



News for and About Oregon Pythians

Oregon Pythian News

Congratulations Wapato Temple & Roseburg Lodge!

ROSEBURG ALPHA # 47 LODGE

We are glad to announce that Roseburg's Alpha # 47 Lodge had their Charter returned to them on May 22, 2018.

Grand Chancellor Don Allen with assistance of fellow **Knight Mike Howard**, obligated 10 new members and officially declared the Lodge reopened. With the ten new members, they now have a total of 13 members.

Aaron Justice was elected Chancellor Commander and **Brandon Brumback** as Secretary/Treasurer.

I would like to give **Mike Howard** a big "THANK YOU" for all the help he has given to get Roseburg Lodge up and running again.

Congratulations to our new Lodge and all its new members and "GOOD LUCK".

Pictured left to right, front row: **Danny Thomas, Brandon Brumback, Darrell Foster**. Back row: **Colton Thomas, Mike Malone, Aaron Justice, Andrew Clark, Tim Rasmussen**. Not pictured: **Chris Foster and Allan Rott**.

Article and Photos submitted by GC Don Allen



WAPATO TEMPLE #47—GASTON'S NEW PYTHIAN SISTERS TEMPLE

On May 10, 2018 a new Pythian Sisters Temple was instituted in Gaston, Oregon. This is a very enthusiastic group of ladies who are excited about helping their community with volunteer activities. The new Sisters selected a new name for their Temple: Wapato #47. (The previous Temple at this location was named Lakeview #56.)

Grand Chief Maureen Murphy served as the Instituting Officer with assistance from **Barb Christopher, Shelley Corby and Kathlene Henry**.

The new Sisters formed the staff so they got to participate in the floor work and have the designs of the Pythian symbols of Love, Equality, Fidelity and Purity explained as the ceremony proceeded.

The Sisters had refreshments at the hall and it was a very festive occasion. Initially they were meeting on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, however they decided to switch to 1st and 3rd Thursdays to accommodate the schedules of their members.

We wish them much success.

Article and Photos submitted by Shelley Corby



Grand Chancellor Don's Message



As Grand Chancellor, I'm going to try and motivate the Knights into Action. Take a look at our members, we are mostly old. Youth is the answer to our membership, but we also need all the old guys too. When I joined over 27 years ago, I said look at all the "old farts," now I am a "old fart!" We are becoming the "old farts club," and we need to correct this.

I have been working with several of the Lodges to try to increase our membership. **Forest grove has 5 new members, Hillsboro 5 new members, Eugene 3 and Gaston 3 new members.** This is a good start, but more needs to done.

We have completed visits to all Lodges with the last one at **Grants Pass** on April 15, 2018.

The biggest news is we re-opened **Roseburg Lodge**. We had our first meeting on April 14th at the Roseburg Lodge Building. We started by inviting 3 members and about 10 prospects to attend. We welcome any help that we can get with this project.

I would like to welcome our new **Wapato Temple Pythian Sisters Temple** which re-opened in Gaston. Their first informational meeting had about 15 ladies in attendance. They were instituted on May 10th with 13 Sisters being initiated. We need to give credit to **David Bates** for spearheading this project and **Grand Chief Maureen Murphy, Shelley Corby, Barb Christopher and Kathlene Henry** for helping out at their 4 organizational meetings.



On March 17th, the Knights had a float in the Murphy's St. Patrick's Day parade in Hillsboro. We had 12 members and 3 kids on and walking with the float. Only problem was that **Ed Yates** drove the truck so fast and we had to run a lot to keep up. We passed out over 500 flyers and about 40 pounds of candy. Our next parades were on July 4 in Hillsboro in the morning and North Plains in the afternoon. After that we had parades on August 11th at North Plains Garlic Festival and August 24th for Wapato Showdown Car Show in Gaston. Our last parade is scheduled for September 8th at the Pendleton Round-Up.

I have said and done things that everybody might not agree with, but they are things that needed done and said. It has been long over due. We have sat back and let things slide. Well its time to get us back on the right track. I apologize if I hurt anybody's feelings for that was not my intent. But remember, we are all Brothers and Sisters. Brothers and Sisters in families don't always get along or agree with each other, but we are always there for each other. What I am doing is starting the fight for the Knights and Sisters survival. We must win, and we will win.

Fraternally,
Don Allen
Grand Chancellor

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Grand Chief Maureen's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I'm so honored to be your Grand Chief for the second time. What is especially nice is that I'm going to be **Shelley Corby's** SPGC since she is following me in the line of Grand Officers.

For those of you who may not know me, I came from a big Pythian family. My Dad, **Don Lacy** was a Knight and my Mom, **Viona Lacy** was a Pythian Sister when we were growing up. My sisters **Kathlene** and **Shelley** were Pythian Sunshine Girls before becoming Pythian Sisters. My younger sister **Brenda** was too young to join Sunshine Girls before the council in St. Helens folded. **Brenda** is a Pythian Sister though.

