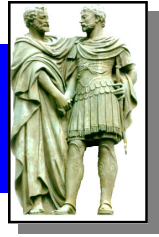


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### John Lacy Donates Platelets in Memory of Mom ~ American Red Cross

John Lacy proudly displays his 17-gallon pin and 19-special event pins on his American Red Cross lanyard. He began donating blood in high school and in 1999 he learned about apheresis and has been donating platelets since. Within his first three platelet donations he was selected as a designated donor to a Pacific Northwest Patient.

"I like knowing I'm helping others, it makes feel warm and fuzzy," John cites as one of many reasons for donating. "It feels like family when I come in to donate, I especially enjoy nurses Lynn Sivalvai and Kathi Reynolds." In addition, John's mom, Viona, suffered a reoccurrence of breast cancer after 30 years and required many units of platelets during the course of her treatment. Unfortunately, she eventually succumbed to the cancer. John honors her memory on her birthday each year, with a platelet donation. It is a comfort to know it may help another family battling illness like cancer.

As a committed donor, John has developed a sophisticated donation tracking system on his computer. He consistently donates the maximum of 24 donations per year. When he reaches the maximum, it's very difficult to sit on the sidelines until he's eligible again. When John donates, he watches reruns of Perry

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Red Cross team preparing John Lacy for an hour and a half Apheresis process.

### Esther McKibben Recognized by Oregon Extension

Helmetta Temple No. 29 is proud to announce that Esther McKibben, currently serving as Most Excellent Chief, was recently honored for 50 years of service by the Oregon State University Extension Association and Epsilon Sigma Phi for her dedicated community service. Esther has been involved in Extension programming since 1950 when she first started with the Glide Extension Homemaker programs.

The counties of Douglas, Coos, Yamhill and Lane have all reaped the benefits of her many contributions, putting in countless hours designing and making large and small quilts, comforters, afghans, lap robes, and knitted hats, just to mention a few.

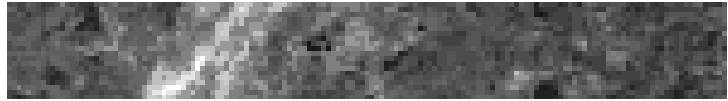
Each year, it is not uncommon for Esther to make 30 or more comforters and quilts for various service organizations, as well as at least 70 knitted caps for children of all ages.

Esther was presented with an award in recognition of her outstanding public service and support of the Cooperative Extension Service and its educational programs. Helmetta Temple No. 20 has also benefited from her dedicated service in promoting Pythianism within our community.

*Article submitted by Kaye Pomerleau*



Kaye Pomerleau (left) helping Esther McKibben display sample of quilts made by Esther



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## Supreme Temple Endowment Fund for Scholarships

Just a few reminders about our Endowment Fund, Scholarship Awards and applications for scholarships.

**To send money in memory or honor of someone:**

**Write the check payable to:** Supreme Endowment Fund

**Along with the check include:**

- ◆ Name of the person who you are honoring
- ◆ Date of their death (if in memory of someone)
- ◆ Name and Mailing Address of the person to receive the acknowledgement.

**Send the check and information to:**

Mary McIlvaine, PSR  
2473 SE 61<sup>st</sup> Lane  
Hillsboro OR 97123

**If you need information to apply for scholarship write to:**

PSC Wenonah Jones, Chairman,  
1914 Tammany  
Anaconda MT 59711

**Do this early in the senior year** if wanting to apply for a college scholarship as there are several steps you must take after receiving the scholarship forms. In fact, the first step is for the applicant (the student) to write to request the scholarship and forms.

**You may apply for a scholarship** to a 2-year college, a 4-year college, trade school or graduate school. A Pythian Sister or a child or grandchild of a Pythian Sister in good standing may apply.

PSC Elnora Gorman, Treasurer tells me that they are not receiving as much help with this great project as they would like.

So do think of this way of honoring someone special to you.

If I can help in any way, please get in touch with me.

*Mary McIlvaine, PSR*

*Oregon Chairman, Supreme Temple Endowment Fund*

## Damon Lodge Builds 7,200 Square Foot Building for Kids

Several Pendleton Knights donated their expertise and time to build a 7,200 square foot wrestling building from February to September of 2004.

Rollin Schimmel and Scott Hancock were co-organizers, fund raisers, and drivers.

Gale Marshall acted as contractor and donated all his time and equipment.

Jerry Walkup, Bill Peal, Travis Hancock, Kone Hancock, and



Dale Freeman all contributed many hours.

The Pendleton Lodge donated steak feeds worth about \$1,200 towards the project.

The Pendleton High School wrestlers (presently ranked #1 in the state) and the Pendleton Kids Club (numbering 95) are all using the new facility this season. The City of Pendleton assessed the building at \$360,000.

*Reported by Rollin Schimmel*

*(Editor's note: Watch future issue for feature article on this great project.)*

## Gaston Lodge Promotes Membership and Community Service

On January 22, 2005 Gaston Lodge 104 treated members and friends that helped with the 2004 Wapato Showdown Car Show to an evening of dining and gaming at Spirit Mountain Casino. The evening started with a bus ride to the casino followed by an open bar and a prime rib, salmon, or chicken dinner. An awards ceremony followed dinner, then an evening of gaming. Every one had a terrific time.



On April 9, 2005 Gaston Lodge 104 is holding a membership drive that includes WILD BILL'S CASINO NIGHT. Anyone interested in attending should contact Ed Yates at 503-985-7585. Tickets are limited and should be purchased in advance. Evening includes food, prizes and raffles.

*Thanks Ed Yates PCC*



## Rose City Santha—Nomads of Avrudaka

On Monday, January 3, 2005, following our regular meeting or Darbar, Rose City Santha installed into office our 2005 officers. They are: Rajah John Murchison, Rani Judy Murchison, Princess Betty Murchison, Pundita Roberta Fisher, Purohita Kathlene Lacy, Rishi Jacquie Girard, Scribe Irene Clink, Treasurer Jerry Girard, First Warder Eleanor Larsen, Second Warder Maureen Murphy and Director of Work Mark Erickson.

Our meetings, or Darbars, are held the first Monday of the month at the Hillsboro Pythian Building in Hillsboro, Oregon. We have several goals this year.

- ♦ **First** - reach out and be of service to our community.
- ♦ **Second** - support our Nomad and Pythian family.
- ♦ **Third** - have FUN while we work.

We will be visiting, touring and exploring interesting businesses or tourist attractions. We just might be visiting in your area. If we are, we invite all you Nomads, Pythians, your family and friends to join us!

**Fourth**, and very important to us, is supporting our International Nomad Presidents, known to us as Maharani Jacquie Girard and Maharajah Jerry Girard. They will be presiding during our International Convention (Imperial Session) in Dallas, Texas July 28 through August 3.

2005 is a special year for Rose City Santha #34. We have the unique honor of being able to count as our members the International chair of both the Nomads of Avrudaka, and the Pythian Sisters. So, to you Maharani Jacquie Girard, Maharajah Jerry Girard and Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, your members of Rose City Santha #34 wish you a safe, successful, and happy 2005!

