cut Off Date: Sept 21, 2017

Meal Deadline Date: Friday, Oct 6, 2017

Room Types Available:

Double Queen or King Room—\$95.00

+9.8% Tax

Above prices are for 1 or 2 in a room.

Add \$10 per person for each additional person

Check-in Time: 3:00PM

Check-out Time: NOON

Call Red Lion Reservations:

1-888-489-1600 (Local #1-503-472-1500)

In order to get our special rates, identify yourself as a member of **Oregon Pythians**

Grand Secretary's Report From Ed Yates

It is April already and it seems like only yesterday my report for the OPN was needed.

Since the last report, I have completed the yearly report to Supreme Lodge.

I am pleased to report we are maintaining 10 Lodges in our Domain. I am pleased to report that we had an increase of 13 members over 2015. **Helmet and Damon Lodges** led the way with 7 new members each, **Diana and Gaston Lodges** had 5 each, and **Hermes and Glencoe** had 2 each. That is a total of **28 new members**. We had 15 members deleted due to many reasons. That gives us a net of 13 more members.

If all Domains were to do the same our Order would be in great shape.

WAY TO GO EVERYONE!

Fraternally,

Ed Yates

Grand Secretary



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

As I sit at the computer composing my article at the last moment to meet the deadline (becoming a habit), it is sunny and the grass and weeds are all growing. I just put out a letter to the Park residents about irrigation watering, park garage sale, and the usual Spring/Summer reminders. Our **District Convention** was hosted by Thermopylae Temple #37. Since **Julie Lozano** our District Deputy Grand Chief was ill, **Vesta Poteete** was asked to fill in for Julie. Vesta graciously agreed and presided over the meeting. It was held at the Pythian Hall in Eugene on Saturday, May 6th. I want to say it was nice to get an invitation this year as a reminder! Thank you, Thermopylae Temple. It was nice to see so many in attendance. It is a wonderful time to catch up on old friendships and make new ones.



The time has come and gone when annual reports and per capita tax had to be turned in to me, and I in turn had to submit my report to Supreme and the per capita tax. I am sad to inform you that

Willamette Temple #45 in Dallas, gave up their charter and merged with **Fern Temple #46** in Yamhill at the end of this year. I know Fern welcomes them and we are glad that we did not completely lose them! Oregon is now back to 5 Temples.

With summer just around the corner it is time to be thinking of our **Pythian Fun Weekend**, which is July 13-16. It is in Central Oregon, in LaPine this year. I have only attended a couple of them, but have enjoyed them immensely. It is a chance to see

another area of our beautiful state and share memories with fellow Pythians! Perhaps, a chance to ask a perspective member to see a fun side of our Order.

Wishing you all safe travels this Spring/Summer, wherever you might be going.

In Pythian Love,
Sherri Lee (Sievert), PSR, Grand Secretary

Last In His Class—a Sci-Fi Novel by GC Mike Talbot

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 other 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

Available in both digital and print .

at... lastinhisclass.yolasite.com

or on Amazon.com—FREE FOR KINDLE READERS

Author's Bio:

Born in 1947 in Modesto Ca. where I went to school in Ceres ,California. In later years I was described as one of the jocks. Playing on the football, track, swimming and wrestling teams. Tried going to College, didn't like it. Enlisted in the Marines instead during 66. Volunteered for Vietnam and had no problems with my tour, but found I was hated by a lot of my countrymen when I came home. Then realized I really didn't care what they thought. I've driven a cab, cowboied, drove a wrecker, planted trees, washed dishes, pumped gas, been a master automotive computer technician and worked as a construction millwright ultimately doing whatever it took to pay the bills. My wife Paula and I have 3 boys, 2 girls, 6 grandkids and 3 Boston Terriers. After I retired my oldest daughter decided we should write a book together. We are still working on that one. I found that I was having fun with this writing thing I originally had hated in school. So much that while waiting for her section of our book to be written, I sat down and wrote "Last In His Class". Now I have started a separate follow-up book set in the same universe and sharing a few characters in the works.

Food For Thought—America and Pythian Service

"It is among the most basic human truths:

Every one of us, some day, will be brought to our knees. By a diagnosis we didn't expect, a phone call we can't imagine, or a loss we cannot endure. That common humanity inspires our mercy. It fortifies our compassion. It drives us to look out for the sick, the elderly, the poor, and the most vulnerable among us.

We must decide, instead, to take care of each other -- because, but for the grace of God, we will all one day wake up in need of a little mercy.

