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If you haven't already made your plans for Oregon Grand now is the time to call Shilo Inn (all guestrooms have an ocean view!) to make your hotel reservations—and—send in your meal reservation form to Carol Jenkins. (If you need another copy of the form, contact GC Charlie, GC Sarah or G. Sec Wylie or Shelley.)

Oregon Grand starts on Friday, October 12th with registration in the morning. The Joint Opening and Memorial are at 2pm followed by social time in the Hospitality Room. This year Hillsboro Pythians will be the host for the Hospitality Room in support of GC Charlie VanDomelen and GC Sarah Murchison. They'll have beverages and light refreshments for everyone's enjoyment. Of course there will be cribbage boards and dominoes too so we can continue our annual challenges.

Convention continues with banquets on Friday night—again, followed by time in the Hospitality Room.

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Saturday morning we get down to business. Midday we'll have the Friendship Luncheon, then back to business in the afternoon. Saturday evening is the time for our Grand Banquet.

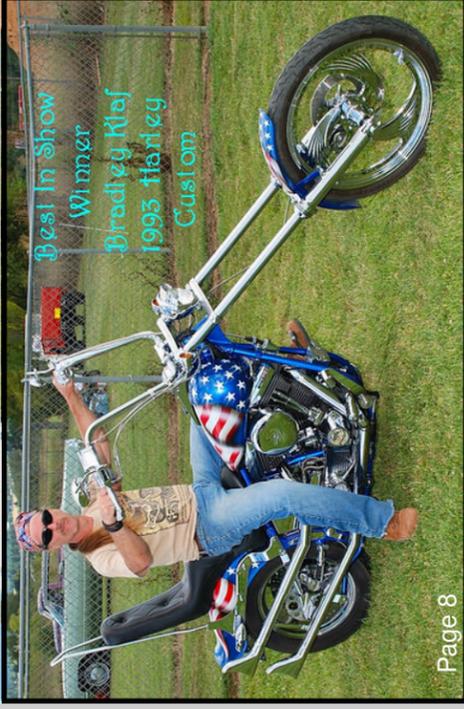
Sunday Morning starts with the Fun for Funds Breakfast and the many prizes the Pythian Sisters bring to the convention. We'll also be drawing for the Grand Chief's prizes. After breakfast we go back to meetings until time for the Altruistic Luncheon. Don't forget to bring your teddy bears, stuffed animals and checks for Share the Spirit or any other Altruistic Causes we support. Sunday is also the time for the Installation of our new Grand Officers. Plan to be there to support them!

In between functions, enjoy great Pythian fellowship and go for walks on the beach.



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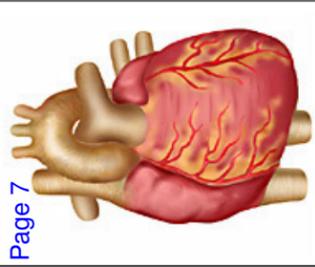
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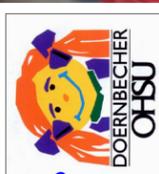
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fraternal
love held all
men bound,
what a
wonderful
world it
would be.



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Plan a community service activity on 10-27-07 and Make-A-Difference in someone's life.

Report your activity under the name of the Pythians via the MakeADifferenceDay.com website—and—report it to PSC Georgia Jean Byrd.

If any questions, contact SPSC Kathlene Lacy.

Grand Secretary Shelley's Comments ~

Hope everyone had a nice summer. I am busy preparing for Grand Session, looking over forms, reports and checking inventory of things to take to Newport. As of this writing I have received over half of the reports from our Temples and have called the ones who didn't report.



I can't believe the year is almost up and we will be meeting again in Newport soon. I look forward to meeting with everyone and having members of my home Temple, Grand Chief Sarah Murchison and Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen, leading our sessions. They have many interesting and important activities planned. We will have the usual Opening and Memorial on Friday followed by the Banquet that evening. Saturday we get down to business with our

meetings and the fun at the Grand Banquet that follows. Sunday we wrap-up with the Fun for Funds breakfast, meetings, Altruistic Luncheon and Installations then it's off to home again. Hope we have time to get our feet wet on the beach too. Sometimes we are so busy we don't take time to have fun.

We lost one of our PGRO this summer, Ona Harwood Past Grand Secretary passed away on July 1 at the age of 79. I didn't know her but from the obituary I read she was a very active lady. We will remember her and the other Sisters and Brothers at our Memorial Ceremony at Grand Session. That's all for now. See you at Grand Session in Newport.

