

Cameran's Eagle Scout Project



Tucker-Maxon students flock to the newly renovated and installed fishing dory.

I'm happy to report that Cameran Heckenlaible has completed his Eagle Scout project, the repairing, rebuilding and conversion of an old dilapidated fishing dory into a safe play structure for the students of Tucker-Maxon Oral School. Cameran is also a new member of Phoenix Lodge. (See page 12)

As this was a Boy Scout Project, it was Cameran's job to find ways to raise the funds for the supplies needed to complete the project. He asked Ivanhoe Lodge if he could use their lodge and rummage sale expertise for a two-day rummage sale. Cameran's family and friends helped solicit more items for the rummage sale. The rummage sale earned over \$400. Phoenix Lodge, the Pythian Foundation along with family and friends helped with donations. In all \$975 was raised.

To finish this project, all \$975 was used. It took 17 work days and over 200 hours of labor to finish this project. The work performed was to remove all of the rotten and damaged wood and replace with new. After the new wood was cut and attached, the complete boat was sanded before painting. Since this was going to be used by children of preschool age up to 6th graders, all of the openings that could be considered a hazard needed to be filled or covered to make the boat as safe as possible. Over 6 gallons of primer paint was used to seal the wood. 2 gallons of white and blue high gloss exterior paint was used on the sides and top of the boat. The floor was painted with 2 gallons of polymer paint mixed with sand to help make it a non-slip surface.

Over the Thanksgiving week the boat was delivered back to the school, where it was unloaded from the trailer and installed on a frame of pressure treated lumber. After the boat was attached, the area around the boat was covered with playground type bark dust for added safety.

On December 15th 2005, Tucker-Maxon School held a dedication of the boat. After the students climbed on the boat Principal George presented Cameran with letters of thanks, a plaque of appreciations, and artwork from the students.

This was a very worthwhile project where a Pythian lodge, a Boy Scout Troop, and a very industrious Boy Scout worked hand in hand to give back just a little to a group in our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Van Domelen, PGC
Sec/Treas. Phoenix Lodge 34



The Project Before!!



Eagle Candidate Cameran at the Helm.

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Friendship ~ By David Mead, Supreme Vice Chancellor

Shortly after our Virginia fall convention, your editor, Darrell Henry, requested that I submit an article for your Oregon Pythian Newsletter on the subject of "Pythian Friendship". At that time I was in the midst of working on our Virginia newsletter, updating and revising our Domain website as well as planning my own program for the Supreme Domain for the next biennium. After examining my vision for the Pythian Order, I sat down to contemplate my views on Pythian Friendship.

Pythian Friendship is the true core of our organization. During my term as a Supreme Lodge officer, I've had the privilege of visiting nine Grand Lodge conventions a year, sometimes more. The experience has been extremely fulfilling largely because of predominant spirit of Pythian friendship displayed. I have not yet had the opportunity to visit any Pythian functions in Oregon, however, I feel as though I have many wonderful friends there whom I have met at other Pythian functions. (I also know much about all the good Pythian work being done in your Domain from reading the Oregon Newsletter.)

As I sat down at my computer to write this I pondered that fraternal love has really made this Order special for me. Without it, no matter how many other programs we offer, we still wouldn't have much. I'm sure you all know Knights of Pythias was founded near the end of the Civil War, at a time when there had been much dissention and turmoil in our country. There was a great need then for an Order that stressed friendship and brotherly love.

Let me share with you a little bit of Virginia Pythian history from back in the nineteenth century. Samuel Hines, a Confederate Army soldier, spent several years in Union prisons. After the war he settled down in Richmond, Virginia, where he was initiated into Old Dominion Lodge # 4. There he learned the story of Damon and Pythias (A lesson he obviously learned well). On Christmas Eve 1870, Hines and a fellow Pythian, Erasmus W. Ross were staying at the Spotswood Hotel, a five story brick and stone landmark in Richmond. In the early morning hours, a fire broke out in the

hotel and spread rapidly. Extreme weather hampered fire fighting efforts, but it appeared that all residents had managed to exit safely. It was then Hines realized that his Pythian Brother was still inside on one of the upper floors. Ignoring the warnings, Samuel reentered the building determined to save his friend. Unfortunately, both men perished. Hines became a Virginia Pythian hero. It was this kind of fraternal love and dedication that made our Order grow.

Has this brotherly love become outdated in the fast paced, hectic schedule of today's men? I hope not, and I don't think so. A quick encounter during a video game or via an email greeting can never match the satisfaction of a warm handshake or a hearty "Pythian hug". Yet unfortunately we cannot offer this benefit to members we do not have. So if all goes as I hope, my program for the upcoming biennium will place massive emphasis on membership. Five years after our order was started, we had over 54,000 Knights. Today there are less than 32,000. The next few years are vital in reversing this trend. Not only must we recruit new Knights, but we must retain them. Many subordinate lodges seem to have become stagnant and offer little that would be of interest to today's busy men. In the program I am proposing for next year, I have included several new programs and am asking each lodge to try some new things. But one thing that we must continue to display is our Pythian spirit of brotherly love. I truly believe it is one of the finest gifts our Order has to offer.

Fraternal Regards to All,
David Mead, Supreme Vice Chancellor



David Mead, SVC

Grand Chief Visits Una Temple

Grand Press Correspondent Carol Jenkins reports that Grand Chief Glennyce Buxton and MEC Rosenna Powell exchanged gifts during the Grand Chief's official visit to Una Temple #26 Aurora on November 9th. Una Temple members hosted the Grand Chief for lunch at the Top of the Hill restaurant before the meeting. Everyone enjoyed the lunch and afternoon meeting.



Need a New or
Renewal
Scholarship??