This nation's character has never been defined by the power we give the already strong -- but by the strength we give the weak. "

Joseph Kennedy II

Eugene Pythians Celebrate Valentine's Day



Helmet Lodge Knights invited the Sisters of Helmetta Temple to join them for Valentine's dinner. Over 15 people were in attendance. We enjoyed a good meal and fellowship while we were dining.



Photos submitted by Jerry Girard

OPCEF Awards 11 Scholarships

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Foundation (OPCEF) is happy to announce that eleven students have been approved to receive scholarships for the 2017/2018 school year, if they maintain a 2.5 grade point average. There was a strong applicant pool and we look forward to helping these students achieve their educational goals.

Applicants come to us from all over Oregon and we had the follow distribution among Temple and Lodge affiliations:

Damon Lodge #4 – 1
Diana Lodge #63 – 1
Gaston Lodge #104 – 4
Glencoe Lodge #22 – 3
Phoenicia-Rose Temple #10 – 2



All students are encouraged 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 both to apply and must be maintained in order to receive the scholarship. Applications are due by April 15th of each year and scholarship funds are distributed near the end of that calendar 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, Oregon 97119

Once again, CONGRATULATIONS to this year's scholarship candidates!

Article submitted by Sarah Owens

Pythian Sisters District Convention



Grand Chief Paula Talbot with
PSR Vesta Poteete

On Saturday, May 6th Oregon's Pythian Sisters gathered in Eugene for their District Convention. Since DDGC Julie Lozano was unable to attend due to illness, PSR Vesta Poteete was asked to preside over the meetings. It was a lovely day with school of instruction and much visiting with old friends and new. Next year's District Convention will be held in Hillsboro, hosted by Ivanette Temple #68.



Grand Musician Paula Bice escorted by
Manager Cheryl Bergman PSR

Rose City Nomads Enjoy 4-H Wagon Train Presentation

At our May 1st Nomads meeting, **Jerry Girard** arranged for some very interesting speakers to make a special presentation.

The presenters were **Jerry Beaman, Tessah Noteboom and Heidi Weeks** of the 4-H Wagon Train organization.

This organization offers a unique summer adventure for 20-30 youth plus all of the adults (65 people total) who undertake the journey each year. As the title suggests, it is a real wagon train adventure which is held each summer here in Oregon. The trip takes about 1 week. Everyone has a job. Some people take care of the oxen, others make food. This program teaches leadership skills, outdoor skills, wagon and animal safety plus teamwork.

Tessah told us that her favorite part of the day was the end of the day, when everyone was sitting around the campfire, talking and singing. She said that two things she could improve upon were breaking in hiking boots earlier and drinking more water. Three things she thought were hard were: the ride is bumpy, communication is really important and waking up at 5am each day.

For more information or to support this group, see their website: www.4HWagonTrain.org or look for them on Facebook.



Pythian Fun Weekend—LaPine (near Bend)—July 13-16

PYTHIAN FUN DAYS UPDATE



We're glad to report all spaces are filled, and we have a waiting list started. There are 2 camp spaces open, but are for handicap. If you are interested in these spaces, you will have to call to reserve your own spot. If anyone does this please let Don Allen know, so we will have the correct count for meals. [DON ALLEN 503-715-6312]

We are going to dinner at the COWBOY DINNER TREE south of Silver Lake, Oregon on Friday night at 5:30 pm. Dinner includes choice of Top Sirloin Steak (26-30 ounce) - or—1 Whole Roasted Chicken plus baked potato, salad, hearty soup and old fashioned sweet yeast dinner rolls. The cost of dinner is \$35 per person. (No splitting dinners.) If you have not RSVP to Don yet, please do so right away.

We will have meet and greet both Thursday and Friday night.

We will have dinner together at the campground on Saturday night at 6:00 pm. Meat will be provided, and everybody is to bring a pot luck dish. Also bring your own plates, silverware, and chairs to sit in.

We will serve breakfast at 8:30 am on Sunday. All food will be provided, and bring your own service again and chairs.

Our outing will be High Desert Museum on Saturday. Museum opens at 10:00 am, and Grand Lodge will pay for entrance fees for all.

Grand Lodge will have their meeting following breakfast on Saturday morning.

Anyone who wants to go and stay in a tent let Don know. Each site can have a camper and a tent. We will find a spot for you.

If anyone has a question or needs help, please call:
ED YATES AT 503-806-5359 OR DON ALLEN 503-715-6312.