I have such fond memories of being a Sunshine Girl that I will never forget. My brother, **John Lacy** was also a Knight. I love the Pythian Order and I love the ladies and getting together with them.

Some exciting news. We have instituted a **new Temple in Gaston, Wapato #47**. The Sisters are in their 30's and 40's. They are doing great and are so excited about the new Temple. They also have a strong lodge to help them.

I love the Pythian Order and I think that to get new people we need to get them involved, listen to their ideas so they feel like they have accomplished something.

I attended the District Convention in Hillsboro. It was very nice and **Rebecca LohKamp** did a wonderful job as our District Deputy Grand Chief. She and her sisters made scones and English tea sandwiches for us. Her husband **Alan LohKamp**, **Charlie VanDomelen** and my son **Andrew Murphy** helped with the luncheon.



My Grand Chief's Project is the ChildLife program at Doernbecher's Hospital, which was started by **PSR Risa Rigger** when she was Grand Chief 20 years ago. Risa chose that project because she was a nurse. I'm glad that Risa chose this project because I love that cause so much and children are so important to me! This cause helps so many children and their families from all around our state.

I attended all of my official Grand Chief visits, although I had to reschedule the visit to Grants Pass because my husband **Phil** was having surgery that day. All of the visits were so fun. I enjoyed them all so much. Thank you for all of your courtesies. Thank you to Kathlene and Shelley for being my travelling buddies.

I hear that **Pythian Fun Day** in July was a lot of fun. I love the fellowship we have at Fun Day with Knights and Sisters, the activities and good food.

Supreme Convention was in New York City this year. I got to go this time, with all 3 of my sisters. **Kathlene**, **Shelley** and I flew to NY from Oregon and **Brenda** took the train from Philadelphia to meet us in NYC. **SR's Virginia Mellor** and **Cheryl Bergman** were there too. It was an exciting time with lots of sights to see.

Grand Convention is coming up next in Wilsonville in October. We will probably have a Grand Representative there from new Wapato Temple #47. I'm sure it will be a fun experience for the representative and any other Sisters who choose to come. Hope to see all of you there.

Lovingly in PLE&F,

Maureen V. Murphy

Grand Chief

Grand Secretary's Charlie's Report

It has been a busy time for me since my last report.

First, I wish to thank **GT Ed Yates** for his assistance in getting the annual report forms updated and out to the Lodges. With his help we were able to file our reports to Supreme on time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the **Lodge Secretaries** for their timely completion of the annual reports.

I am happy to report that The Oregon Domain is healthy and happy with a gain in membership in 2017. We had 10 Lodges report with a total membership of 301 members. With **GC Don Allen's** project to recruit new members we will be able to increase those numbers in 2018.

A few events are being held this summer: Pythian Fun Days, July 12th through the 15th. Labor Day campout at Pendleton's Friendship campground, August 31st through September 3rd. Grand Lodge will be held at the Wilsonville Holiday Inn, October 19th and 20th.

Fraternally,
Charlie Van Domelen, PGC
Grand Secretary



Notes from Grand Secretary Sherri

Here it is July already and halfway through our summer. Spring passed by us very quickly. Praying that this article finds everyone healthy and enjoying the summer weather, family and friends.

After having done our annual report for our membership count, financial standing, and altruistic work totals to Supreme Temple, it is with a sad heart that I inform you we have dropped below 100 Sisters in our state. Our official count is 97 Sisters and 29 Sister Knights. We were blessed in that we only had 2 deaths in our Sisters. We lost **Glennnyce Buxton, PSR** from Fern Temple #46 in January of 2017 and I found out that I lost State #1 member, **Aleta Jo Japs** in October of 2016. Aleta was originally from Ava Temple #19 in St. Helens.



Along this note, on our membership, we all need to work towards getting new members, as well as keeping our existing ones involved! Each Temple or Lodge is made up of **several individuals**, but it is in the **working together** that we have our true **strength**. We each have different strengths, but we can all encourage one another.

Risa Rigger and I finished transforming her metal potting shed into my insulated, paneled Pythian Sister office and I have been getting it completely set up ready to be inventoried in August, when the Grand Trustees come. Risa has been helping me get things caught up and corrected, which I am so grateful for! I am settling in very well here in Pilot Rock and have two clients that I am a regular caregiver for. Divorce is still pending. While I still have some health issues, with more toe movement coming back, my balance is improving! Risa is doing well also. Along this note, I helped Risa with her husband's (Don) memorial here in Pilot Rock in April and she took a trip with her cat in the 23' RV and traveled 3,500 miles in June. She and the trailer are back in one piece, the trailer a little worse for the wear.