See Page 14 and
Back Cover

Poster Contest Time ~ By Don Lacy, Chairman

The Knights of Pythias International Poster Contest subject for the past several years has been highway safety. For 2005-06 the subject is "Preserve Our Precious Resources." Grand Lodge is sponsoring the poster contest again this year with prizes of \$300 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd, and \$100 for 3rd place winners. This subject should be exciting for high school students.

Four subordinate lodges took part last year. We expect many more entrants and are encouraging all lodges to sponsor a local contest for all high school students in their areas. If your lodge or temple has not been contacted call the state chairman, Don Lacy at 503-648-9057 or 503-706-0850. He will send posters and tri-fold color brochures so that you can promote the contest.

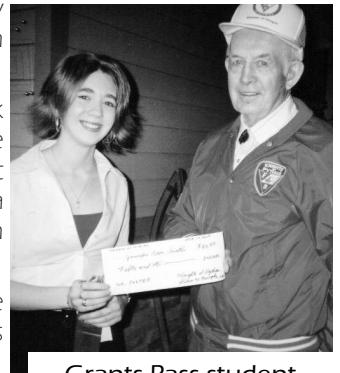
The domain final judging of entries in the contest is to be 1:00 P.M., May 13, at Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro. So, with the local contests having to take place before April 30th, we need to be moving. Be sure to get your entries to Grand

Secretary Wylie Nichols by May 11th so he can have them available for the judging.

Our state winner took Honorable Mention at the international level contest last year. She is Whitney Wallace, a senior at Pendleton High School.

Poster contests can be sponsored by the Pythian Sisters as well. Contact Don Lacy.

Poster Brochures and other information are available on our Oregon Pythians web site at www.oregonpythian.org. Check it out!



Grants Pass student Jennifer receiving Poster Check from Bob Murphy in 2005

You Are Invited ~



You are invited to join us as we celebrate **Marion Willcox's 90th Birthday, Sunday, March 19th.** An Open House/Reception will be held 1:00-4:00 pm at Paradise Island Mobile Home Park, 3100 Turner Rd SE, Salem.

Marion (Wyman) Willcox was born March 17, 1916 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Having been brought up in a Pythian household, Marion joined Alpha Temple #1 in Albany, along with her sister Daphne (Schainck), on Nov. 3, 1942. Marion transferred to Centralia Temple #11 in Salem around 1948. Marion served as Most Excellent Chief for Centralia Temple 5 times, and served as Grand Chief of

Oregon in 1994-95. Husband Ralph Willcox (deceased) joined the Knights and was a member of Central Lodge in Salem and then Hermes Lodge in Aurora. Ralph served as Grand Chancellor of Oregon in 1988-89. Marion is currently a dual member with Una Temple #26 in Aurora and is serving as Senior.

Kathy Willcox



Gaston Sponsors Coloring Contest for Elementary Students



Gaston KOP Lodge 104 was again proud to sponsor the Gaston Old Time Fiddlers Jubilee Coloring Contest.

Kids in the 1st thru 4th grades at Gaston Elementary School submitted over 150 entries. The entries were judged by the Knights attending Wednesday's meeting. The judging was very close and difficult. They were judged on originality, neatness, and "just because".

A cash award went to the 1st place winners. Also another cash award went to each class to be used for needed supplies, etc.

Again the Gaston Lodge has shown its support for community activities and kids.

Submitted by Harold Crass, CC
Gaston Lodge 104



Junior Order How To ~ By PSC Bobby Crowe

The Junior Order Knights of Pythias is an official auxiliary of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias. It was founded upon the Principles of Friendship, Leadership and Citizenship and was created and designed for the youth. Membership is open to young men ages 10 thru 17 years old. The Junior Order is a place where our Youth can learn Pythian principles, be involved in positive community activities, meet other like-minded people with a fraternal background, have adult supervision and develop the foundation for a life of service and leadership.

A fraternal organization of the parent Order, these young men are taught the principles of honor, friendship, leadership and citizenship and instructed in the practices of Pythian Fraternity.

To institute a Junior Order Chapter one must have a sponsoring lodge, adult advisor and 9 young men ages 10-17. Your local lodge brothers can perform the ritualistic rank work and the institution of the Chapter. The chapter must meet monthly and an adult must be present at all meetings.

The Junior Order boys are encouraged to get involved in community activities and projects. The Chapter's meetings

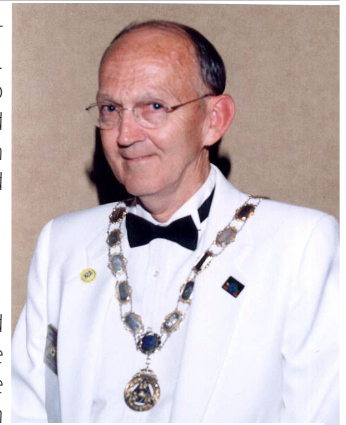
are similar in many ways to our subordinate lodge meetings. The Junior Order Membership program consists of ASK and BUDDY SYSTEM. Just ASK an eligible young man to join and bring his Buddy along.

ASK + BUDDY SYSTEM =
MEMBERSHIP.

Junior Order promotion and membership packets can be obtained free from the Supreme Secretary. Call him for information or literature.

I urge your lodge to sponsor a Junior Order Chapter in your community.

Fraternally,
Bobby Crowe, PSC
Chairman, Junior Order



Bobby G. Crowe, PSC
Chairman ~ Junior Order

Welcome to New Member Rosemarie Ward

On November 3rd Phoenicia Temple had a short form initiatory ceremony and we now have a new member, Rosemarie Ward. After the meeting we learned that her son James Ward had become a new member of Delphos Lodge in Forest Grove along with several others.