Judy Murchison, Rani



Judy Murchison,  
Rani

## Report from Grand Press Correspondent Beth

This year has sure passed quickly. It seems as if we just had Christmas Share the Spirit and here we are again. Santa Duane Johnson and Santa Don Lacy with Elf Donna Johnson were in Eugene on Friday Dec. 10th. With the Elves from Eugene they visited 100 people. On Sat. the 11th, Santa Duane Johnson, Santa Darrell Henry and Santa Don Lacy visited Roseburg. With the help of Elves Don & Florence Hereford, Bruce & Marilyn Stevens, Donna Johnson, Desiree White and Ferron Kawamura, they visited a total of 296 people in 4 nursing homes. Everyone had a fun time. This was the first time our SPGC Marilyn Stevens was able to help as she is busy cooking when Santa comes to Grants Pass. The local news was out and did a segment on Share The Spirit. It was wonderful.

On Sat. evening when we got to Grants Pass, Don Lacy came down with the flu. So on Sunday the 12th, our SC Kathlene Lacy came all the way from Hillsboro and helped with our visit at the Royal Gardens Nursing Home. Santas Duane And Darrell along with GC Julie Lozano & her family led the other Elves on the visits. The Elves on these visits were ihe Herifords, Bruce Stevens, Bob Murphy, Beth Evans, John Lacy and Mrs. Claus Donna Johnson. Santa Don & Kathlene returned home after our Christmas Dinner since he was still feeling sick.

After a wonderful Christmas Dinner prepared by the Sisters, we had a Christmas Party for the children. Everyone had a wonderful time watching the adults and children alike sit on Santa's lap. Each person got a picture with Santa and the children were given toys and a sack of fruit. Santa Darrell then headed North and Santa Duane went to the Juvenile Detention Center for teens. The teens that they were able to visit were

given gifts from Share The Spirit. Unfortunately, when Santa Duane was leaving, his leg gave away and he fell and tore the muscle in his upper thigh.

So, on Monday we had no Santa! Bruce Stevens stepped in and became a Santa. He was a wonderful Santa and thoroughly enjoyed visiting the children in the hospitals. There was even a mom in labor that wanted a picture with Santa but her husband said no.



Beth Evans, Grand  
Press Correspondent

Thermopylae Temple gave a Reception for Grand Chief Julie Lozano. It was held on Feb. 6th at Grants Pass Knights of Pythias Hall. The reception was well attended and included our own Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy along with her family and quite a few Grand Temple Officers. There were also a lot of Knights from Grand Lodge with Grand Chancellor Charlie leading the way. There was a lot of food to eat and a beautiful cake made by Florence Heriford especially for Julie. She was very pleased with all that came to attend her reception. Julie also expressed her heartfelt thanks to all of the Sisters from Thermopylae that made it such a wonderful day for her. The state was well represented, starting with Pythians from Medford, Grants Pass, Roseburg, Eugene and Hillsboro.

Please send any correspondence that you may have to Beth Evans. If you have any notes or pictures of Grand Chief Julie's visits please send them to me also.

## Grand Chancellor's Corner

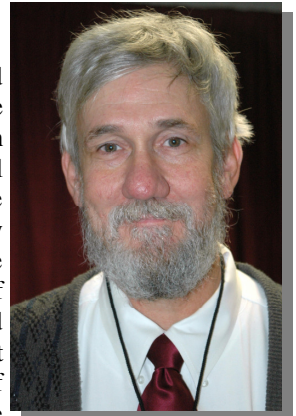
Dear Knights, Sisters and Friends:

We completed a very busy and hectic schedule of official visits to all of the lodges. I was fortunate to have 3 or more Grand Lodge officers accompany me. They were very helpful explaining the Grand Lodge program. We learned about each lodge and what they are doing in and for their communities. In the visits we found most Lodges have identified various needs in the surrounding areas and developed different programs which in turn allowed them to become involved and to be known in their communities.

The Grand Lodge program is keyed around membership and ways to increase the ranks. One of the first things that came to mind will be an ongoing process that couldn't be accomplished in one year. The Grand Vice Chancellor, Grand Secretary, and I came to the realization that if we worked together to develop a two year program the Grand Vice Chancellor could continue this program after he is elected Grand Chancellor we may have a better chance of building membership.

We started the official visits by asking each lodge "what is your lodge doing for your community?" The constant thing we noticed was the lodges that were successful reaching out in

their communities had a larger and increasing membership. We identified which lodges need to reach out and offer something that will benefit their towns and at the same time promote Knights of Pythias. By asking each lodge what they were doing, we have identified a list of community projects that have worked for the successful lodges. The Past Grand officers are in the process of developing a program to help the struggling lodges.

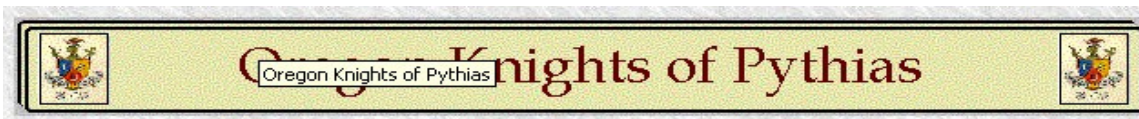


GC Charlie Van Domelen

By now all the lodges should have appointed a poster contest chairman, and contacted the schools to announce this project. The time, April 30th, for your judging is fast approaching; we will need each lodge to send their winning posters to Hillsboro for the final judging. If you have any questions please call me.

Fraternally,

Charlie Van Domelen, Grand Chancellor



*Have you seen this banner yet?*

**Knightly News:** Oregon Grand Lodge has decided to put a web site in to action. Our domain name is going to be Oregon-Pythians.org and we will have an internet presence very soon.

We are still working out the details of where to host from with

the options that we would like to have. A few of the things that we will have are a single location for news, event calendar, bulletin board, email and hopefully forms in the future.

Stay tuned for more news later.

*Mike Harmes ~*

## Doernbecher Ongoing Grand Chiefs' Project Since 1997

The Pythian Sisters have had a relationship with Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department since 1997 when Risa Rikken chose it as her Grand Chief's project. Since that time all the Grand Chiefs have continued to support this worthy project with raffles at Grand Temple. Over \$10,000 has been donated to date. My project has generated over \$500 through ticket sales and donations so far this year.

In the beginning the funds were used to purchase a VCR cabinet and Sterilizing equipment. Today the hospital uses the funds to purchase equipment to improve the Child Life Department as they see the need.

I feel this is a wonderful way to help Children from all over the State. I hope everyone will continue their support.

Julie Lozano, GC



## Grand Chief's Corner

Dear Sisters ,Brothers and Friends,

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. I have been busy since my last letter. I attended Grand Chancellor Charlie's reception in Hillsboro. It was very nice. In November, Marilyn Stevens and I visited Orionette in Elgin. The ladies of Elgin are wonderful hosts. I would like to especially thank Pauline Terry for taking us in and being such a gracious hostess. We had to rush back to Grants Pass to attend Charlie's official visit to Talisman Lodge the following day. I made my official visit to Thermopylae Temple. We had our Thanksgiving Dinner during my visit. We had a very good crowd with 52 in attendance. It was great to see such support from all my Pythian family in Southern Oregon.

December was another busy time for me. Sandra Ryan and I attempted to find Dallas in the fog. I wish to thank the Sisters of Willamette for their patience. I have never been so lost nor so late in my life. We had a good time once we finally got there.

I had the pleasure of being an elf for Share the Spirit again this year, as always it was really fun. I would encourage anyone who hasn't been an elf to give it a try. It is very rewarding to see all the smiling faces. My father, Bruce Stevens, played

Santa in Medford for the first time and did a wonderful job. Way to go Dad! After our visit to the nursing home we had a Christmas Dinner and party with Santa. The food was great we had about 60 in attendance.