Grand Chief Maureen has had her own issues this year. Between work schedule changes and health issues in her family, she is juggling the Grand Chief responsibilities. A thank you to all who are assisting her in her times of need. You can always check the Grand Temple Facebook page for updates.

We had a lovely District Convention on May 5th hosted by Ivanette Temple #68 with **Rebecca Lohkamp as DDGC**. Ivanette Temple hosted several teas in their effort to gain new members and Rebecca used social tea time as her theme. *"Tea Warms the Body, the Way Friendship Warms the Soul."* This was Ivanette's first time hosting a convention since being instituted September 20, 2015. It was a lovely time had by all.

There was interest in starting a new Pythian Sister Temple at Gaston and on May 10, 2018 Wapato Temple #47 was instituted with 14 charter members. Lakeview #56 was the Sister Temple that was there before. We are happy to have a Sister Temple where there is such an active

Knights Lodge, Gaston Lodge #7. We thank them for all their help to Wapato #47 as they get established.

Grand Temple is just around the corner. It will be held in Wilsonville at the Holiday Inn, October 19-21, 2018. A reminder that Oregon Grand Temple increased our registration fee to \$15.00. All registrations should be sent to Grand Secretary with checks made out to Grand Temple of Oregon. The books close on September 10, so if you could get the money to me before then, it would be helpful. Thank you ahead of time. To any Sisters who receive the OPN and can't make it to Grand, we would love to hear from you and your correspondence could be read at Grand Temple for all to hear. Please keep this in mind and drop a line my way.

While we embrace our new members and ideas, we cherish our golden Sisters for the examples of our principles in their daily lives and their wisdom: May our newer members take the time to learn from them and in like fashion, may we be willing to hear new ideas, remembering that together we can go *"Onward and Upward"*.

[Wishing you all a wonderful summer and looking forward to seeing many of you at Grand Temple!](#)

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

Pythian Fun Weekend—Silverton, Oregon



OPCEF Thanks Past Grand Chief Paula

Past Grand Chief Paula:

The Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund (OPCEF) Board thanks you for selecting us to be the beneficiaries of your Grand Chief's project. We are honored to be the recipients of your hard work and are pleased that you share our goal of supporting continuing education.

Throughout your term of office, our Board members saw firsthand the heartfelt effort you dedicated to this worthy cause. We want you to know how much we appreciate your dedication and generosity. We received your check of \$1,044.00. This will benefit our scholarship recipients.

Our latest round of applications resulted in eleven (11) successful candidates, if they maintain an eligible grade point average. They represented the following lodges and temples:

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

Thank you again for supporting the OPCEF in our efforts to provide grant funds to eligible Pythians and their relatives. Your generosity makes our work possible.

Fraternally,

The OPCEF Board

John Murchison, President
Sarah Owens, Secretary
Stan Shope, Treasurer
Shelley Corby, Director
Todd Baker, Director



Thank You Message from PGC Paula Talbot



I would like to say, how much I appreciated the chance to be Grand Chief.

I learned a lot about the Pythian Sisters and what they can accomplish when they set a goal. I hope that every Temple can continue to succeed in all of their endeavors. And to all of the Pythian Sisters who were there when asked to help.

It was such a pleasure to finally get to meet everyone who attended the many gatherings at the visits. It was nice of Mike Talbot, the Grand Chancellor to travel with me.

Take care,

In PLE&F,

Paula Talbot, PGC

Grand Treasurer Barbara Thanks PGC Paula

Grand Chief Project Funds

I would like to take a few moments to thank both the Knights and the Sisters in helping raise funds for Paula Talbot's Grand Chief's project. Her project was to raise money for the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund. We collectively raised the amount of \$1,044.00 for OPCEF.

Paula believes that we should all "Pay it Forward" when we are able. She had collected items for three years in the hopes that everyone would be able to leave Grand Temple with something. She made sure the Knights had a second set of items for just the Knights to enjoy. The gifts/prizes were given out at the Saturday Grand Banquet at Gaston Lodge.

Paula sold tickets to the Sisters during the year as Grand Chief in the amount of \$513.00. She received donations in the amount of \$300.00. Ticket sales at the Knight's Saturday Banquet raised an additional \$231.00. I really think we all did an awesome job in raising funds for the project.

I would like to commend Paula Talbot for all the hard work she did in bringing all of this together. Our Children are our future. Hopefully these funds will boost and help with their future college endeavors.

Again, Many Many Thanks,

Submitted in PLE&F,

Barbara Christopher, Grand Treasurer



Sisters Donate Funds to Doernbecher's ChildLife Program



The photo to the left shows then Grand Chief Cheryl Bergman and Arlene Kimball presenting Grand Temple's check to representatives of Doernbecher's Hospital for their ChildLife Program.