Rosemarie was born in San Francisco. She earned her Associate Degree in English with a minor in history. Her plan for life was to become a teacher. As many of us have found, life changes in a very pleasant way. Rosemarie met her husband and they raised four sons and one daughter.

Charity-minded Rosemarie found herself doing many things. She volunteered at many different rest homes and became very involved with activities involving children. One of which is the Navy Seal Cadet program. This program is designed towards helping young people prepare in taking part in service to our country. Many of the young men that were involved in this program under Rosemarie's care are now serving in Iraq. She is in contact with them and their families. She is entitled to wear the Navy Uniform on special occasions with the rank of Lt. Commander. She was in



Rosemarie Ward

charge of her own unit.

Another long-time pursuit for Rosemarie was found in Amateur Astronomy. This interest was sparked while in college. She became active in a group in California and was the Secretary before moving to Oregon.

Currently, Rosemarie is the President at the River Road Estates Home Owner's Association and is always willing to lend a helping hand when needed. She has volunteered to become Phoenicia's Temple Guard for this year. It was her very first meeting and she is very eager to learn more

about the Pythian Order.

Phoenicia Temple is very proud to welcome a very dedicated woman like Rosemarie into our group.

Barbara Christopher, Secretary Phoenicia Temple

From the Grand Chancellor ~

Greetings Fellow Pythians:

Well, here we go, starting a new year. I hope it is a good one for all.

I have been quite busy so far trying to make all official visits and installing new and re-elected officers. The District Deputies have been helping greatly with the installations.

My Grand Chancellor's Project is progressing very nicely. I have visited all lodges and explained the project to them and asked for their help as of this writing.

During my official visits I have found many Lodges do not have up to date Bylaws. These are very necessary to have to comply with the Grand Lodge Constitution and the Oregon State Corporation Rules.

We are also required by Supreme Lodge to adopt and post a Sexual Harassment Policy. The Grand Secretary will advise how this should be done by each lodge. If anyone has any

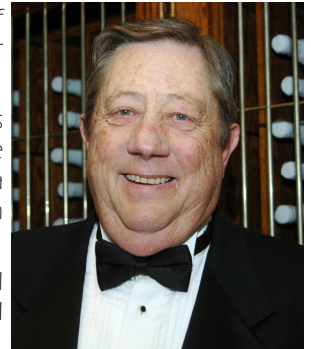
questions or problems with any of this, please contact me or your District Deputy.

If any Lodges have any questions or problems that Grand Lodge can help with, please give me a call and I will see what we can do.

I will be making a few fraternal visits this spring and summer, so I will be seeing a lot of you later.

Thank you,

Jan Burns, Grand Chancellor.



Glencoe Happenings ~ By Russ Sheldon, Chancellor Commander

GLENCOE GAINING NEW MEMBERSHIP

Glencoe Lodge is excited to have several new members join our organization this year. As part of a challenge to meet membership goals this year, the lodge members responded by recruiting four new members. Mike Murray, Mike Lee, Ray Porteous, and Melvin "Corky" Funk have been overwhelmingly accepted and welcomed into Glencoe Lodge. The lodge is looking forward to the ideas and participation of the new members in the activities that are planned for the year. We are thankful to those members who recruited the new members into our lodge.

GLENCOE LODGE CONTINUES SUPPORT OF NORTH PLAINS LIBRARY

With the exterior rock decoration finished and the sheet rock nearly complete, the North Plains Library is shaping up to be a new centerpiece of the North Plains Community. Glencoe Lodge No. 22 has completed the second installment of a three-year commitment to the North Plains Public Library. The financial commitment will be used for the operation of the library once the project is finished and the new library is opened. The library is a viable community project, making this investment in the future of North Plains, a win-win for the community and Glencoe Lodge.

Pendleton Pythians Continue Support for Athletics in School

The Weight Equipment Program in Pendleton High School set out to raise \$45,000 to buy 19 weight sets that would benefit all athletics. The school would not buy anything until all the money was raised.

At last count, they needed \$6,000 more and at our November 14 meeting we decided to give \$4,500 to the program over a six-month period starting January 1, 2006.

This will ensure that the school can buy the machines, which

should have a life of 20 years, and they may possibly be set up and ready for use when school resumes in Fall 2006.

Ben Anderson, Damon Lodge



Thanks from OPCEF Recipient ~ By Sarah Murphy

My name is Sarah Murphy. I received one of the Knight's **Continuing Education** scholarships of 2005. I'm attending Portland Community College earning a transfer degree. After my second year at PCC I will be transferring to University of Oregon where I will be finishing my Bachelor of Science.

I plan to go to medical school and specialize in pediatrics to become a pediatrician. PCC is the first stepping stone in a long journey ahead of me. A journey that is greatly helped by the \$500 scholarship which I am overjoyed to have earned. Thank you again Knights of Pythias for giving me the scholarship.

Fall term I took Biology 101, Sociology 204, Math 95, and Writing 115. In which I did well in all except Biology. This term I am taking Sociology 205, Writing 121, Math 111c and Chemistry 221, which I am doing extremely well right now.

This term I am taking 17 credit hours and working 20 hours a

week so I have insurance. Next term I plan to take Chemistry 222, the next math course, Writing 122 and probably Psychology.

I am glad I decided to go to PCC instead of the university in Pennsylvania because I know now that I would already be in debt if I had decided to go there. Even though I'm not having what you would call the college experience, I am better off here not paying for a dorm, food and so on. When I transfer I will enjoy having the experience of being at a University around tons of people my age.

Thank you again Knights of Pythias for helping me on my way to bigger and greater things.