I have revised my visitation schedule as follows:

April 25 Herculena #27 7:30 meeting

District #2 will be May 7<sup>th</sup> in Eugene

District #3 Has been changed to April 23 as to not conflict with our Supreme Chief, Kathlene's reception. I hope everyone will support our Kathlene by attending the event.

I am truly enjoying my year so far and look forward to seeing everyone at the District conventions.

In Pythian love, **Julie**



Grand Chief Julie Lozano

## Fern Temple News

Since our last news, the ladies of Fern Temple had a booth at Yamhill's Derby Days in July. We sold sausage and kraut on a bun, hot dogs, nachos, coffee and pop. It was a fun day and with the help of Mary McIlvaine's granddaughter, Wendy during the busiest part of the day, we didn't get too tired.

In December we had our annual Christmas Bazaar. The hall was full of vendors and our table did well. We served soup and sandwiches, and homemade pie, as well. Our fund raising efforts have paid off pretty well this past year.

The Temple now has two life members, we voted Billy Ross in this fall, and she joins Mary Ellen Powell who is 95. Mary Ellen has been very ill, but is doing better than expected. One of our newest members, Shirley Ehlers recently underwent knee replacement surgery. We hear that she is doing very well and walking about. Hope that she gets back to the meetings soon. We miss her.

January 23, we had a visit from the Grand Chief Julie; we went out to lunch then had our meeting. We had our installation of new officers during her visit. We would like to thank Betty

Alexander and Irene Clink for coming over to assist. They do a wonderful job and we love having them.

Our building is in need of some repairs. Water leaked in through the old chimneys, before they were taken down, and damaged the walls and the down stairs ceiling. We could use some volunteers to repair the damage. Our hall is used by Yamhill's Community Resource Center, for enrichment programs, drug and alcohol prevention and fun activities for young teens. They pay all of our utilities and make it possible for us to keep our building. YCRC cannot use any of their grant money for up keep, it must go to programs for the kids. The Cub Scouts and Webalos also use the hall.

*Jan Van De Walle, Sec.*

**"We could use  
some volunteers  
to repair the  
damage."**

## Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

First, on behalf of the OPCEF I would like to congratulate Matthew Montgomery of Pendleton as the recipient of the Oliver Calhoun Memorial Scholarship Award for the 2004-2005 school year.

Oliver has been a Knight for much of his life, holding a number of offices as well as being active in community youth activities. At age 21, Oliver was the youngest sheriff in our nation when elected to serve for Grant County, Oregon in 1948. I had the pleasure of meeting Oliver at my first Grand Lodge in Pendleton in the early 1990's, and want to personally thank him for the helping hand he has extended to the OPCEF. His contribution enables us to continue to award scholarships and grants to students like Matthew.

In addition, I want to congratulate our other scholarship recipients,

- |                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Sara Steele    | Gaston    |
| 2. Ashley Freeman | Pendleton |
| 3. Kaye Dowdy     | Pendleton |
| 4. Emily Peal     | Pendleton |

Next, I would like to remind everyone that the OPCEF was legally and officially organized in July 1998. Our first awards were granted in the 2000-2001 school year and through this year we have given out 27 scholarship awards. That is right, over \$10,000 to children of Pythians and Pythian members. The Board of Directors has been diligent in maintaining

growth in the investment fund so that future generations of Oregon Pythians and their children will be able to apply for this benefit.

To continue the scholarship awards at its present level a larger annual income is warranted. I ask that everyone realize that, all dollars raised, directly benefits the Oregon Pythians, their children, and their grandchildren.

I ask that we look into our hearts and if you can give please do.

Also all applications for scholarships are due, mailed to my address, by April 15, 2005. Applications are available through your Lodge and Temple secretaries. I ask that the secretaries contact me and update your current mailing addresses or email addresses. I will send you application forms if you have none. If members cannot get applications in that manner contact me directly and I will e-mail or mail you directly.

Chris Anderson  
Chairman OPCEF  
PO Box 397  
Gaston, OR. 97119



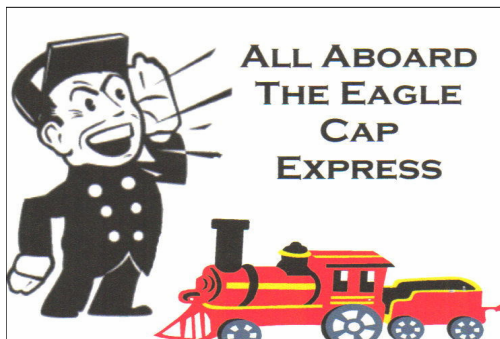
**Continuing Oregon Pythian Education**

## All Aboard the Eagle Cap Express ~ District 3 Convention

Please join us for District 3 Convention in **Elgin on Saturday, April 23, 2005**. The convention will be hosted by Orionette Temple # 31 with Risa Riggen, PSR, District Deputy Grand Chief.

The theme of the convention will be riding the rails in the late 1800's. Please come and be a passenger or a member of the hard working train crew. Please be warned that the Express has been plagued by some undesirable types on recent trips. We, however, expect no trouble on our trip.

Gathering at the train depot for Continental Breakfast will be from 9 am to 10 am. The train will leave the station (the convention begins) at 10 am.



The train ticket is \$2.00. Lunch will be \$5.00 and served in the Dining Car. Passengers wishing to participate in the Initiation staff are asked to bring white skirts. Please bring gifts for the raffle we will have en route.

The Train Depot (Temple meeting hall) is **located on the corner of 8th & Division (the blinking light) in downtown Elgin**. The Depot entrance is across from the Post Office.

Please note that our train trip has changed from it's original date a week earlier. We are hoping for even better weather.

Risa Riggen ~ DDGC  
(541) 443-2152  
Email: riggenr@bmi.net

## Herculena Temple Shares Membership and Community Activities

In November Herculena Temple held a tea for prospective new members at P.C. Sharon Johnson's house. We had 20 present with 5 new prospects. We served tea and cookies and everyone had a lovely time. We handed out pamphlets about what Pythians was all about and all seemed very interested.

In December we had our annual doll and toy box raffle. We went to 3 different bazaars in our area so we were able to get our name out to the public and have people talk to us and we did great on the raffle. We made about \$600 after expenses

In December we had a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant and invited our new prospective members to that as well as their husbands and children.

We donated money to our local ministerial association for food for the Christmas baskets and also gave money to the homeless shelter in Walla Walla to help with coats and food for the holidays. We elected new Officers and then installed them the first meeting in January.

We also cooked dinner for the family of Elene "Tootie" Olinger who was a forty-year member of Herculena. Tootie passed away the end of January. Her passing will leave a big hole in Herculena Temple. She was our Treasurer for 30 years.

We did an obligation class last night where we took in 3 ladies. We had 11 members present. The 3 are, starting on the left in the picture in the next column are: Harriet Johnson. She is the sister-in-law of Sharon Johnson who is the Treasurer of Herculena. The lady in the middle is Kristen Griffith who is a

4th generation Pythian. Her Great Grandmother was a member of Mistletoe in Walla Walla and a member of Washington Grand. Her grandmother is PSR Linda Reyburn of Herculena and her mother is Raelynn Griffith of Herculena. Raelynn is our Musician and also the Protector of Herculena.. The third lady is Donna Carlson who is the sister-in-law of our Junior, Dorthy Hinton.

We had a lovely time and these 3 new Sisters will be going to Elgin for the district convention to see the full initiation.