Phoenix Lodge Activities

Phoenix Lodge #34 was able to participate with a homeless shelter in Hillsboro last winter by adopting a family for the Christmas season. We helped make their Christmas a little brighter by providing clothing, household items and gifts for two children and Mom. This family was placed in their new home just before Christmas, after being homeless.

The Lodge was able to participate with Washington County Bicycle Transportation Coalition, Adopt-a-Bike program by adopting three bike packages for Christmas season. The package consists of a refurbished bicycle, a new helmet, a lock and a two-hour skills course.



In January we installed a new chair lift at our hall, which has been a big improvement. Our longtime member **Don Lacy** took the inaugural ride!

We also participated in the Hillsboro Pythians' team for Relay for Life. On the first Sunday of every month starting at 12:00pm we have an all-you-can-eat dinner and bingo event. If anyone is interested, please stop by and enjoy a nice dinner and spirited games of bingo.

Phoenix Lodge has 5 new members who joined in February and March. I would like to welcome **Andrew Murphy, Brian VanDomelen, Jacob VanDomelen, Bill Stride, and Roger Newton** who's a dual member with Glencoe Lodge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlie VanDomelen

Rose City Nomads Summer Barbecue

John and Judy Murchison again hosted the Nomads summer barbecue. Members who attended enjoyed a nice evening of Pythian fellowship and good food.



Invitation to Washington’s Grand Convention—Sept 21-23

We would like to invite all the Sisters and Brothers from Oregon to join us for our **Washington/Alaska Grand session in Yakima, September 21–23**. We will be meeting at the Howard Johnson Hotel. It should be a good time as well as an opportunity to share some of your ideas with us. We usually have a good turnout of our Canadian friends so here is an opportunity to visit with them also.



This year’s Friday night Social has a Hawaiian theme. After the social, members can either play Bunco or go to the local Casino.

Saturday both the Sisters and Knights will hold Sessions, followed by the banquet which always holds some excitement. Our installation is usually done by 1P on Sunday so you will have time for a leisurely drive home.

Meal Information:

Complimentary Breakfast 6:30AM to 9:30AM

Past Chiefs luncheon \$20 (Friday)

Banquet \$30 (Saturday evening)

Social (theme Hawaiian) \$10 (Friday evening)

PDDGC Luncheon \$20 (Saturday)

Choice of Prime Rib or Shrimp Scampi **

*** Orders for Shrimp Scampi must be placed before September 10 or Prime Rib will be served*

Banquet tickets purchased at the convention will cost an additional \$2. Refund for banquet tickets will only be made 7 days prior to event

Here is the information for Howard Johnson Hotel, 9 N. 9th, Yakima WA. Phone # 509-452-6511. Mention Knights of Pythias to get our special rates.

Hope to see you soon in Washington!

Lovingly in PLE&F, Gwen Rhodes, Supreme Junior

Fern Temple Awards 6 Scholarships

Fern Temple awarded five \$500 scholarships this year. Two for Yamhill-Carlton seniors, **Shane Davis**, planning to attend Corbin University Salem, Oregon. Majoring in Physical Education and a minor in youth ministry. Shane is a 4 year varsity cross country and track, going to state 3 times in 800m.

Jasper Morrison, will be attending Oregon State University studying electrical engineering. Jasper also participated in cross country and track, and volunteered at the St Barnabas soup kitchen in McMinnville.

Ashley and Nathan Van De Walle and Paul Myers had their scholarships renewed.

Fern also voted to support the fund raiser for the new Ag building fund and donated \$700 to that project. The school district cut the funding for the Ag building due to many bumps in the road they are currently working to get back with in budget. With support from the school board, a grass roots group got together to make sure the Ag program had a shop building, with a goal of \$250,000.

Community support has been making this possible. The Y-C FFA Alumni Association is a 501-C3 organization and will issue tax deductible receipts for all donations. Anyone wishing to donate can send a check to Y-C FFA Alumni Association, PO Box 205, Yamhill, Or 97148 with “New Ag Building” on the memo line. A donor wall is planned to help recognize those who helped make this project possible. For the future of our kids

Yamhill Carlton FFA program has the first vineyard learning center in the US. They planted 1.5 acres of grapes and harvested the first crop in 2014. **Ken Wright** produced the wine. the kids learned to plant and tend the vines supported by the local AVA and Chemeketa CC. The wine is sold and the money goes into the vineyard fund and the FFA Alumni fund to support the kids projects, travel to contests and conventions plus scholarships The FFA Alumni Assoc. Was started to support the FFA program and help provide funds to the kids and their projects anyone can join you don't need to have been in FFA as a student, girls weren't allowed in Ag lasses when I was in high school. my two sons were in FFA and Three of my Grand kids, Hanna is the new President for the coming year As you can see I am a big supporter of this program.