Sarah



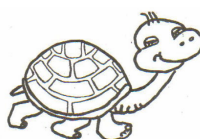
Pythian Bible Class Promotion ~ By Alma Wilson

Greetings Sisters: Darrell has been asking for some news for your next newsletter . . . so as your **Supreme Temple Membership Chairman** I am sending in this request for your Grand Jurisdiction to have an all out promotion for membership. If you can arrange to hold a Bible Class (class initiation) I am sure Supreme Chief Kathlene would be most grateful for your effort. If each Temple could secure two new candidates, (more is better) it would give you enough to invite Kathlene to attend your Bible Class, at which time she would bring the Pythian Bible. This can be a very exciting promotion for your Jurisdiction and I am sure your **Membership Chairman, Sandra Ryan**, would be most happy

to assist in this endeavor. At this time also, it is an opportunity for your members to take the re-obligation on the Pythian Bible . . . Good Luck. I need a report on your Jurisdiction activities.

Thanks to you and all good wishes,

Fraternally, Alma Wilson



**BEHOLD THE TURTLE
SHE ONLY MAKES PROGRESS
WHEN SHE STICKS HER NECK OUT**

Wapato Showdown Appreciation Dinner Held ~ By Ed Yates

On Saturday January 21, 2006 Gaston Lodge 104 held an appreciation dinner to thank all the people who helped with the 2005 Wapato Showdown. It was attended by over 80 people. A prime rib dinner was served with an awards presentation that followed. A Casino Night with loads of prizes rounded out the evening. An extremely good time was had by all.

The main awards at the dinner went to the Gaston Market for their sponsorship of the Friday night steak feed and Gaston Feed for their continued support and supplying the fencing and other critical items loaned to us for the car show.

Another success celebration by the Gaston Pythians!



Herculena Activities ~ By Vesta Poteete

On Dec 16th Herculena #27 held a Christmas party at Sharon Johnson's house. There were 26 sisters and family members present. Sharon Johnson cooked a lovely prime rib and all the Sisters brought salad or dessert. We had a gift exchange and then we took up a collection designated for our **Christian Aid Society's Coats for Kids** program. We raised \$62 for this and then the temple donated \$50 for a total of \$112 for this program for homeless children. Everyone had a very good time and we voted to make this an annual event.



Co-Chairs Linda Reyburn and Janette Black with Mayor Key

Our special event caught the attention of our local newspaper, including the photo above and the following article by Marcia Akes of the [Valley Herald](#) in Milton-Freewater:

Oregon Pythian Sisters Annual Raffle

Photo by Marcia Akes of the Valley Herald, Milton-Freewater, Oregon.

Mayor Lewis Key drew the winning tickets of the Annual Pythian Sisters Christmas Raffle last Saturday at Rhonda's Old Town Restaurant. Pictured with Mayor Key are Co-Chairs of the raffle Linda Reyburn (left) and Janette Black. The lucky winners were: Mary Kilmer for the toy chest filled with boy's toys, Jo Winn for the baby doll complete with bed and accessories, and Bobby Jo Grefsheim for the gift basket filled with various gifts and gift cards. Proceeds from the raffle and other money raised by the organization goes to help many individuals and groups - Christmas Baskets, Special Olympics, Milton-Freewater Public Library, Doernbecher Children's Hospital Special Needs Section, Christian Aid Center, Annual Mac-Hi Scholarship, and other projects in the community.

Herculena Temple # 27 had a work day on February 11th at the home of Sharon Johnson to prepare gifts and decorations for the **District 'Convention** which will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall on April 22, 2006 in Milton-Freewater. The sisters will meet for a time of work and fellowship and we will have a potluck luncheon at noon. We hope that all will come to the District Convention. DDGC Linda Reyburn has been hard at work preparing a fun time for all of us and we hope that you will come and participate with us in April. Come and see all the fun things we have made for you at this workday.

PSR Jean McWilliams is moving back to Milton-Freewater at the end of February. She has been in Florida and Arizona for the last 20 years. We are all very pleased to have her back among us. She was Grand Chief in Oregon in 1968-69.

Vesta

Friendship Temple Installation Ceremonies

Friendship Temple has started the year with a nice meeting with the Grand Chief and a nice meeting to install new officers. We were happy to have several sisters from Phoenicia Temple come to help us with installation including Supreme Chief Kathlene. We honored Kathlene by letting her fill in for an absent officer and then she was gracious enough to show our newly installed Manager just how to do things right. Barbara Christopher, Grand Musician, furnished her usual lovely music.

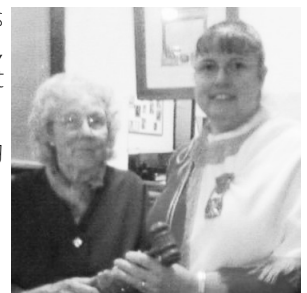
Two of our newly installed officers are rather new members, MEC Leatha Tyra and Manager Lorna Campbell.

We have decided not to have a quilt show this year. We are out of quilts and our Sister Dorothy Winner, who has been in

charge of the lunch for years, has surgery scheduled for that week, and we are not sure we could get along without her.

We will look forward to seeing you at the stinking Garlic Festival.

Frances Reynolds
Installing Officer



Installing Officer Frances Reynolds presents gavel to MEC Leatha Tyra

Hillsboro Pythians Sponsor Relay for Life ~ Rummage Sale

The Hillsboro Pythians have signed up again to sponsor a team for the Hillsboro Relay for Life. This is American Cancer Society's fund-raiser for research and cure for cancer. At our Monday Hillsboro Pythians meeting we talked about our fund-raiser for it. We decided to organize a rummage sale. The dates we decided on are **March 25 & 26**. A second sale will be **May 13 & 14** and **May 20 & 21**.

