



Hillsboro Pythians Support Relay for Life

2006 marks the sixth year in which Hillsboro Pythians have volunteered for Washington County's Relay for Life fundraising events. This year's participation was chaired by Maureen Murphy of Phoenicia Temple, assisted fully by her family, Pythians Phil, Aaron and Sarah along with future Pythians Andrew and James.



Hillsboro Pythians Team "Saturday Knight Dancers"



Jacob - Sandman Extraordinaire

Social and get acquainted events were in abundance. For instance, the Fred Meyer team challenged our team to a wheelchair race. Phil, Sarah, Aaron, Andrew had fun trying to beat the Fred Meyer volunteer crew.

As usual the Hillsboro Pythians worked on the sand bags needed for the many luminarias. Charlie VanDomelen brought the sand, and his grandson Jacob, to the Relay in his truck. Charlie and "Sandman Jake" spent all day preparing luminarias. Jake received an award from Relay for Life for being the Sandman Extraordinaire. Great job getting all those luminarias ready, Charlie and Jake! The Hillsboro Pythians team, the "Saturday Knight Dancers"

had fun walking for the Hillsboro Relay for Life. Phil's mom, Dolores Murphy, and John's boss, David Kiracofe participated in the survivor's lap in support of our team. Charlie solicited donations from some co-workers and did some laps to "earn" their donations. Several Hillsboro Pythians made donations in support and memory of family and friends who have contracted cancer in their lives.

John was the chairman for the luminarias for the Hillsboro Relay for Life. John had a good time with the Glencoe High School Key Club kids who did a great job putting the luminaria bags around the track and in the stadium. Great job, John! Glencoe Key Club plans to help with the luminaria again next year.

The Saturday Knight Dancers had fun camping out all night along with tents, sleeping bags and, of course, lots of food. We all signed a memorial table cloth, and a banner demonstrating national unity in the fight against cancer that is going to be taken to Washington D.C. to be displayed in support of the American Cancer Society.

The walkers who camped at the event (the Murphy family and the VanDomelens) only received about 2 hours sleep each. Fortunately they received support and relief from Kathlene Lacy, Shelley Corby and Darrell Henry who also walked many laps during the day and into the early morning hour of 1:30AM.

The Hillsboro Pythians received a certificate of appreciation for our support and financial donations. After all the work, time and energy spent by so many Pythians on the rummage sale and personal donations our proceeds exceeded \$1,700. Not bad for our 2nd year's Team effort. (Last year our Hillsboro donations exceeded \$800.)

Plans will be underway for next year's Relay soon, so please make room in your schedule. Relay for Life is an inspirational activity and your support is important. We think you will find it rewarding as well.

Maureen Murphy ~ 2006 Hillsboro Pythians Relay for Life chair

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Showdown at the Wapato Corral

Weekend event started with the Knights of Pythias, who wagered that a car show would work in Gaston

BY MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI

***The Forest Grove News-Times* Aug 23, 2006**



Photo from 2005 Show (OPN file photo)

THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE YEAR, PEOPLE TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 47 CAN DRIVE THROUGH GASTON AND BARELY NOTICE IT. WITH A LAND AREA OF ONE-FIFTH OF A SQUARE MILE, AND BOASTING SUCH ATTRACTIONS AS A FEED STORE, A TAVERN AND A TIRE SHOP, THE TOWN OF 600 DOESN'T YET QUALIFY AS A TOURIST TRAP.

But for a single day each summer, Gaston becomes a destination for automobile aficionados of all stripes. Now in its 10th year, the Wapato Showdown is regarded by organizers as a tremendous success. Initially, however, they dismissed the concept as ludicrous.

"The first year, when some of the guys came along with the idea to do a car show, nobody thought people would bring their cars to Gaston," said Chris Anderson, a member of the Knights of Pythias, who organize the event.

"People thought they were nuts," added fellow Knight Don Allen.

Luckily, the Knights of Pythias had an expert among them: Harold Gabriel — a lifelong automobile fanatic who had been building, restoring and showing hot rods for years — convinced them the plan was workable.

"Gabe," as he was commonly called, was able to steer the group in the right direction during the Wapato Showdown's early years. In that time, the rest of the Knights gleaned enough knowledge to carry on the tradition after his untimely death from a heart attack in 2000.

"He knew what the car people liked," said Ed Yates, a member of the Knights. "He taught us what to do."

Gabe coached them about the basic ingredients that attract car show participants, such as ample room to show off their cars and plenty of grass to help mitigate the summer heat. But he also incorporated a couple of elements that are counterintuitive to conventional car show know-how.

Unlike similar events, the Wapato Showdown doesn't divide cars into categories, and doesn't rely on judges or elections to determine who gets a trophy. Instead, each of the show's 100 sponsors — a designation acquired for \$100 — picks a winner.

No politics

"We have no classes and no voting," said Yates. "The sponsors pick the cars they like, so there's no politics involved."

The Knights say they decided to depart from the orthodox system because personal alliances and animosities can undermine the impartiality of the contest. At their show, such intrigues don't exist — champions are chosen entirely based on the subjective standards of the sponsors.

Even a beat-up 1987 Honda Civic can win if it manages to tickle someone's fancy or invoke nostalgia. As long as you're willing to show your car or motorcycle, the Wapato Showdown will be more than happy to collect your \$12 registration fee.

"It's not just hot rods and classics. If you have a brand-new Corvette off the line, you can come in and show it off," said Yates, adding that jalopies and works-in-progress are welcome, providing they can still drive onto the field.