LaPine State Park—15800 State Recreation Road, LaPine

Located next to the Deschutes River, it's the ideal spot for swimming, boating, picnicking and hiking. Fly casting for brown and rainbow trout in the Deschutes River is also a favorite pastime. The campground is the perfect home base for visiting attractions in the area, including Newberry National Volcanic Monument. The park is also home to Oregon's largest ponderosa pine. Nicknamed "Big Red," the tree is 191' tall, with a circumference of 326 inches and may be in excess of 500 years old. It is also recognized as an Oregon Heritage Tree.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENINGS—Meet & Greet with other Pythians, Family and Friends

FRIDAY DINNER—Cowboy Dinner Tree Restaurant—\$35 per person—**RSVP by July 1st with meal choice of chicken or steak**

SATURDAY MORNING—10:00am—High Desert Museum

SATURDAY EVENING—6:00pm BBQ Dinner—Meat provided by Grand Lodge. Everyone is requested to bring a potluck (covered dish) to share. Drinks will be provided. Bring your own plates, silverware, AND CHAIRS..

SUNDAY—8:30am Group breakfast will be provided by Grand Lodge. Bring your own plates, silverware AND CHAIRS .

Grand Council meeting will follow breakfast.

Any questions or reservations contact:

ED YATES AT 503-806-5359 OR
DON ALLEN 503-715-6312.

If you are going and not renting a campsite, please call ahead of time so we can plan for dinner and breakfast.

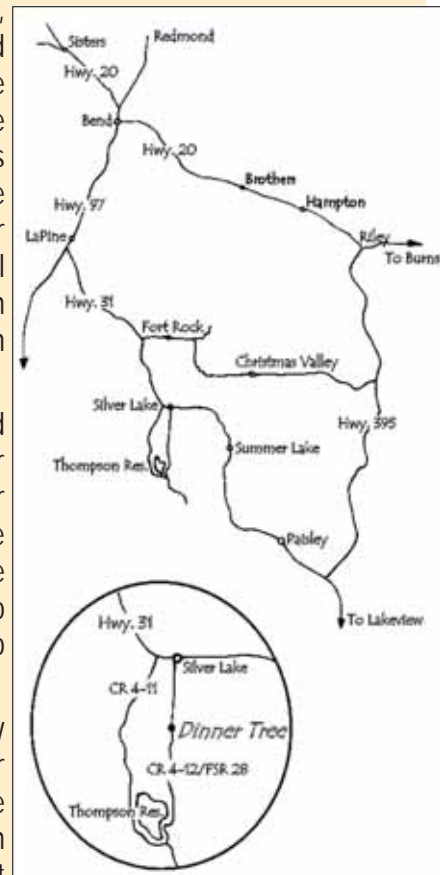
The History of the Cowboy Dinner Tree

Years and years ago when, long before there was an old shack under what is now the Cowboy Dinner Tree (Restaurant), the ranchers from Paisley, Summer Lake and Silver Lake pushed their cattle through Sycan trail enroute to the lush meadows of the Sycan Marsh.

By the time the cowboys had moved the cattle from Silver Lake lakebed to the Dinner Tree, it was considered the half-way point. There, the chuck wagon was waiting to serve up some buckaroo beans and biscuits.

Today after all these many years, the Cowboy Dinner Tree still serves up the beans and bread, along with a slab of beef that most cowboys would only dream of on the trail!

JOIN US FOR A TASTE OF THE REAL OLD WEST!



Pendleton Oldest Continuous Lodge in Oregon

New hopes for the oldest lodge in Oregon. **Damon Lodge** Chartered on 1881, has been in continuous operation for 135 years. Our oldest minutes date to 1887. It took the state a few years to get out to Pendleton to Charter our lodge. (The Lodge was instituted April 28, 1876.)

Lodge remodeling and new members give us a great feeling of renewal.

We look forward to improved weather to allow for activities on our mountain property.

We continue to meet weekly at lodge as it is under remodel. Members did the deconstruction and saved lots of materials. They will provide for supplies used in forms used on handicapped access. We are hoping to see visiting members come see our progress and camp with us at the **Scott Hancock Friendship Campground** this Summer.

Article and Photos submitted by Bill Peal



Fern Temple Hosts Grand Chief's Visit & Awards 6 Scholarships

Fern Temple #46 welcomed our Sisters from **Willamette #45** in November when they merged with Fern. Eight Sisters came over to make our total sixteen strong at the New Year, We are down one since the passing of our beloved sister **Glennys Buxton** January 18.

New officers for 2017 **PC Farrel Fuerst**, **MEC Cheryl Bergman**, **ES Bev Cox**, **EJ Carol Jenkins**, **Manager Donna Johnson**, **Secretary Jan VanDeWalle**, **Treasurer Ann Myers**, **Protector Bernice Balschwied**, **Guard Linda Rosenbalm**.



