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~ Coming Events ~

- January....Thomas Wildey Month
- Jan. 17.....Crater Lake Area Meeting..Central Point
- Jan. 31.....Annual Reports Due
- Feb. 7.....Cosmos Area Meeting..Estacada
- Feb. 14.....Vineyard Area Meeting..Hillsboro
- Feb. 14....Holgate Board Meeting..Friendship Center



Winter came down to our home
 one night quietly pirouetting in
 on silvery-toed slippers of snow,
 and we, we were children once again.
 ~ Bill Morgan, Jr.

Thomas Wildey (1782-1861) was the founder of the Independent Order of Odd fellows IOOF in North America - 1819



January 15th, the anniversary of the birth of our founder is to be celebrated as Thomas Wildey Day throughout the world of Odd Fellowship.

Wildey was born in London, England, in 1782. He was left an orphan five years later - and the IOOF pledge to “Educate the Orphan” sprang from his personal childhood experiences. At the age of 14, Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had 9 years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the British Odd Fellows in 1804.

When Wildey emigrated to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment.

An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore; he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn. On April 26, 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement, John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatam, and Richard Rushworth, formed the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along the Eastern Seaboard, and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country. At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the I.O.O.F. in 42 states. In the late 19th century and early 20th century the IOOF became the largest Fraternal Order in North America with more than two million members. *Taken from the SGL November/December IOOF News*

Grand Master *Ron Kunze*

Happy New Year to all Brothers and Sisters and their families. I hope Christmas was joyful and everyone had a great time.



I have taken a break from visitations during the Holidays and will resume shortly. I will be calling the Lodges I have not yet visited and setting the date to do so. With only 5 1/2 Months to go as your Grand Master I would like all of you to know how good you were to me and the Grand Marshal. Those who have contributed to my projects this year are not only contributing to the present Youth Groups but in many ways you have contributed to our future and I thank you for that.

Please mark your calendars for the Grand Master and Assembly President's fundraisers to be held on March 14th, 2015 at the Samaritan Lodge Hall with a start time of 2:00 PM. I will be doing a BBQ and further details will be announced.

As we enter into the New Year let us reflect upon our goals. I would advise all Lodges to create and approve a workable budget, one that works for your Lodge for the ensuing year. By doing this you are allowing your Lodge to pay the normal bills without waiting for each individual approval. (Because you have approved them in the budget).

I have seen many times over a Lodge will have only so much money and when someone asks for assistance it is given to them for the purpose stated which is fine as long as you have a quorum and it is voted on and approved in open Lodge. But please remember if others are also in need then you must assist them also to be fair and equal. In saying this my point is that if you can afford to give to one you better be prepared to give to any and all who ask. If you do not have much funding then please think twice before donating in the first place. Please remember the future of your Lodge depends on a well-maintained building and also having the funds to perform the required maintenance. This is where a good approved by the Lodge Budget comes into play.

On another note, I have been told some of our Lodges are having their meetings earlier than the by-laws allow. To them I would say this is not to be done. When a member shows up for a meeting at the stated time as

shown in the by-laws then he or she should not walk thru the door at that stated time to be told the meeting started earlier and all Lodge business is done. This is a violation of our rules and laws. Also I have been told money of the Lodge is being spent without prior approval. Brothers and Sisters, in order to spend Lodge money, first you must have a quorum of at least 5 members and a motion must be made and this motion then must be seconded and then it can be opened up for discussion after which the question is called for (Vote). I will be notifying the Lodges in question and letting them know this procedure must be stopped. It has also been brought to my attention that a Lodge is sending money to its members and they are in return using this money to pay their dues. To this I will say, NO funds of a Lodge shall be used to pay any members dues.

When selecting your Officers for the ensuing year I would like to point out certain stations where a conflict of interest may exist. If you are Secretary-elect and your wife is Treasurer-elect or vice versa then we have a conflict of interest. This practice is against our non-profit status and if you would like to further investigate this please refer to the instructions for IRS form 1023. All the information to back this up is written there. If this has happened in your Lodge you must change it and place someone else in the station. Please keep up the community work. I have seen how Lodges are a vital part of their community. Some do this by use of their Lodge building and some do this by contributions. We must stay involved and as active as possible and by doing so our name will be spoken of and this is good for our future.

I will now leave you with a special thought.