"It doesn't need to be a perfect car," he said.

Despite the show's avant-garde attitude, organizers say car fans have embraced the Wapato Showdown. So far, only a handful of participants have complained about the trophy-picking method, open admission and lack of classes.

Meanwhile, the show has swelled to more than twice its original size, from 150 vehicles in 1997 to 350 in 2005. The number of spectators, for whom admission is free, has also noticeably increased, the Knights say.

Knights' numbers swell

The fact that the Wapato Showdown has earned such unlikely popularity echoes the larger story of the Gaston chapter of the Knights of Pythias.

Fifteen years ago, the organization's membership had dwindled to one person. Now, it has about 45 members —

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Tribute to a Fine Pythian

George Richard Seymour, 104, a longtime Pythian and resident of Forest Grove community, died Friday morning, July 21, 2006 at his home. George was born in 1901 in Deadwood, South Dakota and moved with his family to Oregon when he was a young boy because his mother had heard of Pacific University and wanted her children to be educated there. During his long lifetime George worked in many types of jobs and was married several times. George's first wife Beatrice was also a Pythian. They were married 54 years. After Beatrice passed away, George remarried more than once. George's third wife Dorothy was a member of Phoenicia Temple. At the time of his passing, George had been married to Brenda for several years.



George Seymour
1901~2006

What do you say about George? It would take another 104 years to fully describe his life. All who knew him have now lost the best friend and finest person they may ever know. He was also one of the most interesting men I ever met. Once I told him that anyone born in North or South Dakota had to be tough and that coming from Deadwood it was no surprise he was over 100.

He said he watched his father fall from the Oregon Electric Train as it lurched at the station and then crushed him. George was only 9 at the time. As the "man" of the house, he went to work early, and took most any job available. He worked the oil fields of Central and South America, high up in the construction of the buildings of the 1930 World's Fair in Chicago, and surveyed all over Alaska and Oregon. While in Chicago, he said he knew Al Capone, lived above one of his speakeasy's, and even ran one for awhile. "One day he stepped off a curb and a bullet went through his coat just missing his shoulder!" "If I was taller or had not stepped down, I'd been shot!" said George.

He also told me he was at Fort Lewis in uniform, waiting to go to France when World War I ended. One of George's last jobs was as an electrician. He always

growled because they made him retire at 65 when he said he could have worked another 20 to 25 years. Another construction job was building the Masonic Grand Lodge of Oregon here in Forest Grove. He had a sharp mind and a good memory.

During his boxing career in San Francisco, he was asked to move up a weight class and replace a "no show." Remember this was bare knuckle. "That was not such a good idea" he concluded! He remembered all sorts of jokes and could recite many things from memory. Loved to travel, go on cruises, play cards and be with people. He could recall people, places and events farther back and more clearly than anyone I have ever met.

I became acquainted with George when I was a kid about 20 years old and he was about 67, which was an old man to me. Now I am an old man and George never seemed to change. Even at 100 he could climb stairs better and faster. Nor would you want to take a poke at him for he still had his boxer's reflexes!

A longtime member of the Masonic Lodge and the Knights of Pythias, he was always active. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, walking, traveling and going on his favorite Masonic outing to the Malheur Caves. Another pleasure was gambling, especially at his favorite casino "Pucker Brush."

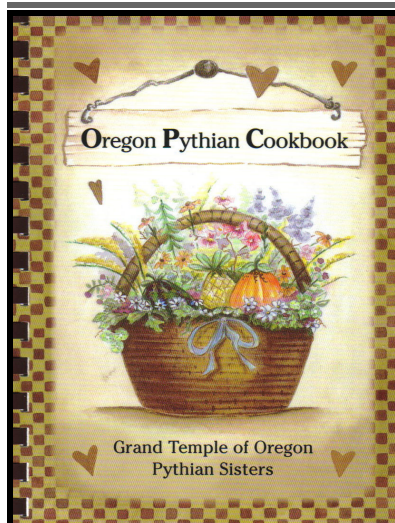
George and his first wife of 54 years Beatrice had two children, Richard Seymour and Ann Lindgren along with several grandchildren. His second wife died suddenly as they went to dinner shortly after they were married. Third wife Dorothy, succumbed to cancer after 10 years of marriage. His comment after "I'll never marry again" was that "the only requirement I have for a wife is that she be able to drive at night." Apparently his wife Brenda fit the bill and has also nurtured, protected and loved him for several years. She saved his life on more than one occasion and was responsible for George getting a pacemaker which gave him a few more years to be our friend.

At 100 George voluntarily gave up driving, and now he has given up his life. Though he is probably saying he could have gone another 20 years.

He touched so many in various ways. His friendship, kindness, generosity, humor and love will be remembered by all who knew and loved him back. Goodbye, George, old friend.

Kurt R. Mueller, PGC

Oregon Pythian Sisters Cookbook is Here



Well it's here! The well touted and produced Oregon Pythian Cookbook produced by the Grand Temple of Oregon Pythian Sisters has been professionally published and is ready for distribution.

Huge credit goes to Sherri Sievert for managing and promoting this project. And looking through this tome it is obvious that much credit also goes to all those wonderful Pythian cooks who so graciously contributed their recipes and experience for all of us to enjoy.

Special thanks also goes to Irene Clink for fronting the production costs of this project. Mother and daughter make a great team once again.

Order yours soon!!