*Article and picture submitted by Vesta Poteete*



From left to right: new members Harriet Johnson, Kristin Griffith, and Donna Carlson.

## Farewell Pythian Friend ~ PGC Donna Beninger

Donna J. Beninger, 73 of Woodburn, died December 22. Born February 13, 1931 to Alvin and Bessie Perdue she lived all of her life in the Yoder area on her family's farm. She graduated from Canby High School in 1949 and moved to Woodburn in 1954.

She had worked as a clerk typist for SAIF before retiring in 1996 and had volunteered for the Salvation Army and Home Extension service. She was a member of Woodburn Grange No. 79 and was a 50-plus-year membership holder and held state and district offices. She was also a member of Rebekahs.

Donna was initiated into the Pythian Sisters on March 20, 1982. She was elected Grand Guard in 1997 and served as Grand Chief in 2002-2003.

She enjoyed socializing, traveling, her cats, especially "Ory", and spending time with her grand and great grandchildren. ON May 6, 1960, she was married to Gene Coleman, then to Vince

Beninger in Woodburn. Vince preceded her in death on November 9, 1996.

She is survived by her children, Fred Beninger of Belfair, Wash., David Beninger of Carlton, Ore., Dale Coleman of Scotts Mills, Patty Beninger of Salem, Kevin Beninger of Tacoma, Wash.; brothers, George Perdue of West Linn, Morse Perdue of St. Paul; sister, Joyce Frells of Keizer; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

*Submitted by Shelley Corby  
Picture by Darrell Henry*



Donna Beninger, PGC

## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

Just a bit of information for our Oregon Sisters. First, I would like to thank all the Temples, which have already sent in their annual reports. As of this writing (Feb 10) I have received 7 out of 12. I must urge all other Temples to please get their reports in as soon as possible. There are always some Temples that do not get the reports in on time, you know who you are. MECs please check with your secretaries to see if the report has been done. I also need a complete list of each temple membership including names and addresses for all members. This list is now required to be included with the Grand Temple annual report to the Supreme Secretary before April 1. Please provide this list to me by March 15. If you have a Temple yearbook for 2005 please send one to me. Thank you.

The District conventions are coming up very soon. District 1 and 3 will be in April and District 2 will be in May. If you need information about the date or location of any convention please call either Grand Chief Julie or the District Deputies for each convention. The deputies are Bernice Mathiesen, Robyn Neeley and Risa Rikken. There will be initiations at two of the conventions. I look forward to visiting with all of

our sisters at each of these conventions. Grand Temple will be at the same place as last year, the Eugene Red Lion.

That is all for now. I will provide more information for the summer reports in the next OPN. Let's work hard and have fun working and volunteering in our communities. Don't forget to invite ladies to become members. Our membership is dwindling and we need more members to do good work.



Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary

*Shelley Corby*

## Southern Oregon Tough on Santa Clause!

After a busy day in Roseburg, Santas Duane John, Darrell Henry and Don Lay checked into a local motel for a good nights sleep. At breakfast the next morning, we learned that Santa Don had an upset stomach and had been to the hospital for a brief check-up during the night. Darrell Henry arrived at breakfast to tell us Don was quite sick and Don's daughter, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, and her brother John Lacy were in route from the Portland area to drive Santa Don home. That way Elf John could keep the van with all Santa's goodies in it.

We proceeded with our scheduled rounds at the Royal Garden Nursing Home in Grants Pass with Santa Darrell and Santa Duane. We finished there and returned to the Lodge hall for a splendid Christmas dinner put on by the Pythian Sisters.

Santa Darrell was our host for the afternoon party, giving gifts and a picture to everyone there ~ about 50 ~ if I counted right. Soon after, Santa Darrell left for home and Kathlene picked up her dad at the motel and left for home also.

Santa Duane and a few elves then called on the Juvenile Detention and distributed gifts and good cheer. On leaving there, Santa Duane suffered a very painful muscle spasm the back part of his leg, causing him to fall on the grass. We elves managed to help him to his feet and then to his pick-up so he could go on to Medford to his Motel. (We should have taken him to the hospital!) The next morning, Santa Duane left for Roseburg, as his leg was too painful to walk on.

Santa's duties then fell on Bruce Stevens, who then put on

Santa Duane's suit. It was way too big, but there was no time to find a belt or suspenders, so Santa Bruce had a hard time keeping his pants up! Undeterred, Santa Bruce went ahead with the scheduled rounds, with elves John, Donna, Florence and Don. All went well until a young mother, delighted at see Santa Claus, deposited her baby in his arms while she went to her car for camera. The rest of the tour went all right and we are very proud of Bruce for stepping up in the emergency.

As of this writing, December 17, Santa Don has recovered and is out on his rounds as an elf. Santa Duane is recovering from a pulled leg muscle with the help of a cane, crutches and pain pills, hoping to be full recovered by January 1st. Out third Santa, Darrell has since undergone placement of three stints in his heart. Santa Bruce, are you ready for next December?

*Report and picture submitted by Robert Murphy*



## Glencoe Lodge Supports the Perpetual Hall of Knowledge

On November 10, 2004 the Knights of Glencoe Lodge No. 22 were presented with an opportunity to provide financial support for a New Library in North Plains. The Friends of the North Plains Library are leading a community-wide effort to



raise approximately \$875,000 to construct a new library and provide operational funding. The ultimate goal of the group is to seek inclusion of the library into the Washington County Cooperative Library System to provide a permanent library facility in the community.

The North Plains Library is currently operating out of a tiny 590 square foot room in the local Jessie Mays Community Center in North Plains. The library has grown since its start-up in 2003 with a collection of over 5,000 items, an excellent selection of Spanish-language large print talking books, two computers with Internet access and, the library's entire shelf catalogue being searchable on the World Wide Web. The library also recently opened a "branch" location at a senior living center, providing first-time Internet access to many low-income seniors.

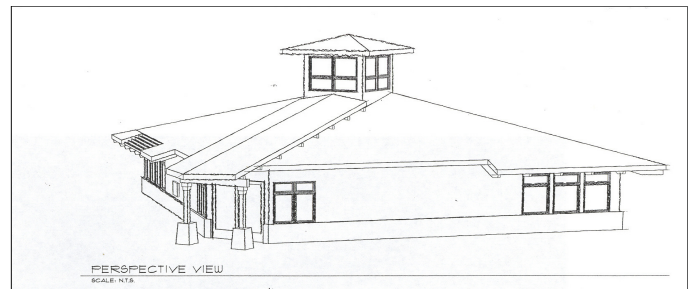
Glencoe Lodge No. 22 has expressed interest with the prospect of providing support to The Friends of the North Plains Public Library effort to build and operate a new 2500 square foot library facility. Nearly two-thirds of the project cost has already been secured through the local community to build the new facility. The Knights of Glencoe Lodge No. 22 decided that this is a viable community project worthy of financial support, benefiting a significant proportion of low-income individuals, families and youth in the community.

In a subsequent business meeting, the matter was sent to the Lodge Finance Committee for recommendation for inclusion into the operating budget. This was approved by the Finance Committee and sent to the Lodge for a vote by the

membership. Glencoe Lodge No. 22 voted unanimously to support The Friends of the North Plains Library with a pledge of \$5,000 of financial support for operational funding over a three year period, beginning year 2005 through 2007. Glencoe Lodge No. 22 is seeking matching funds for each year of the pledge from the Foundation Fund established by Grand Lodge for these important local projects.