We entertained the **Grand Chief Paula Talbot** and her husband **Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot** on April 18 When GC Paula made her official visit. We now meet in the Yamhill city hall chamber room. We had a nice meeting. One order of business was the **awarding of scholarships**, we has six apply and **voted to give six scholarships of \$500 to the following students: Matia Ellis, Abigail Berhorst, Emily Lockhart, Nathan VanDeWalle, Ashley VanDeWalle, and Paul Myers**. When we sold our building we decided that most of the money would go for scholarships as our service to the community.

After the meeting we had a pizza party and visited. We checked out all the lovely gifts that Paula is selling chances on and purchased tickets

Article submitted by Jan VanDeWalle, Secretary

Damon Lodge Installs New Chancellor Commander

Travis Hancock has stepped into the leading role for our Pendleton Lodge. Travis takes the reins at a period of transition with a remodeling of our lodge, and much needed updating of the facilities.

Travis works for the city and provides a valuable coordination with them

Article and Photo Submitted by Bill Peal



Eugene's Helmet Lodge Appoints New Trustee

Peter Hengel was named the new Trustee for the Helmet Lodge.

Peter has been one of the most hard working members to maintain the lodge

We welcome Peter as one of our trustees.

Article and Photo submitted by Jerry Girard



Southern Oregon Pythians Host “Double-Grand” Visitation

Greetings from **Thermopylae Temple #37**.

Grand Chief Paula and Grand Chancellor Mike made their official visits to the Grants Pass Temple and Lodge on April 2nd. A potluck started the day followed by our meeting and conversation. Paula and Mike offered much encouragement and support of our endeavors. We appreciate their Pythian friendship. Thank you Paula and Mike.

Article submitted by Robyn Neeley



McMinnville Lodge is Still Thriving

McMinnville's Diana Lodge held an initiation ceremony for twelve new Knights at their March 8th meeting, adding to a membership that is already among the healthiest in the state.

While they are often asked about the key to their enrollment success, they really don't have a recruiting effort. Their members join upon being invited by those who are already committed to the organization, and who are committed to maintaining a high level of integrity and character. Their contributions in the community reflect that character, donating thousands of dollars every year while avoiding fanfare. It is, in fact, a source of some pride

that few people know about the organization at all, only wondering twice a month, upon seeing a steady stream of men going through the "secret door," what is going on.

What is going on? Their business meetings discuss budgetary concerns, decisions about benevolence and charity, maintenance of the historic building in which they are housed, and organization of future meetings and events. Following the meeting is a culinary feast, prepared by rotating cooking crews that include professional chefs and would-be chefs, as well as those who are just willing to help, all of whom are lodge members. The expectations are high: a spaghetti feed would result in the firing (with gentle torture) of the cooking crew, but prime rib is often on the menu. These dinners are only open to paid-up lodge members; guests may attend by special invitation of those lodge members, generally



From Page to Knight are Dewey Mcandlis, Joe Strunk, Glen Macy, Demian Cratty, Troy Haworth, Andrew Anderson, Jobe Nash, Roger Lizut, Tom Reinert, Mark Furrow, Don Oliver, and Ken Heininge.

with an expectation that the guest may be interested in joining the lodge. Even the wives are only invited twice a year: once for Christmas (and bingo), and once in the summer for a barbecue.

The camaraderie of the group is evident to anyone who visits and attends. There is great respect for the history of the organization and for its role in the local community, bringing together a variety of people from many different fields and backgrounds.

The twelve new Knights have been active members for awhile, and the fact that it takes some time to initiate them is evidence of the desire within the group to keep a high standard of engagement and commitment among its members.

*Article and Photo submitted by: Ken Heininge,
Diana Lodge #63; McMinnville, OR*

Gaston Lodge Hosts 3-in-1 Rank

Gaston Lodge # 104 welcomed 6 new Knights into our Ranks on January 11, 2017.

The **Honorable Chancellor Commander Rick Crop** performed the 3 in 1 ceremony in our Lodge in Gaston. Gaston planned to perform another 3 in 1 on March 15, 2017.

Front row left to right: **Anthony Aryvello, Tom Cox, Chancellor Commander Rick Crop, and Tom Woods**

Back row left to right: **Brett Batchelder, Brad Davis, and Tyler Trotter.**

Article and Photo Submitted by Don Allen



Gaston Lodge Hosts Bingo Nights and Cub Scout Derby



Gaston Lodge # 104 had a very successful Bingo Night at our Lodge on January 21, 2017. We had over 60 members and friends attend, and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to **Levi Reeves, Ed Yates, and Mr and Mrs. Terry Clark** for doing all the hard work to make it successful. Doors open at 6:00 pm for our Bingo Nights with food and drinks available at a reasonable price and free popcorn. All are welcome.