You don't have to be like others or do things like everyone else. Be yourself because God has created you to be a your own person, and He wants you to be free to be who He made you to be.

In F. L. & T.

Ronald Kunze, Grand Master



Grand Master's Itinerary

The Grand Master will be scheduling visitations in January. To find out where and when go to the Grand Lodge of Oregon website to get the dates: www.oregonioof.org click on Grand Master under calendar.

Assembly President *Shirley Mathews*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

January 2015! Well, it's a new year and it's great to be a Rebekah. Have you included in your New Year's Resolutions the goal of obtaining one or more new members for your Lodge? If not, it is never too late to add another resolution.



Remember **Membership** is the most important challenge in this Order.

I have been very lucky to have Sister Joan Compton travel with me. Now let me tell you we are a pair to draw to. She makes me laugh so hard. We have been lost several times due to the pouring rain and it being so dark out. So as I reflect on my visitations that I have completed in the last couple of months, I will give you this recap.

We traveled over the hills and through the woods to get to Three Rivers No. 240, had a lovely dinner down on the river. Then we traveled to Klamath Falls to Prosperity No. 104. Lots of water between these two visits...ha Next, I traveled to Roseburg No. 41, what can I say about Roseburg? They are a very hard working group of ladies and very talented in making things. Pearl No. 47 hosted the Evergreen Area Meeting. You know, they march to a different tune. We were entertained by their beautiful drill team. I loved it. Shamrock No. 113 has the twins, Joyce and Janice and I can never get them straight but I am working on it. Redmond No. 204 and Juniper No. 229 had a joint meeting. Dan and I had the pleasure of staying with Nancy and Charley Carter and their beautiful dog and cat. We enjoyed our visit very much. They were such great hosts. Social No. 73, had a lovely dinner. I was given a beautiful rose corsage. And Joan was with me and we never got lost....yeah, but it was raining! Joan and I traveled over the hills and through the woods again to get to Bertha No. 188. They have their Odd Fellows meeting and right after that their Rebekah meeting, very interesting. Lorane No. 252, this is another Lodge that has so much fun while doing lots of work for their community. Again Joan traveled with me and we got lost in the pouring rain. I pulled over to let a car go by and looked up and low and behold there was Lorane No. 252. We were so excited that we found it. Actually, we were just excited to find civilization. Pouring down rain Joan and

I set out for Leone Rebekah Lodge No. 84. Joan said to me "what is it with you and pouring rain, when the two of us travel it pours but when Dan goes with you it doesn't rain. The Sisters at Leone had a beautiful dinner and they gave me such a beautiful corsage. Rose City No. 170 is another Lodge that the Odd Fellows meet first then the Rebekahs meet. They meet at the Holgate Center. Sister Marie McVay PP read an old-fashioned Christmas story. It was lovely. We are very fortunate to have this lovely lady as one of our sisters; she is such an inspiration to all of us.

Well, I hope you have enjoyed reading about my travels as much as I have enjoyed traveling to all the Lodges. I have met so many wonderful people. I thank you all for the Love and support, you have given me. I also thank you for all the courtesies extended to me and my husband as we traveled thru this beautiful jurisdiction of Oregon.

People often say that motivation doesn't last, well, neither does bathing. That's why we recommend it daily.



In Friendship, Love and Truth

Shirley, President

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President's Itinerary

Jan 15..... Beulah No.35.. *Dinner 6PM Confirmed*

Jan 17..... Mt Pitt No.167..(Crater Lake Area Meeting) *Confirmed*

Jan 19..... Marietta's consolidation with Shamrock

Jan 21.....Eugene No.55..*Dinner 6PM Confirmed*

Jan 22.....Eta Theta Rho No.94.. *Dinner 6PM.. Confirmed*

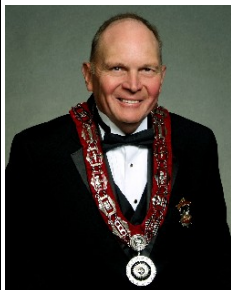
Jan 26.....Etna No.49..*Dinner 6PM Confirmed*

Jan 27.....Ruth No.4..*Dinner 6PM Confirmed*

Feb 7.....Cosmos Area Meeting (hosted by Centennial No.147 Estacada) *Confirmed*

A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Grand Patriarch *Allan Jackson*



Greetings Patriarchs,
I hope that you all had a very happy holiday. I am looking forward to the new year with all of the opportunities and challenges that the new year will offer.