Construction of the New North Plains Library is slated for spring of 2005 with doors opening in the fall of 2005. The funding provided by Glencoe Lodge No. 22 will assist the library in sustaining the New Library at a level that will allow its inclusion into the Washington County Cooperative Library System in 2007. When criteria is met by the New Library and the library joins the Cooperative Library System in 2007, permanent operational funding will then be available, making this effort a win-win for the community and for Glencoe Lodge.

As a result of the level of financial support pledged by Glencoe Lodge No. 22, the Knights will receive recognition in the Literary Circle with the lodge name on the Literary Circle Donor Wall in the New Library. In addition, the Knights will also receive an invitation to the New Building Pre-Opening



Event, recognition in the New Building Grand Opening Publication, special invitation to the Annual Literary Circle Event and first choice of materials at all book sales during preview hours. Perhaps, the most important benefit to the Knights will be the perpetual hall of knowledge, a resource center sure to benefit the youth in our community and for generations to come.

*Article Submitted by: Russ R. Sheldon  
Chancellor Commander ~ Glencoe Lodge*

## How's Your Charity?

When Darrell asked me to write a bit about one of the three pillars of our motto, FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY, BENEVOLENCE, I quickly chose CHARITY thinking it might be an easy one to write about. First, there was the Biblical approach: "Now abideth faith, hope and CHARITY, and the greatest of these is CHARITY." Then the dictionary lists CHARITY as the Christian love for God and man, a feeling of generosity and the giving of alms. Finally I turned to the Pythian Ritual and there I found that CHARITY is stressed in every rank.

In the Page rank we are to so live that when we come to that final shore our hands should be filled with deeds of CHARITY the keys to the gates of eternity. In the Esquire rank we are admonished to be cautious and prudent, but that CHARITY is over all, and that for the frailties of others we should exercise the same CHARITY extended to us for our shortcomings. And in the Knight rank we learn that Pythian CHARITY is as boundless as the shores of time.

So, how do we apply all these ideas of CHARITY? Quite simply we give ~ our time, our expertise, our energy, as well as our treasure. When our lodge plans a fund raising event

every member needs to turn out and help in every way he can. You are needed at the lodge meetings. When a brother is ill or in the hospital or care center, or especially when death comes calling your duty is there to be comfort and console.

With your attendance and assistance your CHARITABLE fund raiser will be able to give to the Pythian Foundation, the Continuing Education Fund, to Share the Spirit, as well as your lodge's special projects. You can help in community programs such as the Soup Kitchen or the Food Bank, or mentoring at your elementary school. If you just look you will find at least one place where you can share your CHARITY.

When you give of your time, of your talent, as well as of your treasure ~ then you act with CHARITY ~ all these things will happen. When we illustrate in our daily life the Friendship, the CHARITY, the Benevolence that we teach, we will bring honor to our Order.

*Contributed by: Paul Lewis, Knight of the Golden Spur, PGC*

"So, how do we  
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CHARITY?"

## Oregon Presents Another Supreme Eagle Scout Award

On January 10, 2005 PGC Richard Swartout, Scout Master, presented Ken Hall of Troop 93 a Supreme Lodge Eagle Scout certificate and shoulder patch.

Eagle Scout Ken is a Junior at Mollalla High School. Richard Swartout has been his scouting mentor for several years.

Troop 93 was the recipient of Supreme Lodge Boy Scout connection matching funds this past year. Here is a program that all lodges should investigate.

*Article and pictures submitted by Richard Swartout*



Eagle Scout Ken Hall presenting Parent Pin to his father Greg Hall



Eagle Scout Ken Hall presenting  
"Mentor" Pin to PGC Richard Swartout

## Southern Oregon Pythians Install Officers

Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup> was Installation Day! The Knights and Sisters decided to have a joint installation. Grand Prelate Paul Lewis and his able assistant Frank Mellor installed the Knights into their new offices, while the ladies watched.

Then the Knights watched while Grand Chief Julie Lozano with assistants Robyn Neeley and Jean Schlinsog instructed and seated their officers.

It was an interesting afternoon and we all came away with a better understanding of the Pythian ideals and goals.

*Article Submitted by:*

*Robert Murphy, Secretary – Talisman Lodge #31*

## Southern Oregon Parade Day

Memorial Day in Grants Pass is a big event! Reunions of classmates, family get-togethers, boat races on the river, a carnival in the City Park, visitors from all over attend. Thousands of spectators line 6<sup>th</sup> Street to watch the parade go by. A good place to advertise the Pythians!

At our March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, one member said, "Let's enter a float. We can use my truck. It will be fuN" And our project was born!

First we paid our entry fee and got our parade number, which was 82. Some of us went over to Don Heriford's place to measure his truck for banners and discuss what the banners should say. "What color? Who can print? It's raining! Make it simple." We found a sign maker in Grants Pass to help us. We had a design printed out on paper. He put that data in his computer where he could rearrange the words and design what we wanted. "What color background you want?" he asked. "Uh-blue?" we answered, "black?" "I like green." "Yellow is nice." "I can get some white, weather-proof, cloth-like material," he said. "That sounds good! Let's go with that, with blue and red letters." It was decided! "When will this be done," we asked. "Oh, in a couple of weeks, if I get the material." "Hurry, it's for the parade!"

It was now about the first of May and Parade Day is May 29. What are we going to give out for advertising? No ideas. Finally about May 20 we decided on small billfold size calling cards. I went to the print shop. "We want 500 of these cards printed." "How soon?" "We need them for the parade." "Maybe, we will try." "Hurry!" We got our cards May 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00p.m.

Don brought his truck over to the Lodge Hall the day before the parade and we fastened on the banners. It was raining. We made stands to hold the flags, and made everything ready. The float would hold 12 chairs and our ladder for loading.

Parade Day! We were supposed to be in our position by 9:30.

**The Southern Oregon Pythians want you to be aware of the following upcoming events.**

- ◆ Southern Oregon Pythian Picnic August 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Grants Pass Tom Pierce Park ~ More information to come in June Issue
- ◆ April 30<sup>th</sup> District 2 Convention changed to May 7<sup>th</sup> in Eugene.
- ◆ Anne and Julie to update information
- ◆ June 18<sup>th</sup> Talisman to have entry in Roseburg parade.

More details to come.



*Southern Oregon Pythians Making  
Publicity and Public Relations!!*

The parade would start at 10:00. We loaded up, by ladder, and left the Lodge Hall by 9:15. "Hurry, we are late!" It was a cold ride! We found the spot where we were to wait until our turn came. There were 81 entries ahead of us and about 25 behind us. We whiled away our time watching other floats, and visiting with others. The Parade Committee had positioned a couple of portable toilets not far from our spot. That solved a problem that we had been worrying about. Finally at 11:30 we were on the move! "Follow that float." Let's go! Out on the street, our runners gave out our advertising cards. They were nearly on the run giving out cards, answering questions, and trying to keep up.

We returned to the Lodge Hall for coffee, exhilarated by our performance. Don Heriford drove the truck and Bruce Stevens was co-pilot. The flag-wavers were Marilyn Stevens, Jean Schlinsog, Robyn Neeley, Sandy Ryan, Florence Heriford, Duane Johnson and Robert Murphy. Our runners were Julie Lozano, Michael Lozano and Will Thompson.