Cub Scout Pack 168 of Gaston held its Blue and Gold Banquet and Pinewood Derby at the Knights of Pythias hall on April 24, 2017.

The night started with the Cub Scouts performing the flag ceremony and led us in the Pledge Allegiance to the

Flag. About 30 parents and grandparents were in attendance. A ham dinner was then served with pot luck dishes. Following dinner our pack leader, **Maria Rosenberg** handed out all the awards the boys had earned in past year. The highlight of the night for the boys was the Pinewood Derby. The cars were made by the boys and the father or grandfather. The competition was fierce for the double elimination. The boys had a great time. **Ayden Hansen** came out of losers' bracket to beat the runner up twice to win the Derby. [my grandson]

The Knights are very proud that we have gotten our Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop started again, and want to thank everyone for the help getting things started again

Article and Photos Submitted by Don Allen



Ivanette Temple Hosts Grand Chief Paula's Visit

Grand Chief Paula Talbot's Official visit

On April 9th the **Sisters of Ivanette Temple #68** treated **Grand Chief Paula** and her husband, **Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot** to a potluck dinner with the main dish of baked ham and many yummy side dishes to go along with it. After dinner we met in the main hall for a nice meeting where Grand Chief Paula Talbot was officially introduced at the Altar. Her husband Grand Chancellor Mike Talbot was introduced earlier where he informed the Sisters about the Grand Banquet coming up in October at the Gaston Lodge. More information will be provided about this event in the coming months.



MEC Kimberly Brown conducted a well run ritualistic meeting with 15 Sisters and 4 Knights in attendance. **Tasya Cantu, Excellent Senior** presented Grand Chief Paula with a gift from the Temple, a pretty purple flowering plant and a card. **Sister Maureen Murphy, Grand Senior, PSR** helped out by taking the Manager's station for the meeting since

she has lots of experience with introductions. **Sister Barbara Christopher, Grand Treasurer/Co-Grand Musician, PGC** helped by providing her talents as Temple Musician for the evening. We even had one of our newest members **Sister Karen Ely** serving as Guard for the evening.

Grand Chief Paula thanked the Sisters for the courtesies then showed off a sample of the items she brought for the Grand Chief's Project drawing for Grand Temple in October. Many beautiful gifts were displayed on a table in the back of the hall.



Ivanette's Officers: MEC Kimberly Brown, Past Chief Shelley Corby, Senior Tasya Cantu, Manager Marya Tracer, Junior Corinthia Bethune, Treasurer Judy McDuffy, Secretary Mary Lou Sullivan, Protector Maureen Murphy and Guard Karen Ely



It was a nice evening where we discussed the upcoming District Convention in Eugene in May among other business matters. Wonderful fellowship followed after the meeting with a beautiful pink Champagne cake for refreshments before we departed for the evening. A great time was had by all who attended.

Article and photos submitted by Shelley Corby

Imperial DOKK-Nomad Convention—August 5-9



Westlake DoubleTree Hotel, 1100 Crocker Road, Westlake OH

Phone # 440-871-6000—Group: Imperial Palace Room Rate: \$102 plus tax includes 2 full breakfast buffets daily
Each room has Wi-Fi, microwave, mini fridge and coffee maker
Free shuttle from airport to hotel from 6am-10pm, you must give hotel 24 hour notice.

Presiding Officers: Imperial Prince Bernard (Red) Hollander and Judie Shamis

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE—Reserve meals and tours by July 20, 2017

Saturday—August 5, 2017

Supreme Temple Executive and Imperial Palace Council meetings, The Christmas Story House—come visit Ralphie (\$9 at door), Musical: *City of Angels* (\$27) —Leave for theater at 7:00PM; Hospitality Room Open 7pm Club Room

Sunday, August 6, 2017

Registration 9AM-1PM; Imperial Santha Meeting 10:00AM; Joint Opening and Memorial 2:00PM;
Past Imperial Regents Breakfast; Supreme Lodge Council Meeting; Banquet 6:30PM; Hospitality 9:30-11PM

Monday, August 7, 2017

Imperial Palace business session 9:00AM; Imperial Santha Opening 9:00AM; 10AM Coffee Break compliments of Foundation; Maharani's Luncheon NOON; 1:30 Imperial Palace and Santha reconvene; 3:00PM coffee break compliments of Foundation; 5:00 Moose Milk Party; 7:00PM Hospitality Room; 10:00PM Ohio Society Breakfast (\$20)