We are going to set up on March 3rd and May 10th, the day before the rummage sales. We would appreciate any items that you could donate. Also we could use more folding tables for the sales. You can bring your items to the Pythian Hall any Monday evening during the meetings. We will need volunteers for helping set up, conducting the sales, and cleanup. If anyone could help in any way with the rummage sale or have items you want us to pick up from you, get in contact with Maureen Murphy at 503-357-1631, John Lacy at 503-709-6658 or 503-681-8209 and Darrell Henry at 503-627-0918. If you think of any other great fund-raiser ideas let us know!

Luminaries will be available for your donations to Relay for Life to show your support or remembrance of friends and family who have or are challenging this incidious disease.

We also have our own web page on the Relay for Life

website at www.acsevents.org/relay/or/hillsboro. Click on Hillsboro Pythians to sign up for our site. We would like to raise at least \$2,500 for the Relay for Life. We still need walkers for the Relay. We are required to have at least 1 person walking on the track at all times during the 24-hour relay. You can walk any amount of time you want. Some of us are camping out overnight but we could always use extra people during the day to help out, visit, talk to others about the Pythians, listen to the entertainment and have fun!

At the start of the Relay on Saturday, the survivors of cancer have the first lap and they would like to have as many people as possible show up for the start. See Maureen for sign-up sheets. Anyone who walks on the relay gets a free T-shirt. Survivors get a different colored T-shirt to wear for the relay. Check the website for date, time and information of the relay.

Hope to see you there!

Maureen Murphy
Chairperson



www.oregonpythian.org ~ Check Out the Updates!

Hello Oregon Pythians,

It is with sad regrets that I have to inform you all that our website oregonpythian.org is no longer available to us. I moved our site from one hosting provider to another and while trying to get the domain name transferred discovered that they did not have to give it to us, even though it was our name but because they registered it as a reseller.

The reason for this is because I gave up on them as a hosting service, support service was terrible, the upload to the web site was extremely slow, more down time than their advertised 99% just to name a few. I then tried to transfer the domain name to another hosting service and then in the process found a lot more information about our provider. When I originally signed up I was expecting to be with a US company, their main office is in California but the servers reside in Australia. Another issue was I did not want to be on any servers that had adult materials, just didn't think it was appropriate; turns out they are ranked number two for adult content.

With all these above issues I felt it was very necessary to get away from them and their service. I have since went ahead and moved our site to

www.oregonpythian.org

hosted by Bluehost. Our old name is expired and you will be re-directed to Enom, Inc. which is the registrar for the name. Because of our transfer the host provider put a lock on our

domain name and it will not expire until 2007, after that I intend to purchase it back and get both of the names pointed to our site, I should have done it this way from the beginning.

Our site is back up and not quite complete as there are still some problems with some links because of the transfer. I am working on them and hope to have them all corrected in the next week or so. Some new features will be a new calendar that can be edited by anyone. Wiki's, bulletin boards, chat rooms, live video feeds just to name a few new features. We have twice the size and bandwidth all for the same price as before. So far I have been very happy with Bluehost, support has been quick and honest, I uploaded our entire site never going under 43kB/s where before it was quite often below 18kB/s and sometimes 3kB/s. To give an example I uploaded our entire site in the time it would take me to upload one issue of the OPN.

Please change your favorites to link to our new site (drop the "s") oregonpythian.org. Once again, I am sorry for the changes but feel it will work out better for us in the long term as we continue to grow our web presence and become more apparent to the cyber community for others to find us and see what we are all about. Questions or concerns please feel free to email me at, webmaster@oregonpythian.org or ratlbxdv@yahoo.com.

Thank you ~ Mike Harnes ~ Webmaster



Thermopylae Fetes Grand Chief—Holds Installation

Grand Chief Glennyce Buxton and her husband were honored guests at a chicken dinner at the Castle Hall in Grants Pass. Past Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen was also in town to meet with our Talisman Knights whose meetings are the same time as the Sisters - 1st & 3rd Sundays.

Following the dinner Grand Chief Glennyce made her official visit to Thermopylae Temple. The highlight of the meeting was the Installation of 2006 Temple Officers being led by M.E.C. Donna Johnson. Past Chief Alma Barber, Excellent Senior Julie Lozano, Excellent Junior Beth Evans, Manager Sandy Ryan, Secretary Robyn Neeley, Treasurer Marilyn Stevens, Protector Beverly Hudson (pro tem Georgia Smith), Guard Florence Heriford and Musician Jean Schlinsog completes the line of officers.

Jean was also the Installing Grand Chief with Marilyn Stevens and Robyn Neeley assisting as Grand Senior and Grand Manager.

Thermopylae Sisters are welcoming the six former Roseburg Temple Sisters. We are sorry Roseburg Temple is giving up their charter, but very glad to have the Sisters join Thermopylae Temple.

Georgia Smith was honored to have Grand Chief Glennyce present her with her Past Chief pin on behalf of Roseburg Temple.

By Jean Schlinsog

Kay Holmes Receives 25-Year Pin

On January 16, 2006, Grand Chief Glennyce Buxton made her official visit and presented Kay Holmes with her long over-due 25-year service pin and certificate. (See picture on right.) For health reasons, Sister Kay now lives in an assisted living residence in Sublimity, Oregon, near her family.

In P.L.E.& F,
Kaye Pomerleau



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Grand Secretary Shelley's Corner



As of this writing I have almost half of the annual reports. Hopefully I will get the rest in the next few days. My deadline for the Grand Temple annual report to Supreme is April 1 this year. I really hope we will be able to make our deadline. Especially since this is a Supreme Temple year, and because Kathlene is our Supreme Chief we really want to make a good impression. Don't forget to send the complete list of membership with names and addresses. The Supreme Secretary will send our report right back if we do not include this list.