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Comments from OPN Business Manager ~ Wylie Nichols

A successful year for the Oregon Pythian News publication; the accomplishments, with everyone's help, included a complete update of the mail list and maintaining cost projections.

The removal from the mail list of "Oregon Pythian" names, who have been called, and a reduction of courtesy copies improved the overall mailing; resulting in cost reduction of address correction notices by fifty (50%) percent. Overall expenditures were controlled at the cost of \$1.70 per issue for each Oregon Pythian reader. Also, the use of a slip-sheet aided in cost control.

The projected cost for the 2006-2007 term will remain at \$1.70 per issue for each Oregon Pythian reader. It is uncertain and non-determinable at this writing what postal or printing cost increases may be incurred during the year. These possible unknown cost increases should not drive the upper limit forecast beyond \$1.75 per issue for each Oregon Pythian reader; the same forecast as this year.

During last Grand sessions, I requested more stable funding from both the Knights and Sisters. The Knights responded with additional funds and the Sisters

continued the per capita support—plus donations of \$300 and \$121; Boosters were generous! Thank you, one and all, for these funds. The stable funding provided the first three issues and donations plus booster support made the fourth issue available. I request and encourage your continued financial support for the Oregon Pythian News publication.

The OPN staff has enjoyed Domain and Jurisdiction wide support and especially appreciates all of your input, through articles and photographs. We will endeavor to meet all mailing schedules, with timeliness of content and material about and for Oregon Pythians!

Wylie Nichols
Business Manager



From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

We have just returned from Supreme Convention in Halifax. What a wonderful experience. The country in Nova Scotia was beautiful; we had great hospitality and experienced tours and meals that we will remember for a very long time. I am so proud of my sister Kathlene and how she conducted the meetings and herself during the Supreme Sessions. It is nice to be home but I am so glad I was able to attend a once in a lifetime event such as this. It almost felt like a family reunion with so many of my family and friends there in one great place.

Now it is time to get on with things and prepare for Grand Temple. Hope everyone is ready to go to Newport for this year's Grand Session meetings and events. If you haven't sent in your registrations and other necessary information for Grand Temple please do so now. Our committees are busy preparing to have another great Grand Convention, so we all need to be prepared as well.

I am sorry to report that we only have 9 Temples in Oregon now. We lost Roseburg #23 and Centralia #11 at the end of last year, and we lost Orionette #31 last spring at the District #3 Convention. There are also rumors that we may lose more Temples. Please do what you can to keep these Temples alive. I understand how tired we all are with our busy schedules, but let's keep moving forward to rebuild our memberships.

Immediately after Grand Temple we need to get ready for the next year. I will be preparing the reports for the next Annual period and will mail them out around December. It would be a good idea to get prepared with information, which will make this process easier, by setting aside the necessary information so it is readily available to whoever needs it. If your Secretary needs help, please assist her with the reports so that they will be finished on time. So many times the deadline is not met, but I want to say Thank You now to those who are always on time. Remember we now need a full list of membership names and addresses from every Temple for our Supreme Temple report. Please do what you can to help.

I look forward to seeing everyone at Grand Temple in Newport in October.

Best regards,

Shelley



Youth is that period when youth knows everything, but how to make a living.

~ Carey Williams

Talisman Lodge Presents Poster Contest Awards

The Talisman Knights had the pleasure to deliver checks and a plaque to two Roseburg High School students the for the poster contest .

Duane Johnson and Don Heriford met at Roseburg High School with the poster contest winners Jamie Lundy and Sean Donnely who entered the Knight's poster contest for the 2005 - 2006 school year. Sean who received 4th place in state was the local 1st place winner and he was given 100 dollars from Talisman Lodge and the plaque from state. Jamie who received 2nd place locally received 50 dollars from Talisman Lodge.

Their teacher Mrs. Fey was also there.

Article Submitted by:

Donna Johnson



Pictured from left to right: Jamie Lundy, Duane Johnson, Don Heriford, teacher Mrs. Fey, and Sean Donnely at awards presentation.

North Plains' Stink Fest Draws Throngs of Garlic Lovers



The 9th annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival was held on August 11-13, 2006 at the Jessie Mays Community Center and according to Patti Burns, who chiefly organized the “stinkee” celebration over 30,000 attended the event over its three day run.

“It was perhaps the biggest stink fest ever,” said Patti Burns, “the crowds were heavy on Saturday and demand for garlic offerings was in full swing. The garlic beer ran dry at approximately 7 p.m. Saturday and The Knights of Columbus with roughly 850 pounds of garlic chicken on hand, ran out around 1 p.m. Sunday. With clear blue skies and balmy temperatures, the garlic ice cream was in high demand throughout the entire festival.



The festival opened on Friday, with 20 food booths, 50 arts and crafts booths and FREE children's entertainment. As families sat under the shade and atop the hay bales lined up in front of the stage, they enjoyed music by Chuck & Dave, Love Pyle, Tom Mann & The West Coast Country Band, Stevie Marie, The Miller Brothers Genuine Blues Band and other entertainment at the Beer and Wine Garden from opening until closing. This year the second annual 10k run / 2K walk was held on Saturday at 8:00 AM with nearly 300 participants maneuvering the course. The parade began at 10:00 AM on Saturday with 32 entrants winding through the streets of downtown North Plains and ending at the festival center. Many festival goers lined up for rides through town in the horse drawn wagon.