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

Imperial Palace and Santha session 9:00AM; 9:30AM Coffee Break compliments of Foundation; Midwest Luncheon NOON; 3:00PM coffee break compliments of Foundation; 7:00PM DOKK-Nomad Ceremonial; 7:00PM Hospitality Room

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Imperial Palace and Santha session 9:00AM; 10AM Coffee Break compliments of Foundation; Far West Luncheon NOON; 2:00PM Joint Installation; 4:30PM Imperial Palace Council Meeting; 4:30PM Imperial Santha Council Meeting; 6:30PM Incoming Officers' Banquet

Advance registration fee: U.S.\$15.00

Meals:

- **Imperial Banquet**—Prime Rib or Pan Seared Chicken—\$35
- **Maharani Luncheon**—Soup, Club Croissant, Chips and Dessert—\$20
- **Ohio Society Midnight Breakfast**—Scrambled Eggs, Crisp Bacon, Home Fried Potatoes, Fruit & Pastry—\$20
- **Midwestern Pythian Association Luncheon**—Meatloaf Dinner, Mashed Potatoes, Veggies and Dessert—\$20
- **Far Western Association Luncheon**—Fruit, Chicken Salad Croissant, Chips and Cookie—\$20
- **Incoming Officers Banquet**—Down Home Ribs and Chicken—\$35



2017 Souvenir Journal—Ads and Greetings—Contact Martin Koehler (See below)

If you're interested in attending 2017 Imperial Convention, you can get a copy of the information and registration forms from PSC Kathlene Henry; Ken Moder @ 765-497-1456 Email: moder1@msn.com or Martin Koehler @ 765-664-7925 Email: mfk46952@mac.com

Hillsboro Pythians' Activities



The **Hillsboro Pythians** have had a busy year so far. As usual we still hold our monthly Bingo night dinner fundraisers to earn money to support our team at the **Hillsboro Relay for Life** each year in June. This year we have earned over \$1,000 so far. Everyone has fun playing

bingo after enjoying a themed potluck dinner each month. The cost is \$5.00 each for the meal and the first bingo card is free. Then the first winner wins a special door prize. We try to have special themes such as green foods in March to celebrate St Patrick's Day and red foods in February to celebrate Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day. We have at least 2 bingo blackout winners, usually winning \$15 at each monthly event. Mark



your calendars for the bingo nights held the first Saturday each month at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall and the **American Cancer Society Hillsboro Relay for Life** held June 17-18 this year. It will be at the Hillsboro Stadium at the baseball field.

Another of the events that the Hillsboro Pythians attend is the **Hillsboro Symphony** which is currently held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Minter Bridge Road in Hillsboro. There are usually 3 concerts each year (November, March and May) which the Hillsboro Pythians enjoy attending. The most recent concert was on Friday March 10th and featured the Rose City Trombones. The theme for the evening was "Music for the Generations." It was attended by **Betty Alexander, Irene Clink, Don Lacy, Shelley Corby, Maureen Murphy and Sarah Murphy**. Then as usual after the concert several of us went to Shari's Restaurant for dessert and coffee or a late night snack.



Of course both **Phoenix Lodge** and **Phoenicia-Rose Temple** are busy with their usual activities. Phoenicia-Rose installed their newest **MEC Jennifer Smith** in February and Phoenix Lodge installed **Phil Murphy as their Chancellor Commander**.

Jennifer asked **Sarah Owens, PSR** to serve as her Installing officer this year. We were then invited to attend Jennifer's wedding in March. She is now **Mrs. Nathan Searles**.



On Saturday May 6th thirteen Phoenicia-Rose Sisters traveled to Eugene for the **District Convention** hosted by **Thermopylae Temple #37**. There were 26 Sisters from all over Oregon who attended the convention. We were greeted by the registration committee then invited to the dining room for yummy treats of muffins, breads and coffee or tea. Unfortunately **DDGC Julie Lozano, PSR** was unable to attend due to illness so **Vesta Poteete, PSR** agreed to pro-tem as DDGC. All of the Sisters had a nice time as we did our ritualistic work. A wonderful lunch of homemade soups and sandwiches was served at noon, then we returned to the meeting room to reconvene at the convention. The weather was sunny for the trip both in the morning and after the meeting as we traveled home.



The District convention will be at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall in 2018 and will be hosted by **Ivanette Temple #68** of Portland.