I want to thank Albany Lodge No. 4 for allowing the Amateur Radio Emergency Services to use the hall for their annual Christmas dinner. This is how a Lodge can honor and help other volunteer units in your community.

As I write this I am looking forward to the initiatory degree that Albany Lodge No. 4 is conferring next week on their candidate, candidates from Spencer Butte No. 9 and candidates from Springfield No. 70. Thank you all for "Just Asking" someone to join our Order. This will increase our Lodge membership and give the Encampment the opportunity to also increase their membership.

I m looking forward to the new year and wishing you all the best.

It is still "Time to Ask" someone to join our Order, so that all of the Units can grow and increase membership. Thank you all for doing so.



In Faith, Hope and Charity
Allan Jackson, Grand Patriarch

Grand Matriarch *Teresa Dyer*




Greetings Matriarchs,
I hope all had very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year Celebrations with family and friends.

As we start the new year, reflect and consider the choices and selections made this past year...whether for your highest and best and for the betterment of others, with the upcoming installation of officers.

Gratitude to all for continued support with all endeavors. Be at peace. Be the loves that you all are.

In FLT and FHC
Teresa

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**Promoting Odd Fellowship
Through Positive Communication**

Rebekah Area Meetings Mark Your Calendars & Save The Date

January 17th..Crater Lake Area Meeting. Mt Pitt No. 167 Host at Central Point. Registration 9 am Meeting 10 am

February 7th..Cosmos Area Meeting. Estacada Host at Estacada. Registration 9 am Meeting 10 am

February 14th..Vineyard Area Meeting. Aloha No. 253 Host at Hillsboro. Registration 9 am Meeting 10 am



Grand Secretary's Corner

Patricia Olson Fries



I can't believe 2014 sped by so fast. A lot happened this past year, some good, some bad. It is my hope we learn from both and go forward to better our Order.

January finds me awaiting the annual reports that are due January 31st. If anyone is having problems preparing their report please call and ask for help. It is important to get these reports to me by this date because I in turn have to compile my report to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Lodges will be holding their elections on the last regular meeting in January. Nominations for elective officers shall be made on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election. When you are nominating and then electing your officers remember to vote for the good of the Order. Our Constitution for Odd Fellow Lodges of Oregon state "All elective and appointive officers shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books and have attained the third degree previous to installation and shall be a member of the Lodge in which they are installed." Lodges need to realize you need to be a third degree member before you qualify to be an appointive officer. When nominating for Vice Grand you need to have held two prior offices. If no one else is willing to hold Vice Grand other than a member that has not held two prior offices, you need to contact the Grand Master to obtain a dispensation.

Let's start this New Year out right and do what is good for our Order. Study your degrees to learn the lessons our ancestors put into place for our wonderful Order. Happy New Year to All.

Fraternally submitted,
Patricia Fries, PGM, Grand Secretary

"Life is short, break the rules. Forgive quickly, kiss slowly, Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that makes you smile." ~Mark Twain

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'



Happy New Year,

I wish each of you a wonderful 2015. If you are making New Year's resolutions you might want to add one regarding Rebekahs. I know that I am going to do that. It is also fun at the beginning of a new year to take a few moments and remember your many blessings and what you are grateful for.

If you want to be added to the Honor Roll remember that your annual report must be in by the 15th of January. If you are having any problems with the new annual report forms feel free to give me a call. I am happy to help in any way possible.

If any of you left messages on my home phone in December and I did not return your call please forgive me and call again. My answering machine was acting up but it is working correctly now.

In F, L & T
Mary Houle' Rebekah Assembly Secretary

WANTED!

You are **WANTED**

Posses' are out and the search has begun
for Sisters and Brothers to help us with our projects.

Wear your **BEST** western outfit
Prizes will be award to best dressed Dudes & Dudettes!

Join us for a Western style BBQ dinner
Milwaukie Odd Fellows in Milwaukie, OR
2PM on Saturday, March 14, 2015

BBQ with lots of vittles.
for info call Shirley: 503 522 9407

The Magic Bank Account

Imagine that you have won the following ‘prize’ in a contest-each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules: The set of rules are as follows.

1. Everything that you didn’t spend would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer the money into some other account.
3. You may only spend
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning-at any time it can say “Game Over!”. It can close the account and you will not receive another one.