Article submitted by Jan VanDeWalle, Secretary

Gaston Lodge Sponsors Scouting Clubs



PINEWOOD DERBY

Gaston's Cub Scout Troop 168 held its Blue & Gold Banquet on March 26th at Gaston's Pythian Hall. Following the banquet, they held their Pinewood Derby. Competition was "Fast and Furious!" The racing

provided good entertainment for about 30 parents and family members. The first place car was Jetts followed closely by Kale. All th Cub Scouts received position ribbons and candy following the races. The dinner was a Pot Luck covered dish with a ham cooked by GC Don Allen. I'm very proud to say that my 2 grandsons raced very well again this year.

CUB SCOUTS FISHING TRIP

Cub Scout Pack 168 of Gaston spent the weekend of June 1-3 camping in Lincoln City. The primary purpose of the trip was to go fishing at the Salmon Creek Hatchery. The hatchery opens up once a year to allow kids 12 and under to go fishing, with a limit of 5 fish per child. As you can see the boys were very successful, and they all got their limit of 5 rainbow trout. The trout averaged about 14 inches long and about 1 pound each. Parents, Grandma and Grandpa,



and Cub Scouts all enjoyed BBQ trout for dinner, plus had lots to bring home. We also all enjoyed playing at Agate Beach the rest of the day, and then spent the evening cooking s'mores around the camp fire. The weather was unusually warm and sunny for the entire weekend.

BOY SCOUTS FLAG RAISING

Gaston's Boy Scout Troop 168 conducted a Flag raising ceremony at the Gaston Fire Hall on March 31, 2018. They performed the ceremony and then led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States. This was all done before the annual Easter eg hunt put on by the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department. The Boy Scouts are sponsored by Gaston Lodge Knights of Pythias and they made us very proud by doing an outstanding job with the ceremony.

Articles and Photo Submitted by GC Don Allen

Delphos Lodge Sponsors Youth Club

The Timber Beast BB Gun Club, sponsored by **Forest Grove's Delphos Lodge #39**, hosted their awards ceremony at the Knights Hall on April 17th. **Chancellor Commander Howard Baker** is the leader of the Club and has held this position for the last 37 years. The Timber Beast Club has been one of the top clubs in the country for many years.

Alissa MacDonald, daughter of KP member **James MacDonald**, was 3rd place new shooter Top Gun. **Jessamy Winkler**, daughter of KP member **Lonnie**

Winkler, won 2nd place return shooter prone position, 1st place standing, 3rd place sitting, 3rd place kneeling, and was awarded most improved return shooter. **Jessamy** was also named to the travelling team. **Hannah MacDonald** was awarded a certificate for perfect attendance, and **Ayden Hansen**, a grandson of **Grand Chancellor Don Allen**, was awarded for two 100% on test scores.

Article submitted by GC Don Allen

Gaston's Wapato Showdown—Knights and Sisters Working Together

Grand Chancellor Don Allen reports that the Wapato Showdown Parade and Car Show was a big success. Brother Knights from six different lodges participated in this year's event. Those lodges were Gaston, Forest Grove, North Plains, Hillsboro, Aurora and the new Lodge in Roseburg. Two of the lodges had booths at the event.

In addition, Wapato Pythian Sisters helped with set up and had their own booth selling roasted ears of corn. This was the Sisters' first fundraising activity since their new Temple began on May 10th. They raised \$328 for their Community Service.



Information and Photos submitted by Amber Morgan, GC Don Allen, Fred Black and Steve Hedin

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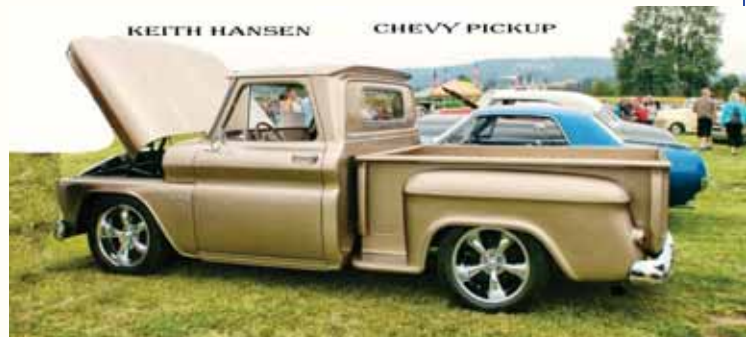
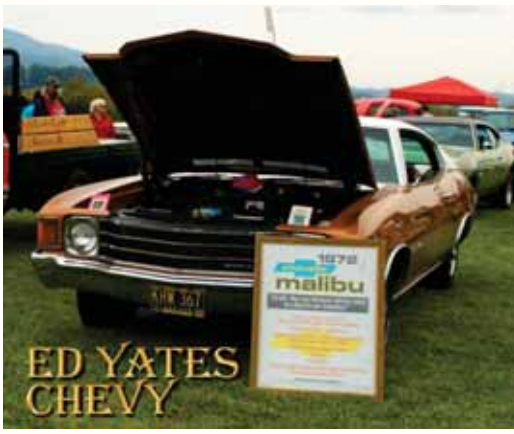


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Fern Temple Hosts GC Maureen Visit



Fern Temple had a full agenda at their April Meeting!!! Not only was it the Grand Chief's Official Visit, the Sisters also welcomed **Risa Riggen** as a transfer from State Temple and **Sherri Sievert** as a dual member. After the business meeting, pizza and lemonade was delivered. It was a wonderful afternoon of food and friendship. **Grand Chief Maureen, Sherri, Risa and Irene Clink** drove over together.