Shelley

Past Grand Chiefs' Association ~ By Vesta Poteete

Oregon's Past Grand Chiefs' Association will meet Friday evening at Grand Temple session followed by our annual banquet, after which we'll welcome our newest PGC, Sarah Murchison. This year we'll be resuming our fundraising activities with a Baked Goods Sale in the Hospitality Room. So it's time for all the PGCs from around the state to get out your favorite recipes and put your apron on! Bring your home-made cookies, candies and breads to Grand for everyone to enjoy! I look forward to seeing you at the Hospitality Room on Friday afternoon—and, whenever it's open for social time for our members!



Southern Oregon Happenings ~

The annual Southern Oregon picnic was held in July in Grants Pass. It was beautiful day, with entertainment (outdoor wedding across the park), great food and fellowship.

Approximately 30 people attended, including a group from the Hillsboro Pythians. Included in the Hillsboro Pythian group were John and Judy Murchison, Kathlene Lacy, Darrell Henry, and Jerry and Jacquie Girard.

Our new member, and longtime Pythian participant, Michael Lozano, received recognition via a certificate and letter from the President of the United States, George W. Bush. This award is in recognition of Michael's generous community service. Congratulations, Michael and thanks for all that you do!



Southern Oregon Pythians and guests soaking up the sun and being entertained by Fido.

History Corner ~ By Kaye Pomerleau, PSR, GPC

HELMETTA TEMPLE NO. 29

Helmetta Temple was instituted on April 24, 1901, by Lillian Brock, Grand Chief. There were 30 Sisters and 33 Brother Knights as Charter Members:

SISTERS

Letitia Holden
Francis D. Winter
Ida Stevens
Grace Holden
Blanche Willoughby
Orphia Poindexter
Tina Hunter
Arvella Eccelston
Beth Alexander
Susie Gibbs

Elthea Yorlan
Florence Taylor
Ada Hammond
Ada Armitage
Gertrude Bushnell
Leona Waddle
Lena Kauffman
Anna Kirk
Martha Mathews
Lola Brady

H. A. Watts
Hattie Taylor
Mora Kaufman
Helen Huston
Annie Taylor
Fannie Hemeniway
Arvilla Powell
Ora Jackson
Maggie Summerville
Anna Bushnell

Elthea Yorlan was our first Past Chief, Letitia Holden was the first Most Excellent Chief and Orphia Poindexter was Guard. They met on Thursday nights when this Temple first started. The names suggested for consideration were Vernon, Helmetta or Myrtle. Of course, Helmetta was the selected name for this Temple.

BROTHER KNIGHTS

J. O. Watts
Welby Stevens
H. A. Vincent
Edwin Bushnell
Frank L. Poindexter
A. R. Woodcock
O. E. Roberts
E. R. Davior
H. C. Hunter
G. O. Powell
M. O. Warner

R. W. Griffin
F. L. Armitage
Otto Gilstrap
R. S. Huston
D. E. Yorlan
G. W. Griffen
S. W. Taylor
R. A. Bushnell
J. D. Hamlin
W. H. Alexander
Warner Brown

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Year 1980

Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF) budgeted funds for five grants to be awarded during the 2006-2007 & 2007-2008 school years at \$400 per grant. The grants for 2006-2007 were paid and sent to the colleges attended by Stephanie Burton, McMinnville; Sara Murphy, Forest Grove; Sara Steele, Gaston; Karl Loree, College Place, Wa.; and Sarah Peal, Pendleton. Grants were awarded for 2007-2008 to Michael Durfee, Carlton; Kathryn Cox, Newberg; Bryson Gundlach, Pendleton; Sarah Murphy, Forest Grove; Karl Loree, College Place, Wa.



indication of growth and steady Grants being awarded.

Respectfully,
Chris Anderson
Chairman, OPCEF

Far Western Conclave a Success

The Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan and the Nomads of Avrudakka held their Far Western convention in Newport, Oregon over the weekend of



Attendees gathered for group photo

June 8 through June 10. Members from Oregon, Washington and British Columbia gathered for a weekend of business, fun and camaraderie. There were 34 members plus 2 guests in attendance.