What would you do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted right? Not only for yourself-but all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don’t know, because you couldn’t possibly spend every penny and use it all-because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Actually the game is real-SHOCKED-yes-!!!! Each of us is already a winner of this ‘PRIZE’-we just can’t seem to see it. The prize is TIME.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we haven’t used up that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time without warning.

So what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much more that the same amount in dollars-think about it and remember to enjoy every second of your life-because time races by so much quicker than you think. So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply and enjoy life?

Here’s wishing you a wonderful and beautiful day-start ‘spending’ don’t complain about growing old-some people don’t get that privilege.

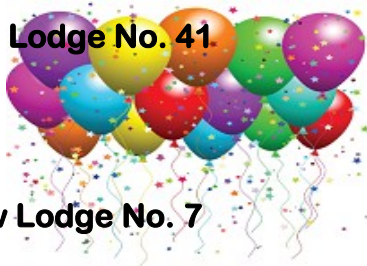
Author is unknown-this was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant of Alabama after his death in 1982. We found it in the SOUTH DAKOTA PASQUE Odd Fellow & Rebekah News.

Welcome New Members

Roseburg Rebekah Lodge No. 41

Yvonne Orejuela

Donna Cross



Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge No. 7

Cathy Lorensen

John Criscitiello

Jean-Luc Devis

Estacada Odd Fellow Lodge No. 175

Dennis Dahrens

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“Another fresh new year is here...

Another year to live! To banish worry, doubt and fear, To love and laugh and give! ~William Arthur Ward

Heceta Lodge No. 111 News

Happy New Year!!

We had a great Thanksgiving although it was a soggy start. Heceta Lodge put on a breakfast fundraiser Saturday morning here at the park to raise money for the



giving tree in Florence and we had a great turn out. Thank you for all for your support . We raised \$300.00 after cost in just one morning. We were able to buy gifts for 18 children. It was a blessing to be able to share that with our community.

Time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time.

~ Martha Trolly-Curtin

News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

We have been steadily working on sprucing up the park and I want to thank all of the Lodges that have donated for the fence materials. We will be picking them up and installing them this week. Yeah!

If anyone out there has a small truck in good shape but you do not need any more the white truck is giving up the ghost. Right now we are looking for a weber carburetor for a pinto 2.3 engine to try and bring it back to life. If you know of one that is reasonable call me at the park please.

Make sure you call and check your reservation just in case you forgot to rebook for next year.

Again we are looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Mary and Park Staff

Scholarships Available-Deadline Looms

Morand Scholarships are still available, but the time to act is now! Students need to contact the Grand Lodge office if they have not already received their Scholarship Applications. The application has been updated this year, make sure you have the one with *Revised October 1, 2015* at the bottom of each page. These are available only from the Grand Lodge Office. All the directions are included, but you can get more information if you also request the Morand Scholarship Brochure. Your completed applications are due in the Grand Lodge Office no later than January 31, 2015.

Make sure you and your family members that are attending an accredited college or trade school (must have a 3.0 or higher GPA) apply for this scholarship. Educating our youth is an important goal, we want to help!

Life is never so busy that there is no time to serve.

~ Unknown

Little did we know that morning

God was going to call your name.



in life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone.

For part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide.

And though we cannot see you, you are always by our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same.

But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again

IN MEMORIAM

Virgil Nelson

Estacada Odd Fellow Lodge No. 175

Estacada

Leona Morris

Ramona Rebekah Lodge No. 222

Seaside

Cosmo Allen

Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge No. 7

Corvallis

Joan Starke

Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge No. 240

Reedsport

Beth Doughty

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Lorane



Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175



Nancy Mills

The members of Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175 met to celebrate the end of another wonderful year.

Dinner was enjoyed by everyone and as usual there was plenty to share. We had a drawing for the Raffle Quilt as we do each year. This year it was won by Noble Grand Nancy Mills. It was a beautiful quilt and she will really enjoy it.

We want to thank everyone who bought tickets and helped support the scholarships that are given from them. Thank you.

Jackie Lazott

Philetarian Odd Fellow Lodge No. 8

Philetarian No. 8, IOOF Roseburg, adopted Lorane Rebekah Lodge's foundation repair as our fall project. We raised \$75.00 and the Lodge matched the amount so we sent \$150.00 to them.