The Knights of Glencoe Lodge operated the entire beer garden including: set-up, serving, monitoring, containment, handling receipts, expenses, tear down and clean-up.

It's a big commitment but a worthwhile endeavor with all of the proceeds going right back into the local community. In our efforts to do some recruiting, we also attracted at least one potential new member this year. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a high profile event for the Glencoe Knights, it provides a great source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our Order.

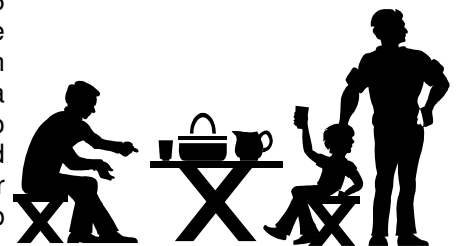
Russ Sheldon, Chancellor Commander

Ivanhoe Hosts Anniversary Picnic ~ Mark Erickson

Ivanhoe Lodge #1 of Portland held an informal picnic to commemorate our 101st anniversary. It was held on Saturday, July 29, 2006. This is our occasion to host our members, family and friends in an informal picnic setting.

A number of invitations were created and sent to members and friends in the area. This enabled those who did not notice the ad in the previous *Oregon Pythian News* to get ready for the event. The friendship and informal picnic was a good draw for our members from all parts of Portland and as far away as Forest Grove.

The officers of Ivanhoe Lodge had asked our Secretary and chef, Al Meska, to create a simple picnic fare and we fed more than 15 people during the event. We plan on continuing this as a simple event to invite people to and draw them to our hall for membership needs.



A Supreme Time In Nova Scotia, Canada ~ By Kathlene Lacy



SC Kathlene Lacy at Podium at Supreme Temple



Pacific Northwest Staff doing floorwork for Supreme.



Betty Alexander receives 50-Year Jewel



Shelley Corby receives her Mother, Viona Lacy's PGC Pin



SC Kathlene presents Supreme Chief's Awards to Betty Alexander, Irene Clink and Vesta Poteete. Not Pictured: Barbara Christopher



SC Kathlene and her Oregon Sisters share "High Five" after successful completion of 2006 Supreme Temple Sessions.

The 2006 Supreme Pythian Convention was outstanding in many respects. First was its location - the historic Lord Nelson Hotel in the heart of the city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada the week of August 11-18th. Secondly, twenty-nine (29) Oregon Pythians were in attendance! Oregon attendees were: SC Kathlene Lacy and her family: PDSC Don Lacy, PGR Maureen Murphy, ASR Shelley Corby, SR John Lacy and Brenda Branson. Oregon's Supreme Representatives are: Wylie Nichols and John Lacy representing the Knights; and Kaye Pomerleau representing the Sisters. Also in attendance were: Ann Ross, Betty Alexander, Bruce Stevens, CW Ross, PSC Darrell Henry, Duane Johnson, Fay Robinson, GC Glennyce Buxton, Irene Clink, Juanita Clum, Linda Reyburn, ST Margaret Grochocki, Marilyn Stevens, Mark Erickson, Mary McIlvaine, Pauline Terry, Risa Riggin, Rodney Buxton, Rosenna Powell, Sherri Seivert and Vesta Poteete. Third, the 2006 Supreme Convention Committee's excellent work resulted in an "off the charts" convention for all to enjoy!

The week started with a Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters Executive Board Meeting on Friday, for which the Friends of Kathlene decorations committee created purple and gold sparkly angel centerpieces accompanied with pansy table decorations. In addition, Linda Reyburn created "angel babies" with satin ribbons of the color of the Supreme Temple Officer's stations and the Milton-Freewater Sisters made beautiful purple satin ribbon bookmarks as additional gifts for the Supreme Temple Officers. Vesta, Betty, Irene and Linda even got up "extra early" on Friday to make sure the tables were decorated so they would look lovely for SC Kathlene's first meeting of her Supreme Convention week. *Thank you, Sisters! It made a very nice start to the week in Halifax.*

The 2006 Supreme Convention Committee (from the Maritimes Provinces and Maine) had planned many tours and special events for our enjoyment. On Saturday, many of us took an all-day tour which took us down the coast to Peggy's Cove where we walked out to the lighthouse on the rocky shore. We continued south to the towns of Mahone Bay where we saw 4 churches along the coastline and then to Lunenburg where we had a wonderful scallop fry lunch served by the town's firemen at their fire station. We also visited the local museum where we learned about lobster traps, toured two boats at the dock and saw dory-style fishing boats being crafted. Some even rode in horse-drawn wagons to see the beautiful architecture of Lunenburg.

Saturday evening we attended the Nomad Day Banquet, hosted by Maharani Melanie Curtis and Marajah Mark Helm of Texas. Imperial Prince Irving Rosenthal and his wife Lorraine Rosenthal were also honored there. It was a fun evening with many dignitaries being recognized, and gifts and awards being exchanged.

Sunday morning was the time for the Supreme Chief's Breakfast where 125 invited guests attended. Mistress of Ceremonies Betty Alexander welcomed everyone to the breakfast. Kathlene's sisters each took part. Brenda Branson gave a lovely welcome, Maureen Murphy read poems regarding friendship and angels and Shelley

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A Supreme Time in Halifax (continued)



Betty, Vesta, Linda and Irene decorate for SC Kathlene's Friday Exec. Board Meeting



Irene, Marilyn, Mary and Betty filling coffee mugs with treats for Supreme Banquet



Ann Ross and Mary McIlvaine helping with banquet



Linda Reyburn & GC Glennyce Buxton helping too!