Did we have fun? **Yes!** Will we do it again? **Yes!**

*Article Submitted by: Robert Murphy, Secretary  
Talisman Lodge #31*

## Oregon Pythians Host Reception & Banquet for Supreme Chief Kathlene

*Oregon is honored to host a reception for our own Kathlene D. Lacy, Supreme Chief. She is very active with the Pythians and No-mads and works for the betterment of our order.*

*Her reception will be on April 16, 2005 at the DoubleTree Hotel at Lloyd Center in Portland, Oregon. The form below has information for hotel reservations and banquet reservation.*

*Oregon is proud of Kathlene and we hope for a good turnout for her reception.*

*Irene Clink and Betty Alexander*

To reserve a place at Kathlene's Reception/Banquet, please complete and mail this form to Irene Clink, PSR by April 5th.



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT!

All Pythians, their family and friends  
are cordially invited to attend...

Reception and Banquet Honoring:  
*Supreme Chief Kathlene Dawn Lacy*

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2005**  
Social 6:30PM ~ Dinner 7:00PM

DoubleTree Hotel ~ Lloyd Center  
Portland, Oregon

Cost: \$42.50 per Person

Choice of:

Mesquite Grilled Salmon or Pork Tenderloin

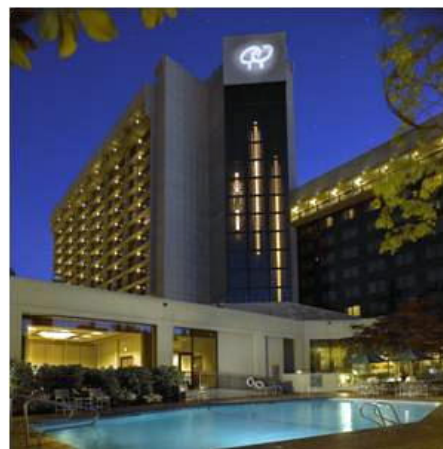
Please RSVP by April 5<sup>th</sup> and send check to:

Irene Clink, PSR

570 N 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue #66

Cornelius OR 97113

Phone: 503-357-8429



For

Hotel

Reservations call by April 1<sup>st</sup>

Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center 1-800-996-0510

Mention **"Kathlene's Reception"** for

Special Rates of:

\$89 plus tax for "Premium Standard" room  
for 1 or 2 persons;

\$15 extra per person for more than 2 persons in room

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice: ☐ Salmon ☐ Pork Tenderloin

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Meal Choice: ☐ Salmon ☐ Pork Tenderloin

Cost: \$42.50 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total

## Glencoe Lodge Installs New Officers

On January 12, 2005, Glencoe Lodge with the able assistance of Don Lacy, Jerry Girard and Shelton Jones, installed their officers for the 2005 year. Our officers are looking forward to having an exciting year at Glencoe.

It has been a distressing winter at North Plains. The elementary school had a fire and was forced to shut down for an extended period of time. Hopefully, things will improve in the community after this disturbance.

Before the installation of officers, the members of Glencoe decided to hold a business meeting. The Chancellor Commander, Jan Burns, decided to honor two members for their contributions to the lodge. Glencoe Lodge had Pythian coins minted a few years ago and Jan gave one to Mike Harmes and to Russ Sheldon. Each was honored to receive such a gift from the lodge. Our new Chancellor Commander, Russ Sheldon, is excited to start the year and to work with each of his officers.

*Article Submitted by Mark Erickson*

*Picture provided by Don Lacy*



Don Lacy congratulating Russ Sheldon, Chancellor Commander and from left, Mark Erickson, Jan Burns, Mike Harmes, and Jerry Girard.

## Ivanhoe Lodge Installs Officers

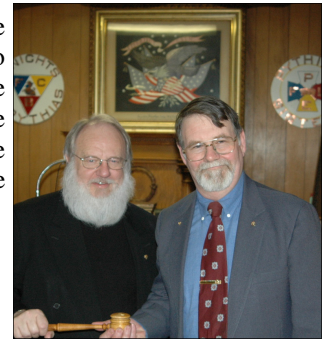
Ivanhoe installed their new officers for 2005 on January 11, 2005. The installing officers were Darrell Henry as Grand Chancellor, Jerry Girard as Grand Master at Arms and Don Lacy as Grand Prelate. The officers installed were Mike Stone as Chancellor Commander, Mark Erickson as Prelate, Al Meska as Secretary, John Murchison as Master at Arms, and Larry Johnson as Inner Guard.

The new officers are looking forward to an exciting year at Ivanhoe. We are starting a program of regular rummage sales in order to have money to fund our charities. After that, we will be helping the Lents Little League to provide a barbeque for the opening weekend. Hopefully, we will have enough

discretionary income to purchase bicycle helmets in order to provide them to the youth of the Lents community. We also have to plan for dates to get into the community and hand out the helmets.

*Article and Pictures*

*Submitted by Mark Erickson*



PSC Darrell Passing Gavel to PGC Mike Stone

## You are Invited to Attend District 2 Convention

**Saturday May 7, 2005**

Pythian Castle Hall  
420 West 12th Street (corner 12th & Lawrence)  
Eugene, OR

9:00 AM Registration  
10:00 AM Meeting  
\$10 Registration & Lunch  
Thermopylae Temple #37 Host ~ Robyn Neeley, DDGC  
**Contact #541-512-8907**

If desired, hotel room rates available for \$72  
per Michele Duncan Director of Sales & Marketing

**Red Lion Hotel**  
**205 Coburg Road, Eugene OR 97401**

**Phone 541-342-5201**

## Phoenicia Temple Busy as Usual

Phoenicia #10 and Rose #43 held a joint Grand Chief visit on January 20th in Hillsboro. The evening started with a chicken dinner at 6:30 followed by the installation of officers for Phoenicia with Irene Clink, PSR of Friendship #8 and Jacquie Girard helping to install the new officers. We were proud to have three very special dignitaries in attendance. Both national leaders for our organization, Kathlene Lacy, Supreme Chief, who was installing officer and Imperial Maharani Jacquie Girard, who served as Installing Grand Manager. And of course Grand Chief Julie Lozano who was visiting officially. Fay Robinson, the new MEC for Phoenicia conducted the meeting. The meeting was held with officers from both temples holding various offices.

Phoenicia has also been busy with other activities this past year. We were busy selling crafts at 2 holiday bazaars just before the holidays and held a fun-raising *Home Interiors* party about the same time with Mary McIlvaine's daughter Sandy Harbaugh selling the merchandise. Our last meeting in December we met at Betty Alexander's home for a special dinner and meeting for the Holiday.

We have recently attended various activities with the Hillsboro Pythians. Several sisters attended the Hillsboro Symphony at Liberty High School and the "Forces of Nature" OMNIMAX Theater at OMSI. We also held a Holiday Party on December 18th with the Knights from Phoenix. Many of the sisters attend the monthly meetings with the Hillsboro Pythians on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month.

We look forward to another busy year with the upcoming activities. We attended the Sylvia's Dinner theater "Soup du Jour" play in February. The three District conventions will be



Barb Christopher selling crafts to Don Lacy at bazaar

in April and May and the reception dinner for Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy will be on April 16th in Portland. Of course the summer will be busy with the farmer's market and the Relay for Life as well as other activities.

*Article submitted by: Shelley Corby*

*Photo by Darrell Henry*

In his book, "Leadership is an Art," Max Depree suggests,

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality.  
The last is to say thank you.  
In between the two, the leader must become a servant."