In FL&T

Colleen Suiter, Noble Grand

*Plant flowers in others' gardens and
your life becomes a bouquet! ~ Unknown*

Sheridan Welcomes Grand Master



On October 28th Sheridan Odd Fellow Lodge No, 87 welcomed Grand Master Ron Kunze. Following a great dinner provided by Bernetta Schaff, the Sheridan Japanese School Taiko Drummers entertained us with their extraordinary playing. Following the concert, they answered questions about their history, practice times, and musicology; then invited the Grand Master to join them in learning a few of the basics for playing these drums. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation by United Nations Pilgrimage delegate Emily Adams and Gabrielle Turpin (President of the Sheridan United Youth No. 2 and member of the Sheridan High School equestrian team.)

GM Ron and Grand Marshal Lloyd Fries assisted us with draping the Charter for PGM John Blades.

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

President Shirley made her official visit on December 1st. It was a cold rainy evening, but she found her way. A generous potluck was served before the meeting. We enjoyed her informational speech and we presented her with gifts of cards, postage stamps and that green stuff.

We donated money and food goods to the local Christmas baskets to be delivered by our local fire department.

Good tidings for the new year.

Alice Pellham

Membership

As we open the door to 2015 let's look at this new year as an opportunity to rededicate our efforts and ourselves to Making a Difference in our Lodges and our communities. It won't be long before our Lodges will change Officers and this is the perfect time to sit down as desk officers, as committees, or as the entire Lodge to make plans for WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE THIS TIME NEXT YEAR?

Setting goals helps to keep the Lodge focused on what they want to accomplish. If you do not write it down it is too easy to say "Well, we just talked about it, we didn't really decide what we were going to do or when." That way the Lodge does not have to be accountable and somehow when another year goes by and the Lodge is in the same place as before it's always easy to say "we really need to do something about it."(whatever IT is). Well, my Brothers and Sisters, it is time to quit talking and start doing!

Let's use an example. Many Lodges are having a hard time getting a quorum. So a goal could be to increase the lodge membership by 4 new members. Then you realize the Lodge hasn't done anything in the community or for the community for years. So, we set out to help out with one event in the community and to open the doors for some type of an open house to let the community to know what the lodge does. Now that sounds like a lot to some, and it is, for a Lodge that has not done anything for years. So, you set goals. Four members in one year means 1 member every 3 months. Two events in a year can be set up, one in the spring and one in the fall. Have the Open House in the spring, give FREE coffee and cookies. Have a beverage for children, lemonade or punch, and give away free popcorn or Easter Candy, or something. Have a couple of door prizes that will be drawn for, one in the middle and one at the end of the open house time, as you must be present to win. Also have brochures of our Order available and talk to people about the lodge and what you do or wish to do and what plans are in the works. This takes very few people to work this type of a project, and may get you some potential candidates to help you fulfill your goal of 4 members. The main thing is to get the word out with flyers, signs on the building etc. ADVERTISE the event.

Now you need to plan a project for the Community.

How about backpacks for kids? This would be a fall project. Get the school lists for different grades, buy a few backpacks and choose lists, purchase the supplies in August, fill the backpack with the supplies for a class and deliver to the school on the first day of school. Or ask your local school what they might need or if they have a certain class that needs something more than another.

Every month or two you need to check your progress to see if the lodge is still on track with your goals and you will be surprised how much you can accomplish. You might even find that some of the members that have not been attending might start coming back to see what's going on. Especially if you send a note or call and ask them to help or just let them know what is happening. Many members quit attending Lodge because the Lodge is not doing anything.

REMEMBER: A Lodge will be remembered for what it is doing not for what it has done in the past. Next month we will share ideas on preparing members for offices. Until then...Happy planning.

Sheryl Rohde, Membership Chairman

Stir the eggnog, lift the toddy,
Happy New Year, everybody.

~ Phyllis McGinley



Thank You

Thank you sisters, brothers and lodges for the friendship and love extended to me during my recent back surgery. Your cards, phone calls and visits really help a patient's morale during these dark days. This time I had a herniated disc which they repaired by transplanting bone marrow taken from my hip to rebuild this disc. Another vertebrae was fused and old hardware was removed from two other fusions as it was no longer needed. I am still recuperating and will be in therapy for awhile. Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

With Fraternal Love,
Shirley Wilson



UNEP is Set To Go!