Beautifully decorated banquet tables. Centerpieces and coffee mugs from Friends of Kathlene Committee

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Corby introduced the Supreme Temple and Lodge Officers, Past Supreme Chiefs and Chancellors and our Oregon Pythians. The room looked lovely with decorations made by Barbara Christopher – “flying angels” with the motto “Spread Sunshine” adorned each table – and – for each attendee, there was a sparkly angel pin! SC Kathlene spoke to the audience assembled and told them how much every person in that room meant to her. Each individual who was invited to the SC's Breakfast has a special significance for her. Many are family members or part of the Pacific Northwest Staff who all traveled so far to be a part of this Supreme Convention. Others have been special friends over the years as Kathlene has traveled and met so many wonderful Pythians around North America. Still others are people who have done much to advance Pythianism in the world. Brother Tim came forward and thanked SC Kathlene for being a true Pythian partner for the past two years. Then he presented her with a gift of amethyst jewelry from Nova Scotia and a set of magnolia salt & pepper shakers that he had brought from North Carolina and some lavender treats to help her relax when her duties as Supreme Chief were completed. Kathlene's father, brother and sisters came forward and gave SC Kathlene a beautiful purple bouquet of flowers with their love and best wishes for her Supreme Sessions. After the formal breakfast was over, many Pythians came up to greet SC Kathlene and give her best wishes for her Supreme Sessions which would begin the following day.

Sunday afternoon Arlene Hayward presided over the Joint Opening Ceremonies which began with the Processional of Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple Officers. It was a proud moment for Oregon as the bagpipes began and Supreme Chief Kathlene was escorted down the aisle. Oregon was also honored to have Shelley Corby selected to bring in the Pythian Sisters flag. The Joint Memorial followed with Co-Chairs Connie Edwards, SR Iowa and Supreme Prelate Dan Cowan presiding. The theme was “Precious Memories.” They used votive candles and Pythian colors along with readings “My Dad's Hands” and “Ever Close in Mind and Heart.” Among those memorialized was PSC Ethel Nellist from British Columbia. She was Supreme Chief 10 years ago when Oregon's Darrell Henry was Supreme Chancellor.

Sunday evening 442 Pythians, family and friends enjoyed a fine meal at the Joint Supreme Banquet. The Sisters and Knights of the Friends of Kathlene Committee decorated the tables with the purple floral centerpieces from Oregon. In addition, each place setting had a cobalt blue coffee mug with the names of SC Kathlene and SC Tim written in gold. The mugs were filled with treats of filberts and coffee from Oregon, as well as tea and shortbread cookies from the Maritimes' Supreme Convention Committee. The Supreme Temple and Lodge Officers were seated at the two-tiered head tables at the front of the room. Dignitaries were introduced and several speeches were given. SC Kathlene presented Brother Tim McLaurin with a Supreme Chief's Award in recognition of his two years of serving as Supreme Chancellor and being such a fine Pythian Partner to the Pythian Sisters. SC Kathlene gave a gift of a book on the Pacific Northwest to Doug McCollum for his bagpipe music and to Eugene Mattinson for his work on the 2006 Convention Committee. She gave Supreme Chief's Awards and gifts to Brian McGuire, Mabel Lowther and Bill Field for their exemplary work in chairing the 2006 Supreme Convention Committee.

Monday morning - Supreme Temple and Supreme Lodge sessions began. From what Kathlene was told, the Sisters' convention went well and both

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A Supreme Time in Halifax (continued)

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Knights and Sisters were proud of her for a job well done, especially given some unusual circumstances of the Knights' Supreme Lodge convention which impacted the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters. (Only 6 weeks prior to the conclusion of his 2-year term as Supreme Chancellor, Brother McLaurin was pushed out of office and replaced by his successor SVC Mead who wound up running the Supreme Council and Supreme Lodge meetings.) Because of the change of Supreme Chancellor, the Sisters' traditional Formal Opening of Supreme Temple did not take its usual form. Many of the Supreme Temple Officers' escorts and family members who normally take part in the Sisters Opening Ceremony were forced to choose between being with the Sisters or being present for the opening of Supreme Lodge. Duty came first for our Brother Knights, so SC Kathlene was disappointed that our five Oregon Brother Knights could not be present at her Supreme Temple Formal Opening: PSC Darrell Henry, SR John Lacy, SR Wylie Nichols, PDSC Don Lacy and PSR Mark Erickson. SC Kathlene offers her special thanks to Brothers Bruce Stevens, CW Ross, Lee Compton, Edmund Wetterwald and Duane Johnson who served as flag handlers and escorts for the Supreme Temple Formal Opening on Monday morning. She also thanks Betty Alexander who served as MC, Linda Reyburn as Soloist and the members of the Pacific Northwest Staff for the beautiful job they did at the Opening Ceremonies.

Our Supreme Sessions continued on each day until the Knights concluded with their Installation on Wednesday afternoon where SC Kathlene asked Supreme Junior Sheila Stooksberry to bring Supreme Temple's greetings to the Knights. The Sisters sessions concluded with the Installation of Officers on Thursday afternoon. Special treats during the Sisters sessions were staff work provided by the Pacific Northwest Staff and the Mineral Wells Misfits from Mineral Wells, Texas. Also, beautiful music and song were provided by Supreme Temple Musicians Rosalind Oliver and Ruth Heuer and soloists Linda Reyburn and Vivian Warwick. Kathlene had planned to end her sessions with our Re-Obligation Ceremony—for two reasons: first, it is a lovely ceremony designed to exemplify our sublime principles as well as leave everyone feeling united before they part company; and, because it was written by Oregon's PGC Cobie De Lepinasse. This Ceremony was approved for use by the 1954 Supreme Temple in session.