Recognition is due Irene Clink for putting together this very successful event. She was co-president with Duane Johnson who had been quite ill and was not able to participate as much as he would like to have. Irene, being the trooper she is, accepted the responsibility and



Duane Johnson and Irene Clink Conclave Chairpersons

pulled her team together to make it happen. Duane very graciously presented corsages to both Irene and Betty in recognition of their efforts.

In addition to the business to be conducted, arrangements had been made for lunch at Mo's famous restaurant in Newport.

The group toured the Newport Aquarium for several hours on Saturday afternoon. The aquarium was very interesting and educational for all who attended.



Kathlene with life size painting of largest crab species in the world.

Next year's convention is scheduled to be held in Vancouver, BC. If you want to meet some great people and have a fun time on Grouse Mountain keep this upcoming event in mind.



The Skyride at Grouse Mountain near Vancouver, BC

Value Judgments

A local hardware store prices items according to a certain logic. A nail costs 30 cents, a hammer costs 50 cents and a pot costs twenty-five cents. Under the same system, how much will a frying pan cost?

(Answer: 10 cents per ounce and 5 cents per inch)

Supreme Master at Arms to Attend Oregon Grand Convention

The Honorable Jerry Deitch, Supreme Master at Arms, will be attending our October Convention representing Supreme Chancellor David Meade.

Brother Jerry learned humility in his spartan upbringing in Brooklyn, New York. He was tested for bravery as a frogman on the Normandy Beaches and Lwo Jima. He has shown compassion for ill and injured as an executive of a volunteer community ambulance Corporation. Jerry also serves as a CPR and first aid instructor for the American Red Cross.

Brother Jerry was division sales manager for a Fortune 500 Company and after serving as a Navy



Sir Jerry Deitch
SMA

Seal he spent 14 years in the Naval Reserves. He retired at the age of 50 from the Fortune 500 Company and went back to school to become a paramedic. Jerry is now fully retired and dedicates all of his energy to the Pythian Order.

The Grand Domain of New York awarded Brother Jerry the honor of becoming a Knight of the Golden Spur in 1991. He was serving his 3rd year as Grand Secretary of that Domain.

Jerry transferred his membership to Nevada in 1993 and was elected Grand Chancellor in 2002. He continues to serve the Order in Supreme Lodge positions.

Please take a moment to introduce yourself to this gentleman. He deserves a warm Oregon welcome.

Hillsboro Pythians Fun Day at Rice Museum ~ By Irene Clink

On Sunday, July 29th the Hillsboro Pythians, family and friends had another Fun Day. Judy and John Murchison hosted a picnic at their home. There was lots of food and fourteen people to enjoy it.



After eating, we then took a tour of the Rice Museum of Rocks and Minerals. Fifteen people were on the tour. It is a large display with a great variety of rocks and minerals.

They are well labeled and tell where they are from and when found or mined.

The group then went into the house to see how the rocks were used in hearths and other ways. There was a short film clip showing where and how one of the famous crystals had been mined. I found it very interesting.



Jacquie Girard (back to camera) and Judy Murchison marveling over the rock and mineral displays.

Photo by Jerry Girard

Relay for Life ~ By Phil Murphy



Once again the Hillsboro Pythians were involved in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life program. The Relay for Life program is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to honor and remember those who have touched our lives but have lost the battle with cancer. It is also an opportunity for us to support our friends and acquaintances in their on going personal battle. In addition, it is an opportunity for each of us to help to fund the research and care expenses for those in this battle.

This year the Hillsboro Pythian Relay for Life team worked to earn money for this cause. We have been involved in rummage sales, bingo parties, spaghetti dinners and soliciting donations for luminaria recognizing family and acquaintances. In total the Hillsboro Pythians were able to raise and donate \$800. The Hillsboro Relay in total raised over \$101,000! This is a new record for the three year old Hillsboro Relay group.

Many members have been involved this year. John Lacy is a committee chair for ACS Relay for Life. Phil Murphy was our Team Captain. Many supported the spaghetti and bingo events. Eighteen members, family and friends walked in the Relay this year.

There were many events going on during the relay including each team working in the concession stand. Our team decorated our site in stars and we sold some small star shaped tins of candy to increase our donations. There was a silent auction, quilt sale, hair donations to 'Locks of Love', live music and lots more.

Chi Corby has volunteered to be our team captain for next year, so let's start planning for the next Relay!

I also wish to thank all of those who came to our fundraisers, helped with our different events and came down to the relay to cheer us on! Thank you! Hope to see you there next year!