*Article provided by Carol Jenkins
Photos provided by Risa Riggen*



Southern Oregon Pythians

Greetings from Southern Oregon Pythians:

Don Allen, Grand Chancellor made his official visit to Talisman Lodge #31 in Grants Pass on April 14th. He was accompanied by **Scott Swartout, Grand Vice Chancellor** and his wife **Linda, Ray Cable Grand Prelate**, and **Ed Yates Grand Treasurer**. The Sisters of Thermopylae Temple #37 were pleased to serve a lunch to the Knights before their meeting. Grand Chancellor Don gave an update of all the upcoming events that sounded very productive and fun. It is always nice to receive such friendly guests. We are now looking forward to **Grand Chief Maureen's** re-scheduled official visit to our Temple. Hope to see you all soon.

Article Submitted by Robyn Neeley

Eugene's Helmetta Temple Hosts GC Maureen



The Sisters of **Helmetta Temple** prepared quite a nice presentation and luncheon for **GC Maureen's** official visit. The Sisters held a traditional meeting, albeit in a smaller format around a long, nicely decorated table. GC Maureen was presented with a beautiful red rose corsage. Maureen's travelling companion was her sister **Kathlene**.



Ivanette Temple Activities and District Convention

Ivanette Temple was happy to have their own **Rebecca LohKamp** serve as District Deputy Grand Chief on May 5th this year. It was held at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall and hosted by Ivanette Temple, the District Representative was **Tasya Cantu**. She presented Rebecca with a gift from the Temple which was a pretty teapot and tray decorated with flowers and butterflies. Rebecca chose the theme "English Tea" and spent lots of time preparing for the event, she, her husband Alan and her own family sisters did all the baking and cooking for the Luncheon and the Teas we had. We even received a cookbook which she compiled of her recipes of Scones, Clotted Cream, Tea Sandwiches and more. It was a lovely day and we are so proud of Rebecca. **Grand Chief Maureen**, who is also a member of Ivanette had to leave at lunchtime to go to work, so we adjusted the schedule so that she could be introduced and give her address in the morning.



On April 22nd **Grand Chief Maureen Murphy** and her husband **Phil Murphy** came to our Temple for her Official visit. She was greeted by **MEC Corinthia Bethune** who made a beautiful cake called "Strawberry Romance Cake" for the event. Of course we started the evening with a lovely potluck dinner for all who attended. **Tasya Cantu** presented **GC Maureen** with a gift from the Temple, a gift basket she had put together for the event. **MEC Corinthia Bethune** presented **GC Maureen** with a donation to the Grand Chiefs Project from the Temple. We had a nice meeting and everyone went home happy and satisfied that evening.



Our Temple has been struggling with our membership lately but we keep active as best we can, we currently have 10 Sisters and 8 Brothers at Ivanette Temple. We look forward to having many more exciting activities in the future.



Article and photos submitted by Shelley Corby



Supreme Pythian Convention—New York City—August 5-8



Six of Oregon's Pythian Sisters travelled to New York City for the 2018 Supreme Convention: **Supreme Representatives Virginia Mellor and Cheryl Bergman plus Kathlene Henry, GC Maureen Murphy, Shelley Corby and Brenda Branson.** For two days before the convention began they enjoyed local sights: birthday lunch at Tavern on the Green with **Margaret Grochocki, Bea Cragun and Rachel Onraet** from Utah. They walked in Central Park for hours before walking back to the Sheraton Times Square, the convention hotel—which was midway between Central Park and Times Square. The Convention Committee arranged for a tour of the 9-11 Memorial plus a wonderful dinner cruise from which we saw the city skyline, the new World Trade Center, the Empire State Building and Chrysler Building, Brooklyn Bridge and the incredible Statue of Liberty. The ladies also managed to fit in two Broadway shows (Frozen and Jersey Boys) plus dessert at the famous Sardi's Restaurant. It was quite an adventure.

Presiding officers for the convention were **Supreme Chief Nancy Hall from Iowa and Supreme Chancellor Allan Krell from New York.** Incoming Supreme leaders are **SC Joan Way from Alberta, Canada and Joel Fierstein from New Jersey.** The 2020 Supreme Convention will be held in Newark, New Jersey. Here are some photos from the trip.