Twenty four high school students from around Oregon have been selected as delegates for the 2015 United Nations Educational Pilgrimage for Youth. The come from Fairview, Bandon, Corvallis, Lincoln City, Salem, Central Point, Newport, White City, Portland, Medford, Keizer, Riddle, Troutdale, Aloha, and Tillamook. That covers a large area of the state, but I still wish we had a wider participation.

Eighteen of the delegates were selected directly from their local UNEP area or local IOOF lodge. The other 6 were selected by the State UNEP Committee in what we called an alternate essay contest. Local areas and lodges were asked to send in their runner-up essays. The state committee read those 11 essays, judged them, and then selected the top 6. Those 6 delegates will be paid for by the State UNEP Committee, thanks to the generous donations from several lodges and individuals. A special thanks is due to Mt Scott/Star No.188 for their donations and inspiration at last summer's Send-Off dinner when they made a pledge and challenge to jump start a fund specifically for this. Of course, I would be very remiss not to mention Brother Charles Cloud. As many of you know, Charles is always willing to collect money for the UNEP. (Thank you, Charles!!) I would also like to congratulate Bandon Lodge No. 133, who is sending 4 delegates from their area! Wow!

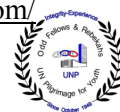
The delegates are now getting their materials ready. They have to get a passport book (which costs \$140 in case anyone would like to help them...), get a doctor's approval, and fill out a detailed Registration Form. I first got involved in this program 30 years ago and life was much simpler then. We selected delegates in March and pretty much just waited for the bus to pick them up. Today we deal with security issues and air travel.

This year the State UNEP Committee used an essay topic that did not involve the United Nations. Some members hated this and some loved it. We will be selecting a new topic for next year at our next meeting in the spring. If you have suggestions or comments, please let me know. I do have one comment, though. Local areas and lodges MUST use the state essay topic for the essay in the future. However, I would highly recommend that you use another topic for any speeches you require of your contestants. This requires them to do

extra work and... if you don't like the topic we select for the essay topic, it gets you around that. I would also highly recommend that you grade the essay completely separate of the speech. I suggest giving it a value of 1/3rd of your final score and the speech 2/3^{rds}.

This year's tour starts with a Send-off Dinner at 6:00pm on Friday, July 10th at the Holgate Center. If you have never been to one, you really should come. This is one of the biggest projects that Oregon lodges have and it is wonderful to see these special young people ready to embark on the adventure of their lives. The delegates then depart Saturday, July 11th and return Friday July 24th. If you would like to see more information, including photos and the itinerary from last year, please visit our website at: <http://oregonunp.tripod.com/>

Trey Anderson,
State UNP Director

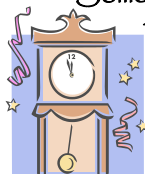


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Some of the Delegates for the 2015 United Nations Pilgrimage

"Tonight's December thirty-first,
Something is about to burst.



The clock is crouching, dark and small,
Like a time bomb in the hall.

Hark, it's midnight, children dear.

Duck! Here comes another year!" ~ Ogden Nash

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PORTLAND, OREGON, July 27, 1901

A. Y. Beach, Secy.,
Lakeview, Oregon

Dear sir & Bro.:

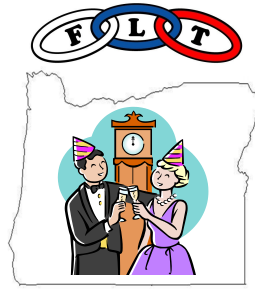
The Grand Master desires to visit your section of the country in September and I wish you would post me a little so I can arrange his trip. He will be at Drain to take the train Sunday morning at 2:53 A.M., arriving at Ager the same afternoon at 3:57 P.M. If he takes the stage there Monday morning, Sept. 2nd, will he reach Klamath Falls in time for a meeting that night? He will then visit Bonanza the following night, Sept. 3rd. Can he reach Lakeview, leaving Bonanza the morning of the 4th, in time for a meeting there same night? Then he desires to visit Prineville, Canyon City, Prairie City, Burns and Drewsey. Crocker's Guide shows a stage line from Lakeview to Prineville. Will that be the most practicable route, and if he leaves Lakeview the morning of the 5th when will he reach Prineville? Kindly give me the best information you can in the shortest time.

Fraternally yours,

H. E. Sharon

G. S.

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**"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin."
 ~ Mother Teresa**