Doernbecher Child Life ~



I have a giant thank you for Darrell Henry for offering up the idea of the fundraiser dinners. They were a huge success and lots of fun! The first, at Darrell's house, was a wonderful evening of great food, tasty wine and lots of laughs. I enjoyed seeing how Darrell put together his event before trying one of my own.

It was a lot of work, but I had lots of help! Mom and Dad (Judy and John Murchison) were kind enough to let me have the dinner at their house, which made the evening possible for the group of 13 people.



Larry, Sarah and Karen serving up the dessert!

Hosting a sit-down dinner for that many people gave me an appreciation for how coordinated and organized Darrell made his dinner. I had a lot of fun planning and organizing my dinner and I hope all the attendees enjoyed themselves. I have to thank my sister, Karen, her friend, Martha, and my boyfriend, Larry, for all the help in the kitchen! With their help, everything came together quite well. The weather cooperated nicely and half of the group got to eat outside under the trees. Thank you very much for all who attended both dinners!

I personally would like to see these fun and profitable dinners continue. Anyone can host a dinner and continue the fundraising efforts for our Grand Chief's projects! For those interested in how it works, we charged \$25 per person and the hosts donated their time and costs (which are tax deductible since we are a not-for-profit). From just two dinners, we earned \$635! Doernbecher Child Life Department thanks you all!

Happy eating :) Sarah Murchison, GC

Gaston Good Days Parade and Wapato Showdown

On August 24 and 25 Gaston Lodge 104 sponsored the annual Gaston Good Days Parade and Wapato Showdown car show. The parade, sponsored by Pythian Ron Bates, was another success with floats, horses, classic cars and other entries. Hundreds of people lined the parade route.

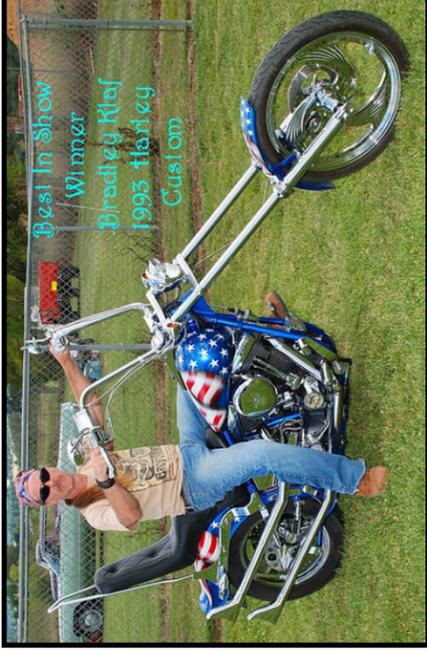
Three hundred twenty steak dinners, sponsored by the Gaston Market, were served by the Gaston Booster Club after the parade.

On Saturday the big event was the Wapato Car Showdown. It was one of most successful shows with 363 cars and motorcycles displayed.

Submitted by Ed Yates

Photos Courtesy of:
Fred & Ruby's Place - powered by SmugMug

Editor's Note: The Wapato Showdown is a community fundraising event sponsored by Gaston Lodge. The proceeds benefit many community organizations, including youth sports, school needs, volunteer fire department, etc. GREAT PROJECT GUYS!!



Bradley Klaf showing his 1993 Harley Custom, Best in Show Winner.



Winner of the Parr Lumber Trophy, Tom Smith, showing his 1967 Chevy Camaro.

OPN Business Manager Comments

OREGON PYTHIAN NEWS of and for Oregon Pythians

The OPN experienced a stable year financially. All operating expenses are current and it has no debts. The OPN received two special donations from “**Silver Drills**”. Thank you, PYTHIAN SISTERS.

Readership is more stable and reflective of our Domain/Jurisdiction membership. The updating of the mail list is now an ongoing function, rather than a major task.

We are starting our fourth year under the leadership of Editor Darrell Henry.

The layout and design, working with the writers, enhancing photographs; along with Kathlene Lacy's editing skills produce the excellent publication you receive quarterly.

The future is bright for the OREGON PYTHIAN NEWS!

Wylie
Business Manager

Garlic Lovers Drawn to Stink Fest ~ By Russ Sheldon

The 10th annual North Plains Elephant Garlic Festival was held on August 10-12, 2007 at the Jessie Mays Community Center. Thousands attended the event over its three day run.