Wednesday evening Oregon's Sherri Sievert, as President of the International Grand Secretary-Grand Treasurers' Association presided over their banquet. It was a lovely evening where SC Kathlene, Supreme Secretary Linda Bridges and Supreme Treasurer Margaret Grochocki were recognized by being seated at the head table. Sherri gave SC Kathlene gifts of an Oregon wind chime and a candleholder decorated with a purple iris. SC Kathlene, S.Junior Sheila and S. Secretary Linda were honored to install the association's new officers: Sandra Symons, President, Beverley Dalton, Vice President and Aida Leone, Secretary.

Other special events during the week were Monday evening's off-site tour of Pier 21, Canada's Ellis Island where we enjoyed a meal of lobster and crab rolls and the music of a lively local group from New Brunswick. Tuesday evening we had a one-hour harbor cruise and a lobster dinner at Murphy's Restaurant on the wharf. At the Incoming Supreme Officers' Banquet on Thursday evening, PSC Elnora Gorman served as MC and our new Supreme Chief Audrey Compton and Supreme Chancellor David Mead were honored. The evening concluded with presentation of a large check to the Isaac Walton Hospital from the Pythians in memory of Sir Ron Dickinson, Honorary PSC. All in all, "a supreme time" for all who traveled to Halifax!



SC's Kathlene Lacy & Tim McLaurin enter banquet hall



ST Margaret Grochocki & Duane Johnson at banquet



Pauline Terry at Pier 21



Fay Robinson at Banquet



Oregon Pythians ready for tour!



Darrell and Wylie at Pier 21



Mark Erickson and SC Kathlene



Don Lacy enjoying Lobster Dinner



Pythian Emblem in Public Garden



Risa and Juanita at Peggy's Cove

Poster Contest Offers New Look~ By Don Lacy



Supreme Lodge 1st Place Poster 2006

The Knights of Pythias International Poster / Visual Arts Contest entries next year are likely to be like a bolt from the blue. In the past high school students were not allowed to use paste-ups, collages, stenciling, photos, or computer graphics. Everything had to be hand drawn, hand lettered and hand colored. This year Supreme Lodge changed the rules to allow: "any two-dimensional medium may be used including computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting, etc." The Supreme Committee even developed a colored poster and brochure for us to use. (Patterned after those designed in Oregon last year.) Oregon's poster will be slightly different from the Supreme Lodge poster as we try to adapt to our subordinate and Grand Lodge contests.

The theme to be portrayed for the 2006 – 2007 contest is, "Be a Friend When it Counts." This is particularly appropriate for our order. Lodge representatives at Grand Lodge will receive packets of advertising posters, brochures and sample letters to assist them with distribution of the materials to their surrounding high schools. Every lodge in the domain except one took part in last year's contest. Fellows, ask the Sisters to assist you in this youth

activity. Ladies, as the fellows are shy, bashful and naive, use the Dogpatch Style of Daisy Mae and volunteer to be partners.

As this year's chairman, again, I want to thank Kathlene and Darrell for many hours over the past couple of years doing much of the computer graphics on the posters and brochures that we have used.

This year's posters will be on display at Grand Sessions including the top three places at the international contest and all entries submitted to Grand Lodge for the statewide contest. Our OPN Editor photographed these entries, and is printing reduced size posters for display. He has graciously agreed to print a reduced size copy of the advertising poster we are using in Oregon.

Don Lacy

Knights of Pythias
Poster / Visual Arts Contest

2007 Poster Theme:
"Be a Friend When it Counts"

International Prize Awards:
1st Place \$1,000
2nd Place \$500
3rd Place \$250
4th through 8th Place \$100 Each

WHO MAY COMPETE
Open to students enrolled in ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades of any junior or senior high school (public or parochial) in the United States or Canada.

HOW TO ENTER
Contact Poster Contest Chairman for your area at the telephone number below for rules and guidelines.

For more information on the Poster Contest go to the Knights of Pythias website: www.pythias.org - or - email Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary at: nich7713@pacifier.com.

Poster Chairman: _____
Phone: _____

NEW Any two-dimensional medium may be used including computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting, etc.

Showdown at the Wapato Corral (Continued)

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not bad, considering this number amounts to about 15 percent of Gaston's male population.

In 1991, many of the current Knights were volunteers who had installed and maintained the city's ball fields as the Gaston Baseball Association. Their activities aroused the interest of the statewide Knights of Pythias, who sent a representative to let them know the organization's coffers were open for projects in Gaston.

"Our antennas went up, because we were always searching for money," said Chris Anderson.

"Boy, did we get suckered in," joked Don Allen.

In the ensuing years, the newly initiated Knights spent

\$20,000 – and a great deal of backbreaking work – renovating the organization's Gaston headquarters.

The Wapato Showdown partially came about because the group needed a new project after most of the remodeling was complete.

"We were bored and needed something to do – and we needed money," said Anderson.

On that count, the car show has also been a triumph. It's currently the biggest charitable fund-raising event in Gaston, with money going to the Gaston Rural Fire Department, the Booster Club, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, high school sports and other causes.