We are looking forward the Grand Temple Convention to be held in McMinnville and the Grand Lodge Convention to be held in Gaston this year in October. **Grand Chief Paula Talbot** has been collecting many beautiful item for her Grand Chief's Project drawing which will benefit the Pythian Scholarship Fund.

We hope everyone has a great summer. Please join us for some of the wonderful events coming up this year. Check the event calendar for more information on upcoming events.

Article and Photos submitted by Shelley Corby



KNIGHTS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM

Oregon Pythian Convention

October 20 through October 21, 2017

LOCATION: Pythian Lodge Hall—Gaston, Oregon

Your Name :			
Mailing Address:			
City, State, ZIP			
Telephone:			
Lodge Name and Number:			
MEALS - AT GASTON'S PYTHIAN LODGE HALL			
ALL KNIGHTS & SISTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEALS.			
FRIDAY:			
Hospitality at Gaston Lodge Hall—All members and guests welcome	FREE		\$
Note: Knights are welcome to attend Friday "pizza party": dinner at Red Lion Hotel in McMinnville. Dinner cost is \$15 — To register for this meal, please use Sisters' Registration Form on page 17.	See page 17		
SATURDAY:			
Lunch— Soup and Sandwich.	\$15		
Hospitality Room: 5PM / Dinner: 6:30PM—Grand Banquet at Gaston Pythian Hall			
Grilled chicken breast or seasoned pork loin. Includes baked potato, salad, roll and dessert. A local group of youths will be our servers as a fund raiser for their activities, Tips will be appreciated.	\$22 (plus gratuity to be collected at the dinner)		\$
TOTAL (If all meals at Gaston Lodge location are purchased.):	\$37		
TOTAL COST OF MEALS:			\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:			
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO: <u>KNIGHTS ONLY:</u> Please make checks for BOTH Meals and Registration payable to GRAND LODGE . If your lodge does not pay your convention registration fee of \$25 please make check payable to: Grand Lodge of Oregon and mail to: Ed Yates, Grand Secretary, PO Box 126, Gaston, OR 97119-0126 <u>CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED TO ED BY OCTOBER 6th.</u>			

PYTHIAN SISTERS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM**Oregon Pythian Grand Convention**

October 20 through October 22, 2017

LOCATION: Red Lion Inn & Suites, 2535 NE Cumulus Avenue, McMinnville, OR 97128

Your Name:			
Mailing Address:			
City, State, ZIP			
Telephone:			
Temple Name and Number:			
MEALS - IN McMinnville, EXCEPT SATURDAY BANQUET AT GASTON HALL			
ALL KNIGHTS & SISTERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND ALL MEALS.		Price	Quantity
FRIDAY:			
Dinner: All members and guests - "Pizza Party" at the Red Lion Hotel after the Joint Memorial Service. (Pizza and salad with cookies for dessert.) ** Sisters—Please bring cookies for dessert.**		\$15	
SATURDAY:			
Breakfast (at the hotel): Complimentary Continental Breakfast for REGISTERED GUESTS at Red Lion Inn & Suites McMinnville		FREE to registered guests	
Lunch: Friendship Luncheon for All (Location: Izzy's)		\$15	\$
Hospitality Room: 5PM / Dinner: 6:30PM—Grand Banquet at Gaston Pythian Hall Grilled chicken breast or seasoned pork loin. Includes baked potato, salad, roll and dessert. A local group of youths will be our servers as a fund raiser for their activities. Tips will be appreciated. (Cost includes 2 drink tickets + transportation from hotel to/from Gaston Lodge)		\$22 (plus gratuity to be collected at the dinner)	\$
SUNDAY:			
Breakfast (at the hotel): Complimentary Continental Breakfast for REGISTERED GUESTS at Red Lion Inn & Suites McMinnville		FREE to registered guests	
Lunch: Convenience Lunch for All—Soup, salad, sandwiches (Location: McMenamins)		\$20	
TOTAL (If all meals are purchased.):		\$72	
TOTAL COST OF MEALS			\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:			

PYTHIAN SISTERS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO:

- MEALS:** Please make check for the **Total Cost of Meals** payable to **Pythian Registration Committee** and mail to:
Arlene Kimball at 1335 Roseway Ct. SE, Salem, OR 97302-1820 If any questions, call **Arlene Kimball at 503-362-1227**
- \$10 CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** Please send separate check in amount of \$10, Payable to **Grand Temple of Oregon** and mail to: **Grand Secretary Sherri Lee, PSR, PO Box 367, Redmond OR 97756**

CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 6TH.