“It was busier than last year's festival,” said Patti Burns. The crowds were heavy on Friday night and Saturday evening and demand for garlic offerings was perhaps the greatest ever. The Garlic Ice Cream ran out on Saturday afternoon before an incoming load arrived for re-supply. With the Blue Angels shrieking across clear blue skies and balmy temperatures Saturday, the garlic treats were in high demand throughout the entire festival.



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 perhaps two potential new members this year. The Garlic Festival Beer Garden is a important

Jim Andrews ~ Glencoe Knight Selling Script



event for the Glencoe Knights. It provides a great source of funds, connection with our community and recognition for our order.



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“Trying Times Are No Time to Quit Trying” ~ Sarah Murchison, GC

Dear Oregon Pythians:

As Grand Temple approaches, my motto comes to mind, “Trying Times Are No Time to Quit Trying!” Many people have put in *hours* of work so that we all can enjoy our time at Grand. Hopefully, many of you will be able to join us at the beach in Newport on October 12th, 13th and 14th. Remember to get your registration forms and meal orders in ASAP!

By now, the Past Grand Chiefs and the Temples should have received my letter outlining the committee assignments for Grand Temple. We already have changes that are needed.

This is completely understandable, but if there are any more, please let me know as soon as possible so alternate plans can be arranged.

I have had a very nice year as your Grand Chief. I would like to thank everyone for the courtesies extended to me everywhere I went. You were all very kind and I was fed very well all over Oregon! I especially enjoyed visiting and seeing Sisters that I do not normally have a chance to interact with. Thank you, gals.

It does not seem possible that my year as Grand Chief is almost over. The time has flown by. Unfortunately, with all of the other Pythian and personal activities happening, the tour of the Doernbecher Child Life Department will not be rescheduled. Thank you all for your generous support of my project throughout this past year. I know Doernbecher’s will appreciate every penny we can give them.



Sarah Murchison

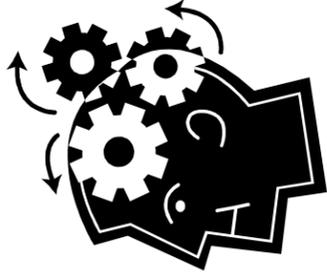


Only Strange Minds Can Read This

This is weird, but interesting!

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A Heartbeat Away ~ By Colin Brown

Hermes Lodge #56 in Aurora found itself challenged by the Grand Chancellor's request to take up the cause of our own town by raising money for one heart defibrillator – or more. Having lost one of our members a year ago to a heart attack, it hit close to home.

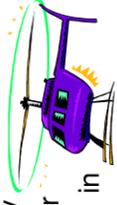
At my own company, we had recently taken the initiative to purchase these for our own company units – trying to put at least one on each floor of the company. I had been trained on the devices – as did all of our safety wardens on each floor. After installation, we had two heart incidents within the month.

So I knew that these devices are worth their weight in gold. In Aurora the need was becoming quite acute. One of the Woodburn ambulances used to be stationed there – with the Aurora Fire Brigade - but, due to cutbacks, was no longer there – and the lack of the devices that had been on the ambulance was a risk.



A number of us went around local businesses and homes and put out little flyers to raise donations of gifts for a “Knights Sale” to be held at the same time as Aurora’s well-attended Colony Days celebration.

We got a telephone call from local “Life Flight” helicopter ambulance service, which had heard about the effort. They said that they actually had a \$25,000 defibrillator unit, which would not work so well in their helicopters and would be willing to donate it to our Fire Brigade. We put them in touch with the Fire Brigade and now it seems possible that two such machines will be donated to the city’s needs.



We held our sale on the second weekend in August and were able to come up with the funds that the State organization (Grand Lodge and their Foundation) will match to purchase one of the automated defibrillators that will be gifted to the city. If the Fire Brigade has enough, we hope that perhaps it will be gifted to the local high school. Thanks to our State Organization for throwing out a dream and encouraging us to run after it to catch it. It will no doubt save lives.

Grand Chancellor’s Comments

This was a busy year. The officers and I stayed busy with official and fraternal visits and enjoyed meeting everyone at all of the lodges. I’m proud to announce that we were successful in securing matching funds for the Defibrillator project. Eight lodges will be participating in the Grand Chancellor’s Project this year. The Automated External Defibrillators (AED) have been ordered and will be distributed at Grand Lodge. The Grand Chancellor’s project is keyed around membership and ways to increase the ranks. I’m asking that as



Charlie Van Domelen
Grand Chancellor