"It's a community of Gaston event," said Anderson.

Far Western Hosted by Tacoma Temple and Santha

This year, the presidents for the Far Western Conclave were to be William Hase and Denise Koranda. Unfortunately, William Hase passed to the temple above before the event was staged. Denise wondered if she could go on. The Nomads of Ala Dagh in Tacoma come through and tried to make the event go as smooth as possible. Preston Thomas as Vice-President stepped up and helped Denise with the chairing of the event. This is the one time during the year when Dokies and Nomads of British Columbia, Washington and Oregon get together to encourage and help each other with fun and friendship.

Denise opened the conclave on Saturday morning, June 24, 2006 at the King Oscar Inn. Everyone had a program and "goodie" bag in front of them lovingly prepared by the Ala Dagh Nomads. Several Past Imperial Regents were in attendance, including Duane Johnson, Jean Schlinsog and Mark Erickson, all of Oregon. Preston Thomas, Past Imperial Prince from Washington was filling in as President of the Conclave. Several of the Imperial Santha officers were also there, such as Debra Greensill, Shirley Atkinson, and Gay Rutherford all from British Columbia. Jim Rutherford, also from British

Columbia, an officer in the Imperial Palace was also present.

Denise handled the business of the conclave ably and we were able to recess for our Saturday afternoon outing.

Being very close to Fort Lewis, it was

planned to take a tour of the museum on the fort grounds. Getting into the Fort proved to be a very complicated process with one car being stopped and thoroughly searched by the fort guards before letting it pass. It was a very warm afternoon and being in the museum was refreshing. The many twists and turns within the museum proved both enlightening and informative.

The Saturday evening banquet was very well prepared by the hotel staff and served buffet style. During the banquet, Denise announced the new attendance trophy. She and William thought that with Tacoma being in the middle between Oregon and British Columbia, a new trophy was needed to celebrate total attendance. She announced to all that the new trophy will be named the William Hase Memorial Trophy. All who attended thought the evening went well.

On Sunday, the business session was concluded and the new officers installed. The new officers are Duane Johnson and Irene Clink of Oregon as Presidents. Becky Stewart of Washington was installed as Treasurer and Dan Cornett of British Columbia remained as Secretary, as did Mark Erickson of Oregon as Editor of the *Far Western Round-Up*. For those who did not receive an issue of the Round-Up during the recess of the conclave this is entirely the fault of the Editor, and he has promised to add one more year to everyone's subscription.

The destination for next year's conclave is said to be Newport, Oregon sometime during the month of June. News from the Presidents will be forthcoming. Make plans now to attend next year's conclave.

Mark Erickson



Irene Clink,
New Co-President



Duane Johnson, PIR
New Co-President



Mark Erickson, PIR, Editor
Far Western Round-Up



Robyn Neeley and mom Jean Schlinsog, PIR

P.S. Santa Needs Your Help Again This Year

Santa will appreciate volunteer elves once again this year. If you can help out by assisting Santa on the visitations to shelters, senior centers and other events please contact Wylie Nichols by phone at 503-246-6174. He has volunteered to keep a schedule of events and assistants for the Northern part of the state.



In addition, your holiday gifts of new packaged toys, lap robes, and other usable items, and of course, cash donations to pay for film and purchase needed gift items, will be very appreciated as well.

If you have such gifts please bring them to the Altruistic Luncheon at the Grand Sessions.

Proposed Legislation for Knights Grand Lodge Convention

Amendment of Grand Statutes, Division I, Chapter XVII, Statute 1.17.011 Members Only Vote

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Oregon, that the Grand Statutes, Division I, Chapter XVII, Statute 1.17.011 which reads:

1.17.011 Members Only Vote

Voting in the Grand Lodge shall be confined to members comprising the Legislative Department of the Grand Government. No individual shall be permitted to cast more than one vote.

Be amended by adding, “Additionally, Chancellor Commanders who have served six months of a twelve month term, may apply to the Credentials Committee and receive the right to vote in the next Grand Lodge Convention as a Grand Representative of their lodge.” and when so amended and renumbered shall read:

1.17.012 Members Only Vote

Voting in the Grand Lodge shall be confined to members comprising the Legislative Department of the Grand Government. Additionally, Chancellor Commanders who have served six months of a twelve month term, may apply to the Credentials Committee and receive the right to vote in the next Grand Lodge Convention as a Grand Representative of their lodge. No individual shall be permitted to cast more than one vote.

Submitted by,
/s/ A. Jerry Girard, PGC

Amendment of Grand Statutes, Division II, Chapter IV, Statute 2.4.01 Election of Officers

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Oregon, that the Grand Statutes, Division II, Chapter IV, Statute 2.4.01 which reads:

2.4.01 Election of Officers

The elective officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Master at Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who shall be elected annually or semiannually at the option of each Subordinate Lodge as may be prescribed by its By-Laws. All elections shall be by separate ballot and shall be held at the first regular meeting in December, if held annually, and at the first regular meetings in June and December, if held semiannually, and the term of office shall begin on the first regular meeting night in the month following the election. Provided, however, that the Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the first regular meeting in the month of December and serve for one year from the first day of January succeeding.

Be Amended by Striking all, replacing with following so that when amended and renumbered shall read:

2.4.02 Election of Officers

The elective officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Prelate, Master of Work, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Master at Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard, who shall be elected semiannually. All elections shall be by separate ballot and shall be held at the first regular meeting in June and December, and the term of office shall begin on the first regular meeting night in the month following the election. Provided, however, that the Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected at the first regular meeting in the month of December and serve for one year from the first day of January succeeding.