We are losing Temples this year, I am sorry to say. I really wish I didn't have to report this to Supreme Temple. Please try hard to keep our Temples alive. I know that it is a very

difficult decision, but please don't give up on our Temples.

When ordering supplies from Grand Temple please make your request in writing or e-mail so that I will have a record of what is ordered. That way nothing will be overlooked.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the District Conventions this year. The schedule is:

District 1: April 1 in Hillsboro with Sarah Murchison as DDGC;

District 3: April 22 in Milton Freewater with Linda Reyburn as DDGC;

District 2: May 13 in Eugene with Ann Ross as DDGC.

Hopefully the Journals will be ready by then. They are being proofed by the Law Committee right now.

Shelley

From the Desk of Grand Secretary Wylie

By resolution a "Sexual Harassment" policy was adopted for the Grand Lodge of the Domain of Oregon during our last Grand Lodge convention; and requires each local lodge to adopt it or a similar policy.

In turn, the adoption of a policy will require a clause be added to the by-laws and an ideal time to completely review the by-laws, amend as needed, and submit to Grand Lodge for approval.

This is an opportunity for Oregon Knights to become involved in how your local lodge is governed; if interested, inform your Chancellor Commander of your willingness to serve on a by-law revision committee.

Instructional packets are being prepared for mailing to the lodge secretaries and will include a sample sexual harassment policy, a sample of suggested by-laws and State of Oregon corporate requirements.

Regular conventions: The need to open lodge in regular convention has diminished throughout the domain. Most of the business of the lodge can be accomplished by the efforts of the trustees or by committee. However, let us not forget the principles taught and renewed during these meetings.

In support of Grand Chancellor Burns' call for more regular meetings, they should be conducted on three occasions during the year; namely, for "Official" visits, installation of officers and when initiating candidates for the Ranks of Knighthood.

Pythians are generous! Hospitality reigns and nowhere does this show more than during visitations.

Visitations are used to renew relationships, handle "Official" business, swap jokes and to aid each other. All this goes on, however the most important is the one-on-one contact. This is a time for the Grand Lodge officers to promote a program and a project, a time for the Lodge to relate its concerns and accomplishments.

The Grand Lodge is promoting the poster contest, completion of all official visits and some assign fraternal visits by Grand Officers, a continued emphasis on Youth programs and community service projects, revision of local lodge by-laws: All to enhance our co-operative experience.



The Grand Lodge Official visits will be completed by publication Date Stop Visits have immeasurable value stop Should be encouraged to continue stop

Let us not fall prey to complete change as "Western Union," when on January 27, 2006 the telegraph became silent and the last telegram was sent. An era has passed, when we all learned to write in incomplete sentences, the period was replaced by the word stop, we paid for the message by the letter to be sent by Morse code and then delivered by courier.

Western Union existence mirrors that of the Pythian Order. Let us update to meet current demands and keep the good traditions. As we long for change in the Pythian Order, the tradition of visitation, official or fraternal should remain. The value is so fundamental – yet, so vital! After all, we Pythians are very social beings!

Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary



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Phoenix Lodge Initiating 3

Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro is in the process of initiating three new members into our Fraternal Order. The new members are Cameran Heckenlaible (See Eagle Scout article on front page.), Armaan Roshani and Aaron Murphy.

The Rank of Page was presented on January 30th at Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro. The members of Phoenix Lodge are extremely appreciative of the support and assistance given by Grand Chancellor Jan Burns, Paul Lewis of Helmet Lodge located in Eugene, Mark Erickson of Ivanhoe Lodge located in Portland, and Russ Sheldon and Wylie Nichols of Glencoe Lodge located in North Plains. Paul gets the mileage award for the evening, logging over 200 miles.

The rank of Esquire was scheduled for February 13 but was rescheduled because so many of our members and support from other lodges were in Medford to attend the funeral of Past Grand Chancellor Darrell Anderson. The Rank of Esquire will be held on March 27th. The Rank of Knight is yet to be scheduled.

All Lodges and members, especially those with candidates for either the Rank of Esquire or the Rank of Knight are invited to join with Phoenix Lodge for these initiatory activities. We plan a special dinner for the special event of Knight Rank. Please call Darrell Henry, Master of Work for these ceremonies at 503-627-0918 or contact him via email at henryd@pcez.com.

Editor's Notes

HEY OREGON PYTHIANS !! I like **your Oregon Pythian News!** I say "your Oregon Pythian News" because this edition has around 30 items of interest and information submitted by Oregon Pythians for Oregon Pythians. In addition, we have informative and educational information from our Supreme Lodge and Temple personnel: Our own Supreme Chief Kathlene, Supreme Vice Chancellor David Mead, Supreme Temple Membership Chairman, Alma Wilson and PSC Bobby Crowe, Chairman of the Supreme Lodge Junior Order Committee.

Thanks to all for participating in our communication process. It is enjoyable and of benefit to many.

I bring to your attention some items that you will see in this edition:

First it is Scholarship time again. This is the time students who are Oregon Pythians or progeny of Oregon Pythians can apply for education financial support from the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund. (OPCEF). **Get the applications in before April 15th.** (see back page) Additional

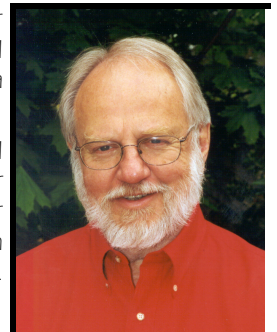
scholarship funds are available through Supreme Temple's Endowment Fund for Scholarship. Contact Mary McIlvaine for more information.