Hillsboro Pythians' Activities

The Hillsboro Pythians, which includes Phoenix Lodge, Phoenicia-Rose Temple, and the Nomads in Hillsboro have been very busy since January. One of the things we do as a group is to support the American Cancer Society by having a team at the Hillsboro Relay for Life, which is coming up soon on June 16th at 4pm until the next morning when the Closing ceremonies occur. The most moving ceremony at the Relay is the Luminaria Ceremony at 10pm when we light up candles inside decorated bags to honor our loved ones who have battled cancer. Our team has raised over \$1,000 again this year.



Our main way of supporting the Relay is to have a Bingo fundraiser each month at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall. We enjoy a potluck meal, Then we play about 10 games of Bingo. It is so much fun to come together for a great cause.

MEC Jennifer Searles is serving as captain of our team again this year. Please join our team by going to the Hillsboro Relay for Life website and clicking The Hillsboro Pythian team page. We would also love to see anyone come to the event and join us in a lap or two around the field.



Our Temple Phoenicia-Rose elected the same officers as last year. We were also busy helping with the District Convention which was hosted by Ivanette Temple. The Convention was held at the Hillsboro Pythian Hall so we helped with planning, setup and decorating. Our own **Phoenix Brothers, Charlie Van Domelen and Andrew Murphy**



helped with serving the lunch provided by **DDGC Rebecca LohKamp** and her husband **Alan LohKamp**. DDGC Rebecca planned a lovely English Tea as her theme with wonderful food to go along with it. It was a beautiful day with 24 Sisters attending from all over the State of Oregon.

We reported in the last OPN that the Sisters have several members who are Grand Officers.



Especially **Maureen Murphy**, who is the Grand Chief. She has been very busy with her schedule of Official visits with the last one scheduled for May 20th in Grants Pass with Thermopylae Temple #37. She has been doing all

of this even though her husband **Phil Murphy** recently had some medical issues and had surgery on his left foot. Phil is recovering nicely and is finally getting around better. GC Maureen made her Official visit on April 5th at Phoenicia-Rose. We presented her with a check for her project, Doernbechers' Child Life Department.

Of course I can't leave out our



love of Music, the Hillsboro Symphony is another event we love to support. On May 11th we attended another wonderful concert which was music from "Fantasia." There are 3 concerts each year, November, March and May. We had 7 members attend the most recent concert. They were: **Irene Clink, John and Judy Murchison, Maureen and Sarah Murphy, Kathlene Lacy Henry and Shelley Corby**. We really enjoyed the music then we kept our tradition of going to the local Shari's for a late night snack and wonderful fellowship. The March 10th symphony was "Music for the Generations" it was attended by **John & Judy Murchison, Jennifer & Nathan Searles, Sarah & Maureen Murphy, Kathlene Henry, Don Lacy and Irene Clink**.

We look forward to an exciting year of activities which include picnics, potlucks, conventions and fundraisers. Please joins us at any of our events, especially our Relay for Life activities. For more information please contact any of our members, we will be happy to help.

Article and Photos submitted by Shelley Corby



KNIGHTS REGISTRATION AND MEALS ORDER FORM

Oregon Grand Pythian Convention

October 19 through October 21, 2018

LOCATION: Holiday Inn—Wilsonville, Oregon

All Pythians, Family and Friends are welcome to attend all meals.

IMPORTANT: Meals reservations must be made by 10-5-2018.

Your Name:				
Mailing Address:				
City, State, ZIP				
Telephone:		Email Address:		
Lodge Name and Number:				
MEALS		Price	Quantity	Total
FRIDAY:				
Joint Banquet: Tuscan Grilled Chicken Dinner		\$35.00		\$
Memorial follows dinner at 8:30PM / Hospitality—To Be Announced				
SATURDAY:				
Breakfast: Early Bird Start—Scrambled Eggs O'Brien		\$20.00		
Lunch: Working Lunch Table—Soup and Pre-made Assorted Sandwiches		\$23.00		
Joint Banquet: Roasted Balsamic Pork Dinner		\$35.00		\$
SUNDAY:				
Breakfast: Continental Buffet		\$15.00		
Lunch: Working Lunch Table—Soup and Pre-made Assorted Sandwiches		\$23.00		\$
TOTAL (If all 6 meals are purchased):		\$151.00		
TOTAL COST OF MEALS				\$
SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS:				

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS — CONVENTION REGISTRATION INFO:

1) MEALS: Please make check for the **Total Cost of Meals** payable to **Pythian Registration Committee** and mail to:

Arlene Kimball at 1335 Roseway Ct. SE, Salem, OR 97302-1820

If any questions, call **Arlene Kimball** at 503-362-1227

2) **CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEE: \$25.00**

If your lodge does not pay your \$25 convention registration fee please make check payable to:

Grand Lodge of Oregon and mail to: **Charlie VanDomelen, Grand Secretary, 23572 NE Vangie Lane, Dundee OR 97115**

CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 5th.