Submitted by:
/s/ Wylie F. Nichols, PSR

Amendment of Grand Statutes, Division I, Chapter I, Statute 1.1.151 Grand Council – Pythian Publication

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Oregon, that the Grand Statutes, Division I, Chapter I, Statute 1.1.151 which reads:

1.1.151 Grand Council - Pythian Publication

That the Grand Council be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to edit and publish a Pythian Publication at such time as it seems advisable. The cost of said publication to this Grand Lodge shall not exceed the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars per annum. (Amended 2003)

Be amended by striking all, replacing with the following so that when so 1.1.152 Grand Council - Pythian Publication

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That the Grand Council be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to edit and publish a Pythian Publication at such time as it seems advisable. The cost to print and distribute said publication to this Grand Lodge shall not exceed the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) Dollars per annum.

Submitted by
/s/ Wylie F. Nichols, PSR

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Proposed Legislation ~ Continued

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Amendment of Grand Constitution, Article VI, Amendments to Grand Constitution, Section 2

Be it enacted by the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Domain of Oregon, that the Grand Constitution, Article VI, Section 2 which reads:

Section 2. Procedure

All proposed Amendments to this Grand Constitution shall be signed by a voting member of this Grand Lodge, and submitted in writing to the office of the Grand Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next annual convention. The Grand Secretary shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention, forward copies of such proposed Amendments to each subordinate lodge and publish the same in an Oregon Pythian publication, if available. All proposed Amendments as received shall be distributed to committees without further amending. The committees shall forward to the Grand Lodge any amendments to the proposed Amendments at the time of their report to the Grand Lodge. Each amendment so proposed will be decided by the Grand Lodge one at a time. After all reports on the proposed Amendments shall have been received, it will be proper for amendments to the proposed Amendments to be submitted from the floor. (Amended 2002)

Be amended by striking, "each subordinate lodge and publish same in an Oregon Pythian publication, if available." And adding, "each Past Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge Officer, registered Grand Representative and Lodge Secretary of the Domain of Oregon, at their last known address." So that when amended it shall read:

Section 2. Procedure

All proposed Amendments to this Grand Constitution shall be signed by a voting member of this Grand Lodge, and submitted in writing to the office of the Grand Secretary at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the next annual convention. The Grand Secretary shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual convention, forward copies of such proposed Amendments to each Past Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge Officer, registered Grand Representative and Lodge Secretary of the Domain of Oregon, at their last known address. All proposed Amendments as received shall be distributed to committees without further amending. The committees shall forward to the Grand Lodge any amendments to the proposed Amendments at the time of their report to the Grand Lodge. Each amendment so proposed will be decided by the Grand Lodge one at a time. After all reports on the proposed Amendments shall have been received, it will be proper for amendments to the proposed Amendments to be submitted from the floor.

Fraternally submitted,

/s/ Mike Stone, Grand Master at Arms

/s/ Jerry Girard, Supreme Representative

/s/ Wylie Nichols, Grand Secretary

Pythian News from Damon # 4 Pendleton ~ By Scott Hancock



Family Camp Fun 06

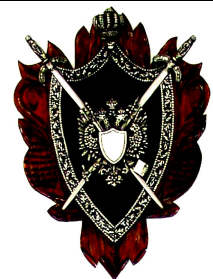
6/24/06 The Lodge held a family picnic on our property at Meacham Lake. It was potluck with the lodge supplying the main menu plus dish. About 40 people attended with two visitors from Portland.

7/10/06 The Lodge has a new sign for our building and it was installed. The sign touts the fact that Damon supports youth activities and is the oldest Knights of Pythias Lodge in Oregon.

7/17/06 The Lodge installed a new sign in the entrance of our lodge hall with a welcome to all visitors.

The remainder of the summer has been quiet and hot. Most of our members are involved in some way with the Roundup (Sept 13-16) as volunteers.

It will be October before our lodge members get back to lodge work as they have been involved in sports camps, fairs, baseball teams and other community activities this summer.



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October 23rd—Pythian Sisters Anniversary

The first Pythian Sister Temple was organized in Warsaw, Indiana on October 23, 1888 based on the ritual which was written by our founder, Joseph Addison Hill. If you don't already have your own Anniversary Celebration planned, make our anniversary a special day by reading a portion of our ritual and discussing the meaning of Mr. Hill's finely crafted words which are based on the wonder of nature and harmony in the world.

October 28th - Make A Difference Day 2006

In 2005 Pythians across North America participated in "Make A Difference Day" as a special day to help others as well as to gain more public awareness for the Pythian Order. Make plans now to participate in 2006 Make A Difference Day on October 28th. Any of our traditional Pythian projects qualify. Just hold your activity on Saturday, October 28th and fill out the entry form on website: www.makeadifferenceday.com. To get credit at Supreme Temple, send a copy of the form or article on your project to PSC Georgia Jean Byrd.

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**Call Now ~ The deadline for
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convention rates is
September 30th.**

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Direct Dial: 1-541-265-7701

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Have you registered for the convention — and — made your meal reservations?

The registration form was a
separate "slip sheet" in the June
issue of the OPN. Please mail to
arrive by October 5th.

*If you need another copy of the
registration form contact Grand
Secretary Wylie Nichols
or Shelley Corby.
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