Invitation to Washington's Grand Convention—Sept 15-17

We would like to invite all the Sisters and Brothers from Oregon to join us for our **Washington/Alaska Grand session in Yakima, September 15th – 17th**. We will be meeting at the Howard Johnson Hotel. It should be a good time as well as an opportunity to share some of your ideas with us. We usually have a good turnout of our Canadian friends so here is an opportunity to visit with them also.

We start with Friday night Social followed by a choice of either hopping our shuttle to the Casino or maybe winning a prize in a rousing game of Bunco. Either way you are bound to enjoy yourself. We need to find more ways to get our Pacific Northwest members working (and playing) together.

Saturday both the Sisters and Knights will hold Sessions followed by the banquet which always holds some excitement. Besides the dinner and raffles there is usually an opportunity to bid on some extravagant beverage. Our installation is usually done by 1P on Sunday so you will have time for a leisurely drive home.

Here is the information for Howard Johnson Hotel, 9 N. 9th, Yakima WA. Phone # 509-452-6511.

Hope to see you soon in Washington!

Lovingly in PLE&F, Gwen Rhodes, Supreme Manager



OPN Editor's Message

Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends,

*Congratulations to all **Oregon Pythians** on the fine work that you're doing in your communities. Keep waving that Pythian banner and offer your hand in friendship to keep our Order moving forward and strong.*

*I hope to see many of you in July for our **Pythian Fun Days** in Central Oregon. **Brothers Don Allen and Ed Yates** have put much effort into this year's plans. Check out the information on Page 8 and call Don or Ed to register right away.*

*As the 4th of July approaches, please take a moment to **thank our servicemen and women, both past and present**—as well as their families. It is due to their sacrifice that we have the privilege of feeling safe here at home and enjoy the many freedoms that we have here in the USA. Freedom is not free!*

*This summer also marks the **Imperial DOKK and Nomad Convention in August**. This is a fun time of gathering of old friends and new. These organizations are the "fun" side of our group and do much Humanitarian Work for our Orders.*

*Please take a look at the **OPN Booster List**. We appreciate your support so we can keep mailing the OPN to our Boosters + longtime members who may not have access to email.*

*We hope to have a **3rd issue** in late Summer, **before Oregon Grand**, so keep those articles and pictures coming my way! Speaking of which, I offer my thanks to all of the "elves" who help make the OPN great by contributing articles and photos. Special thanks to Shelley Corby for terrific proofing!*

*With Pythian Friendship,
Kathlene D.L. Henry, PSC
Editor, Oregon Pythian News*



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Upcoming Pythian Events

- ⇒ July 14 to 17—Pythian Fun Weekend — LaPine — See article on page 8 for details
- ⇒ July 15 (Friday)—Dinner at Cowboy Dinner Tree Restaurant—\$35 per person—**Reservation Deadline: July 1**—Call Don Allen
- ⇒ July 22 (Saturday) NOON-3:00pm—Ivanhoe/Ivanette Joint BBQ Picnic—All are welcome. Bring food to share if you wish.
- ⇒ August 5-9 - Imperial DOKK-Nomad's Convention—Westlake, Ohio—See article on page 14 for details.
- ⇒ August 11-13 (Friday-Sunday)—20th Annual North Plains Garlic Festival—for more info see: www.funstinks.com (no pets allowed)
- ⇒ August 26 (Saturday)—Gaston's Wapato Showdown Car Show—For more info see: www.wapatoshowdown.org
- ⇒ September 15-17 - Washington Grand Convention—Yakima WA at the Howard Johnson Hotel (See page 18)
- ⇒ October 20-22 Oregon Grand Convention:
 - Knights of Pythias' Convention in Gaston
 - Pythian Sisters' Convention in McMinnville
 - Hotel: Red Lion & Suites, McMinnville, OR

[Hotel info on page 3; Registration forms on pages 16 & 17](#)

Please send details of your Pythian events to the OPN Editor and we'll add them to the calendar in the next



**2017 Pythian Fun Weekend
Make Plans "Now"**



Dates: July 13–16, 2017

Location: LaPine State Park located about 5 miles north of LaPine, along Deschutes 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 lots more.

Friday Dinner: 5:30PM—Cowboy Dinner Tree Restaurant—\$35 per person—**RSVP by July 1st with choice of meal: Top Sirloin Steak—or—Whole Roasted Chicken.**

Saturday Outing: High Desert Museum.

See Page 8 for more details.



Please call Don Allen or Ed Yates ahead of time to get registered for the event + sign up for the Friday night dinner.

If anyone has a question or needs help, please call:
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