## STRESS TEST ~ Are you Stressed Out?

The photo at the bottom left on page 16 has two identical dolphins in it. It was used in a case study on stress level at St. Mary's Hospital. Look at the dolphins jumping out of the water/ The dolphins are identical. A closely monitored, scientific study of a group revealed that in spite of the fact that the dolphins are identical, a person under stress would find

differences in the two dolphins. If there are many differences found between both dolphins, it means that the person is experiencing a great amount of stress. Look at the photograph and if you find more than one or two differences you may want to take a vacation.

## Relay for Life ~ Altruistic Project with Big Rewards!

Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen supports volunteer participation at ACS' Relay for Life fundraisers. As a Hillsboro Pythian, he recognizes that this is a very rewarding venture as several of our Pythian members have learned firsthand.

Relay for Life began in 1985 when Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon and avid runner took the first step of his 24-hour walk/run around a track in Tacoma, Washington. He clocked 83 miles, raising \$27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined Dr. Klatt in this overnight event, and the ACS Relay for Life was born. Over the last 19 years, Relay for Life has spread to 4,200 communities in the United States and eight foreign countries. What began as one man's statement in the fight against cancer has led to the development of a worldwide event to help banish cancer.

Today, Relay for Life is ACS's largest event. Relay offers something for everyone, from the newly diagnosed, to caregivers and friends, to long-term survivors. Most people participate by getting pledges and walk as part of a team who walk, relay style, for 24 hours to raise awareness of the problem of cancer and to raise funds for cancer research. These events are usually held on weekends to gather the most support.

Several members of the Hillsboro Pythians have been involved with Relay for Life for 3 years. We have found that with as few as 5 or 6 people volunteering at a Relay for Life event, we can make a difference and show others in our community the value of being a Pythian. Each year we go to Relays wearing our bright orange vests and help with registration and preparation of the luminaria. (Luminaria are decorated paper bags weighted with sand to hold candles, which are lit at sunset.) Most of us who participate do so for personal reasons, having lost a family member or friend to cancer. We find that participation in this event is an emotional time where we find others who share in our experience, a time and place where we can come together to

do something positive to "make a difference" in this fight against cancer.

There are several ways in which you can participate – most of which don't involve much, if any, cost to the volunteers. Here are some examples:

- take pledges and walk as part of a relay team (registration fee applies)
- help with registration and distribution of supplies
- help prepare the luminaria (candle bags) and distribute them around the track or in the grandstands
- donate funds and decorate your own luminaria bag in honor or memory of someone.

There are numerous Relay for Life events in Oregon. Some of this year's are located in:

- Clackamas/Milwaukie 7-16/17
- Eugene/Springfield 7-29/30
- Grants Pass 6-4/5
- Hillsboro 6-25/26
- Woodburn/Marion County 6-24/25
- Marion County 6-17/18
- Oregon City 5-20/21

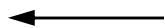
There is even a day-long "Celebration at the Capital" in Salem on 3-10-05 where cancer survivors, patients, caregivers and advocates can make their voices heard at the state capitol. To participate in this event, register by 2-25-05.

For more information, go to the American Cancer Society's website: [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) and click on the section titled "Get Involved."

*Article submitted by: Kathlene D. Lacy*



### Twin Dolphins.



See  
Stress Test  
on bottom  
of page 15.



Kathlene Lacy and Shelley Corby with "Luminaria for Mom"

## Platelets

(Continued from page 1)

Mason and enjoys the apple-filled cookies in the canteen.

John was born in Medford, Oregon. His family moved to Hillsboro in 1969 and he served in the US Navy from 1977 to 1984. Following in his mother and father's footsteps, John is involved in community service groups such as the Kiwanis Club of Hillsboro and is very involved in the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias.

Congratulations to John Lacy for being selected by the American Red Cross Apheresis Team as the February Platelet Hero! Viona, this is in honor of your!

*Article provided by Daphne Mathew,  
American Red Cross*

### WHAT IS APHERESIS?

Apheresis is a procedure in which a specific component, most often platelets, is collected. Platelets are essential for blood clotting and are produced in the bone marrow of healthy people. Platelets are only usable for five days, so the supply must be constantly replenished. Each day, local patients who undergo chemotherapy, bone marrow transplants or open-heart surgery depend on platelets to prevent severe bleeding throughout the course of their treatments. Depending on patient needs, the apheresis process may also include collection of plasma.

### WHO NEEDS PLATELETS?

Your platelet donation can help patients with the following conditions:

- **Cancer patients** (especially those with leukemia) who require chemotherapy, which often renders the body unable to produce platelets
- **Surgical patients** who require platelets to help the blood clot and prevent severe bleeding
- **Patients with blood disorders** such as aplastic anemia

### HOW ARE PLATELETS COLLECT DURING APHRESEIS?

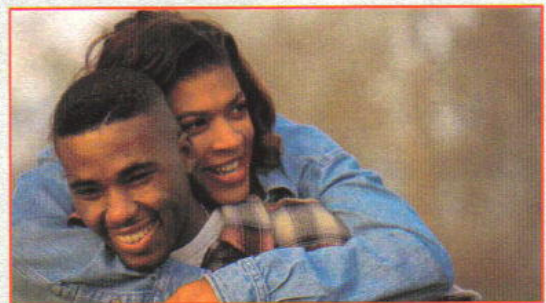
During apheresis, whole blood from the donor is passed through sterile tubing into a cell separator, where platelets are collected. The remaining portion of the blood is returned to the donor. No more than one pint of blood is processed at one time.

### WHO CAN DONATE PLATELETS?

Any person in good health who:

- Can devote approximately two hours for a donations
- Weighs at least 110 pounds
- Is 17 years of age or 16 years with parental consent

## APHERESIS Platelet Donor Program



## PEOPLE

Our Resource for Life



**American  
Red Cross**

Pacific Northwest  
Regional Blood Services

## From the Desk of Grand Secretary Wylie

### Grand Secretary's thoughts!

The Grand Secretary's column should at times reflect current needs. I thought how can I personally, through this office, affect the operation of the Oregon Domain? Communication comes to mind. Nothing new here! Right? An "old and nagging problem" in our Domain, without timeliness of content and promptness of distribution. So, what is the value in communicating? First let us examine the avenues in use now:

- ◆ Our publication "Oregon Pythian News"
- ◆ Official letters to lodges from Grand Secretary Grand Chancellor, and District Deputies
- ◆ "Fraternal and Official Visits" of the Grand Officers
- ◆ Fraternal Visits from Brother lodges
- ◆ Reporting and legislating at Grand Lodge
- ◆ The Grand Lodge "Journal of Proceedings"
- ◆ Invitations to upcoming events
- ◆ The Pythian International magazine
- ◆ Informational letters or procedures from the "College" and "Foundation" Funds
- ◆ One-on-ones, such as, telephone calls or e-mails
- ◆ Scheduled meetings
- ◆ The returns of requested or required information like "Annual Reports"
- ◆ Even constructive criticism is a form of communicating.

The horizon holds a new "Oregon Web Page." The Grand Council authorized the creation of it, with funding. Knight Michael Harmes is developing the site, designed to be useful for Oregon Pythians as well to increase our visibility and enhance our image outside of the Domain. Please see article in this issue. The use of e-mail can and should see increased usage.

Communication is a two way street, obliging the sender of information (in any form) to present the material in an understandable manner and for the recipient to make a good faith effort to comprehend it. Without both the transfer of information will not occur. It is the sharing of ideas, thoughts and data between individuals; agreement on the material is not necessary. Communication is a bond, binding us together and the value is essential.