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 - \$15 CONVENTION REGISTRATION:** Please send separate check in amount of **\$15**, Payable to **Grand Temple of Oregon** and mail to: **Grand Secretary Sherri Lee, PSR, PO Box 983, Pilot Rock OR 97868**
- CHECKS SHOULD BE MAILED IN TIME TO BE DELIVERED BY OCTOBER 5TH.**

Oregon Pythians Grand Convention Hotel Information

Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention—Hotel Information

October 19-21, 2018



HOLIDAY INN PORTLAND I-5 SOUTH
25425 SW 95th Avenue, Wilsonville OR

Hotel Reservation Cut Off Date: Oct 5, 2018

Meal Deadline Date: Friday, Oct 5, 2018

Call Holiday Inn Reservations: **503-682-2211**

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OPN Editor's Message



Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends,

*My sincere apologies for the lateness of the 2018 Spring issue. The initial delay in late April was prompted by "good news" as **our Dad Don Lacy**, after receiving 3 1/2 years of loving care from Maryville Care Center, in Beaverton was finally healthy and strong enough to move "home" to his sister Dixie's home in Washington. Our family spent a few weekends getting Dad's things packed up and moved. The next 6 weeks were great, however suddenly Dad was in the hospital 3 times back-to-back! That required a few fast trips up to Washington for my sisters Maureen, Shelley and me. That used up a lot of emotional energy plus a few of my weekends and quite a bit of the time that I would otherwise have spent working on the OPN.*

In addition, at the office where I work, we are short 2 people. I've always put in a lot of overtime, however for the past 6 months I've been working even longer hours than normal. It's hard for me to admit, however I discovered that I don't have the same level of energy that I used to when I was younger. I'm used to being able to work "around the clock" during crunch time—working at the office for 10+ hours during the day; then coming home and sitting down at the computer to work on the OPN—sending out emails to ask our members to submit articles and photos plus writing articles myself. (Just like all 3 past OPN Editors have done.)

On top of all that, I have commitments to 2 other non-profits. I'm the Treasurer for Insurance Professionals of Portland and a Board Member for Oregon's Chartered Property Casualty Underwriters. I am trying to cut back my time to those 2 groups so I can focus more time on the OPN, to which I am truly dedicated.

*With recent permission of **GC Don** (who kindly said "Family comes first!") and **GC Maureen**, we're publishing this issue as a "**combined Spring/Summer**" issue. In addition to the articles which members submitted earlier for the spring edition, this issue includes articles and photos from **Pythian Fun Weekend, Wapato Showdown and the Supreme Convention in New York City.***

*Many thanks to those of you who expressed interest in the OPN as the weeks dragged on—and—especially to those of you who offered prayers when **our Dad Don Lacy** was in the hospital. Thankfully Dad is doing better now. Whew!*

Thank you too to all of you who wrote articles, took pictures and sent them to me for the OPN. Thanks to those of you who posted items on Facebook. It's always more fun to read the OPN when it contains articles from all over our state—and—for BOTH the Knights and the Sisters.

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

*We had a great time at **Pythian Fun Days** in Silverton. **Brothers GC Don Allen and Ed Yates** once again spear-headed those efforts. Next year we'll be going to Gold Beach at the Coast, so plan now for that great trip.*

SR's Cheryl Bergman and Virginia Mellor plus GC Maureen Murphy, Shelley Corby, Brenda Branson and I travelled to NYC for Supreme Convention. We had a great time there too.

*I'll bring the **OPN Booster List** to our **Grand Convention in October** so you can check to see if it's time to renew. We appreciate your support so we can keep mailing the OPN to our Boosters + longtime members who may not have access to email.*

With Pythian Friendship, Kathlene D.L. Henry, PSC - Editor, [Oregon Pythian News](#)

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The Summer's Pythian Events

- ⇒ July 12-15 (Thursday-Saturday) - Pythian Fun Weekend—Silverton, Oregon (2019—Gold Beach, Oregon!)
- ⇒ July 28 (Saturday) NOON-4:00pm—Ivanhoe Anniversary Picnic—All are welcome. Bring food to share if you wish.
- ⇒ August 5-8 - Supreme Pythian Convention—Sheraton Hotel Times Square, New York City—See article on page 14 for details.
- ⇒ August 10-12 (Friday-Sunday)—21st Annual North Plains Garlic Festival—Lots of music and food. Free Admission. For more info see: www.funstinks.com (no pets allowed)
- ⇒ August 25 (Saturday)—Gaston's Wapato Showdown Car Show—Parade, Car Show, Vintage Camper Show—For more info see: www.wapatoshowdown.org
- ⇒ **October 19-21—Oregon Grand Pythian Convention:**

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



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