Second, the Poster Contest is another way students can glean additional funds for college. Get them to do a poster this year. (see page 4)

Third, it is the time of year for special walks, races, etc. for fund raising for various good causes. Perhaps your Pythian group can get involved in one like the Hillsboro Pythians do. (see page 9)

Keep the good news coming in. Your editor and your business manager are pleased to perform this function for the Oregon Pythians and without your input it just won't be the same. Please report your plans and your accomplishments. We see value in your achievements.

Darrell Henry



Glencoe Lodge Annual Share the Spirit Dinner



Santa Don and CC Russ

We had a nice ham dinner served to us by Boy Scout troop 175. I believe this is the 6th year that they have been participating in the annual dinner. The food was very good and desserts were excellent. Santa received a \$500 check from Chancellor Russ Sheldon on behalf of Glencoe Lodge.

We did get some nice pictures

of Grand Lodge and Temple officers. A lot of fun was had by everyone. One note I would like to make is to my knowledge this was the first time Santa Don thought twice before letting this Scout sit on his knee. Life scout Russ Jordan is one big boy. We have started thinking about how we are going to do this year's Share the Spirit dinner event. It is never too early to start planning and preparation for any event to make it happen. We have new dinner invitations designed and a better time schedule planned that will make a great ending to 2006.

Hope to see you there,
Mike Harmes

From the Grand Chief

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It was a busy time, but an enjoyable one. Christmas is my favorite holiday. This year I had to slow down due to my heart attack, but my children and grandchildren helped me out. I want to thank you, my Sisters and Knights for all of the cards.

Beginning in November I made official visits to several Temples. The first was Una Temple. We were treated to lunch at the Top O'Hill restaurant. The meeting was enjoyable and the weather was sunny. Then Rosenna and I visited the Friendship Temple. We were treated to a potluck dinner. What wonderful cooks! The Opening March was done very well. It was nice to see there was enough staff to march. The Temple made me feel right at home. A couple of weeks later Rosenna and I drove up to Milton Freewater and the sun was shining the whole way up. It was a nice day to travel. We met the rest of the Sisters at the restaurant where we had a lovely dinner. These Sisters keep so busy. It was nice to see them working in the community.

On December 26, I joined Don Lacy in "Share the Spirit" at the Alzheimer's Home in McMinnville. Darrell Henry, Grand Chancellor Jan Burns, along with his Brother-In-Law from British Columbia, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, two Knights from McMinnville and one of their guests from Minnesota, all participated in the event. Darrell played Santa and he did such an awesome job entertaining the residents and making

them smile. We had an enjoyable time. After the visit to the Alzheimer's center we all met for a belated lunch at Shari's in McMinnville where Santa gave out candy canes to many smiling children of all ages.

Sisters, get those recipes in so that we can sell the books at Supreme convention. Remember to mail, (E or snail) to Sherri Sievert.

As for membership, some of the Temples are really working hard to get new members. Some are hosting membership teas. Good Luck! We need members!

Please mark your calendars for the following District Conventions:

April 1 st	District 1 @ Phoenicia #10
April 22 nd	District 3 @ Herculena #27
May 13 th	District 2 @ Helmetta #29

In P L E & F,
Glennnyce



Grand Chief Glennnyce

Ada Weideman's 90th Birthday!

Carol Jenkins, GPC reports that Pythian Sisters Helen McKibben, Ada Weideman (pictured on right) and Willamette Temple No. 45 members enjoyed an Open House on January 7th for Ada's 90th birthday. A nice turnout of family and friends.



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District Deputy Report ~ By Jerry Girard



DDGC Jerry Installing Duane as Chancellor Commander

As a District Deputy for the southern part of the state I have had the pleasure of visiting Talisman Lodge #31 to give them some help and installed my long-time friend Duane Johnson as their Chancellor Commander for the coming year.

During the same period I have had the pleasure of visiting both Hermes #56 and Helmet #33 as part of my duties. At Helmet Lodge the Grand

Lodge has been working with the Lodge on a program to recruit new members. They have come up with a great idea to market the Pythians and I am working to put together a computer slide show to present to one of the groups meeting at the Lodge hall. We hope to be able to meet with the group and present a program to them in the near future. It is hoped that the slide show can be used for other groups later on.

The District Deputies have been working with the Grand Lodge Officers to put together a program to provide additional information and support for the Local Lodges.

The need to deal with all the requirements that we must follow as Nonprofit Corporations in the State of Oregon and maintain our Tax-Exempt status with the IRS is very important.

This while at the same time, meeting good business practices, such as insurance coverage, we need to meet our Fraternal obligations. The Grand Lodge and the District Deputies are working hard to support the Lodges around the State.

"The need to deal with all the requirements that we must follow as Nonprofit Corporations"

Barb Christopher Elected to Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund Board

Your newest recommended person to the OPCEF Board has attended her first board meeting. I have been learning about the operations of the board. I discover that once a person is recommended to the OPCEF board, they are then voted on to become a member. Once approved the members serve a five-year term.

Each five-year term starts in October. John Murchison has served on the OPCEF board for the last four plus years and his term will be ending in October 2006. We would like to ask that everyone start thinking about whom would be a good candidate for next fall's recommendation.

Replenishment of the board membership will be an on going process. Chris Anderson's term will end in 2007. Tim Seeberger will be on the board until the year 2008. Eric Howden's term will end in 2009. Since I'm just starting, my term on the board my term will end in the year of 2010.

On February 7th the OPCEF board held the annual elections of Officers. Chris Anderson was elected as President. Tim Seeberger now holds the office of Vice-President. Eric Howden was elected as Treasurer. Barb Christopher is the Secretary. John Murchison is a director on the board.