Wylie Nichols  
Grand Secretary

The value of information can lose urgency (meaning) over time. Promptness is vital to our success; therefore, tardiness is not acceptable. The annual reports for example are used for many continuing functions. The information is used to update the mailing list for the "Oregon Pythian News" and to provide current lodge information, with a deadline ten days after the reports are due. The material is used to report to Supreme Lodge, which imposes a fine per day if the Domain report is late and to renew our subscriptions for the Pythian International magazine. It is the basis for a statutory notification to the Grand Chancellor of lodges not meeting charter conditions. Indeed, meeting deadlines is important!

Consistency and promptness is a must in all of the above, a reflection in our respect for each other and a projection of pride. During my tenure, the Grand Secretary's Office will increase efforts toward timeliness of content and prompt distribution of material. I respectfully invite your response in a like way. Your communication (in any form) is welcome and appreciated.

Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary

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Ann Ross , GRI, CRS  
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### Subordinate Lodges of the Domain of Oregon

Lodge	Lodge Location	Mailing Address	Meeting Times	Secretary	Chancellor Commander
<b>Ivanhoe #1</b> 503-777-6606	5400 SE 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Portland, OR	5400 SE 84 <sup>th</sup> Ave Portland, OR 97266	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday 7:30pm	Al Meska 503-659-7943	Mike Stone 503-939-0191
<b>Damon #4</b>	11 SE 8 <sup>th</sup> Pendleton, OR	3014 SW Hailey Ave Pendleton, OR 97801	Monday 8:00pm	Ben Anderson 541-276-2127	Bill Peal 541-276-9112
<b>Glencoe #22</b>	31520 NW Commercial St North Plains, OR	PO Box 231 North Plains, OR 97133	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8:00pm	Wylie Nichols 503-246-6174	Russ Sheldon 503-647-2985
<b>Talisman #31</b>	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR 97526	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 1:30 pm	Robert Murphy 541-474-7462	Jackson Scott 541-772-3402
<b>Helmet #33</b>	420 W 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Eugene, OR	420 W 12 <sup>th</sup> Ave/ Eugene, OR 97401	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30 pm	Paul Lewis 541-689-1120	Frank Mellor 541-689-5460
<b>Phoenix #34</b> 503-693-3162	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Hillsboro, OR	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ave. Hillsboro OR 97123	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> , Potluck 6:30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> , Meeting 7:00pm	Charles Van Domelen 503-554-0349	Jerry Girard 503-640-8349
<b>Delphos #39</b>	1924 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR	2604 Pacific Ave. Forest Grove, OR 97116	Thursday 8:00pm	Kurt Mueller 503-357-6807	Leonard Simmons 503-429-2702
<b>Hermes #56</b>	14979 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NE Aurora, OR	PO Box 234 Aurora, OR 97002	1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday 8:00pm	Colin Brown 503-678-1082	Robert Swartout 503-873-6924
<b>Diana #63</b>	324 Third St. McMinnville, OR	735 NW 17 <sup>th</sup> St. McMinnville, OR 97128	2 <sup>ND</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 7:00pm	Lee Vasquez 503-472-0172	Steve Larson
<b>Gaston #104</b>	210 Front St. Gaston, OR	P O Box 507 Gaston, OR 97119	Wednesday 7:00pm	Chris Anderson 503-985-7993	James MacDonald

### Subordinate Temples of the Grand Jurisdiction of Oregon

Temple	Temple Location	Mailing Address	Meeting Times	Secretary	Most Excellent Chief
<b>Friendship #8</b>	31520 NW Commercial St North Plains, OR	15532 NW Old Pumpkin Ridge Rd North Plains, OR 97133	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday 7:00pm	Suzanne Dailey 503-647-5377	Joyce Reynolds
<b>Phoenicia #10</b>	151 SE 2 <sup>nd</sup> St Hillsboro, OR	19410 SW Celebrity Aloha, OR 97007	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:30pm	Barbara Christopher 503-649-3339	Fay B Robinson 503-648-2328
<b>Centralia #11</b>	3100 Turner Rd. SE #102 Salem, OR	3100 Turner Rd. SE #208 Salem OR 97302	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 10:00am	Daphne Schainck 503-362-2802	
<b>Roseburg #23</b>	638 SE Rose St Roseburg, OR	147 Umatilla #5 Sutherlin, OR 97479	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 3PM	Donna Johnson 541-459-3493	Elizabeth Evans 541-677-7222
<b>Una #26</b>	14979 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. NE Aurora, OR	12377 Donald Rd NE Aurora, OR 97002	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 1:30pm	Agnes Zacher 503-678-5993	Rosenna Powell 503-852-4430
<b>Herculena #27</b>	209 Main St. Milton – Freewater, OR	927 Pleasant St. Walla Walla, WA 99362	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday 7:30pm	Linda Reyburn (509) 525-4775	Carolyn Harvey 541-938-4722
<b>Helmetta #29</b>	420 w 12 <sup>th</sup> St. Eugene, OR	4085 Potter Place Eugene, OR 97405	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:00pm	Kaye Pomerleau 541-686-2976	Esther McKibben
<b>Orionette #31</b>	Masonic Building Elgin, OR	PO Box 174 Elgin, Or 97827	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday 1:00pm	Phyllis Looslie (541) 437-2311	Pauline Terry 541-437-6102
<b>Thermopylae #37</b>	2301 Upper River Rd Grants Pass, OR	4069 S Pacific Hwy, #142 Medford, OR 97501	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2pm	Robyn Neeley 541-512-8907	Sandra Ryan 541-479-6540
<b>Rose #43</b>	3378 NE Corona Ct. Hillsboro, OR	3378 NE Corona Ct. Hillsboro, OR 97124	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 8:00pm	Jacque Girard 503-640-8349	Sarah Murchison 503-844-6127
<b>Willamette #45</b>	Masonic Building Dallas, OR	4682 Beaverbrook Ct SE Salem, OR 97301	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday 7:00pm	Carol Jenkins 503-363-8314	Bernice Balschweid 503-623-4728
<b>Fern #46</b>	Pythian Building 2 <sup>nd</sup> St. Yamhill, OR	17671 Woodland Loop Rd Yamhill, Or 97148	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1pm	Jan Van Dewalle 503-662-3701	Rosenna Powell 503-554-8602

Welcome to the 2nd edition of the new Oregon Pythian News. I am pleased to tell you that we have received many complimentary comments and notes regarding the last issue of our publication. One of the Sisters commented, "There are so many interesting articles that I'll read it." The Grand Chief said we "had done a fantastic job and that we could pat ourselves on the back." Supreme Vice Chancellor David Mead congratulated us by stating that "the Oregon Pythian News is what a Grand Domain newsletter should be. "

Well, to reiterate the comment of Grand Chief Julie, "pat yourselves on the back!" The information, pictures and articles that were donated by so many of you is what makes our publication valuable and of interest to Pythians throughout the state and to those others who receive the publication. I have been very pleasantly pleased that all who were asked to develop and present materials for both the December 2004, and the March 2005 issue have done so willingly and with great skill. Thank you.

Think big in your Pythian activities and let us know about them for publication. We hope to have large feature articles in future issues to highlight big activities by Oregon Pythians. Please feel free to send pictures and reports of all activities. If you have plans for a big event let us know and we will plan to be there with you to take pictures and help write the reports. You do the work, you deserve the credit and perhaps we can all learn by sharing Pythian successes.

Darrell Henry , Editor

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