**Barb Christopher
Director/Secretary OPCEF**

I have started to mail out Application forms for the Grants and OPCEF Scholarship Criteria to all Lodge and Temple secretaries. They will be your primary contact to receive any application forms. The application form will need to be returned by April 15, 2006.

The Board has started to think about fundraising and there are some exciting ideas in the planning stages. It will be fun to see the plans come together and see what the outcome will become.

The OPCEF board will be meeting at the beautiful home of Chris Anderson on April 25th at 7:30 PM for the next meeting. He and the Board would like to invite any interested persons to attend.

We hope all the best for this year's class of graduates.

Sincerely,

Barb Christopher
OPCEF, Secretary

Updates and Greetings from SC Kathlene

Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:

On St. Patrick's Day weekend, I will be in South Carolina for a Bible Class and institution of a new Temple. This will be the 3rd new Temple formed in the last 2 years! After that trip, I will be traveling to a number of Grand Conventions from April through Supreme Convention time in August.

Supreme Temple has launched our "new and improved" Pythian Sisters' website! Please take a look at: www.pythiansisters.org (or use the Pythian Sisters link on the main Pythian website www.pythias.org) Hopefully you'll find our website attractive and easy to navigate. Our Webmaster Roxanne Beatty (PSR, Maryland) used a rich dark blue satin background with gold "buttons" for pages with our history, our principles and programs, where we're located in North America, as well as Grand Convention dates and locations. You'll also find photos of our pins, so you can view them before ordering. (Please order through regular channels.) There are links to Sunshine Girls, Knights of Pythias and DOKK/Nomads plus websites of Grands and Subordinate Temples (where known). We hope this will be a membership tool in addition to being a help for our own members. If you have suggestions for improvements, please contact either Roxanne or me.

Time has passed quickly since I assumed the position of your Supreme Chief in August 2004. As unbelievable as it seems, we're already preparing for our 2006 Supreme Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia. I'm particularly excited about the location since this will be the first joint Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple Convention to be held in Canada in our entire Pythian History! The Supreme Chancellor, Maharani

and I have revised the traditional convention schedule to allow as many as possible to attend the great tours and special activities the Convention Committee has planned for us. For schedules, photos and registration forms see their website: www.knightsofpythias.ca. Please register EARLY with the Lord Nelson Hotel AND the Convention Committee since we'll be traveling to Halifax at the peak of their tourist season.



I am very proud of our Oregon Sisters and Brothers – as well as our Pacific Northwest Pythians – for all that you do for the Pythian Order and for me. Thank you so much for all of your support over the years. I look forward to seeing you as I continue my travels on your behalf.

Be Proud to be a Pythian in service in your communities! Ask other men and women to partner with you on Pythian projects so that their lives can be enriched by Pythian service too!

With Love & Hugs,

Kathlene

Hillsboro Pythian Valentine Social

Phoenix Lodge Brothers invited their Valentines, the Hillsboro Pythian Sisters, out for a play and dinner to celebrate Valentine's Day. 16 Hillsboro Pythians and guests gathered Sunday, February 19th to see the play, Barefoot in the Park (a perfect choice for the Valentine's theme) performed by HART Theatre in Hillsboro. The event was held at the newly remodeled Walters Cultural Center in the heart of town. Members were impressed with both the performance and the artwork on display at the center.

After the play, we went up to the Pythian Hall where chefs Don Lacy and Darrell Henry had prepared a feast. The menu included spinach salad with Mandarin oranges, roast pork with potatoes, carrots and peas, along with special sauces and good breads. The tables were decorated with Valentine's placemats created by Darrell.

After the meal, Darrell and Phil Murphy served Valentine's cake to the guests. New Brother Knight Aaron Murphy, along with other Phoenix Brothers helped with serving the meal and clean-up after the party was over. It was a fun afternoon for all who took part!

Thank you, Phoenix Knights!

Article submitted by:
Kathlene Lacy





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Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

Welcome to the New Year from the OPCEF. We have some changes in the Directors and Officers, and one was the resignation of Duane Johnson and myself (Chris Anderson) at Grand Lodge in October. My 5-year term was finished and Duane's term was to end in 2007.

The Grand Council forwarded Barb Christopher's name and resume to the board for consideration to be elected as a director. Feb. 7, 2006 at our directors meeting Barb was unanimously elected to become a Director on the Board of the OPCEF, and I was elected to fill Duane's term.

At this time I want to personally thank Duane for the time and support he has given to the OPCEF. He has been involved from the earliest organizational meetings, which began in October of 1996, and has supported me personally (which may have been hard at times) and I will be forever grateful. Duane is recovering from health related issues, and we all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

With the election of Barb we have our first woman Director, and would like to thank the Grand Council for recognizing the qualifications she brings to the OPCEF.

This year we will again be awarding 5 scholarships in the amount of \$400 each to qualified recipients. Applications and criteria will be mailed to Secretaries of all lodges and temples shortly. If anyone is unable to obtain applications through this process please contact Barb or myself and we will e-mail or mail direct. Application deadline is April 15, 2006 and must be mailed to

OPCEF Chairman, Chris Anderson

PO BOX 397, GASTON, OR 97119.

Below I am listing the Directors, officers, phone numbers, and year each term of office ends.

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Chris Anderson	2007	Chairman	503-985-7993
Tim Seeberger	2008	Vice-Chairman	503-985-1965
Eric Howden	2009	Treasurer	503-662-4183
Barb Christopher	2010	Secretary	503-649-3339

We are planning a fund raising event for this summer and I will have something in the next issue of the OPN and names of the winners of the scholarships.

By Chris Anderson, Chairman

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