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## ~ Coming Events ~

February....Education Foundation Month  
Feb. 7.....Cosmos Area Meeting..Estacada  
Feb. 14.....Holgate Board Meeting..Friendship Center  
Feb. 14.....Vineyard Area Meeting..Hillsboro..10 am  
Feb. 28.....Beaches Area Meeting..Sheridan  
March 14...Grand Master / RA President Fund Raiser  
Samaritan Lodge Hall..see below



On Valentine's Day we think of those who make our lives worthwhile, those gracious, friendly people who we think of with a smile.

I am fortunate to know you, that's why I want to say, to a rare and special person:

Happy Valentine's Day! ~ Joanna Fuchs

## 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

## Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

The Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252 is now resting on a new foundation!!! Our Theta Rho club and seniors now has a safe place to meet. We thank our sisters and brothers throughout the state for their support in this undertaking.

We will be continuing with other projects to improve our hall. It is such a wonderful old building and the work we continue with will keep us off the streets and out of trouble for a while.

We will continue with our bottle and can drive to work toward these new goals.

Thank you all for your help and encouragement. The boost you have given us will carry us a very long way.

## March is Arthritis Month so get your Donations in Let's make this the Biggest and Best Year Ever

# Grand Master Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters

As we approach the month of February we must remember to keep in mind the upcoming installation of newly elected and appointed Officers. This should be done prior to the April meetings.



I am also thankful to the lodges for allowing me to postpone my official visitation dates that I had set with them in order for me to fulfill my duty to visit the sick and bury the dead as my little sister had gotten very ill around the first of November and by the second week of December had passed. I was thankful for the many days that I had with her as I had spent every day with her until the time. We had many fine moments and a lot of laughs during that time and it amazes me how strong and will powered she was. I remember her as a sweet and caring person who would go out of her way to do anything for anyone. We must always remember it is our duty to visit the sick, relieve the distressed and bury the dead.

I will soon be calling the lodges I have not officially visited yet and setting a date to do so. I would like to thank all of the members who called me and sent cards to me when my sister passed. Your thoughts and prayers were soothing and did help me move on.

Please also keep in mind that our Grand Lodge sessions are soon approaching in the month of May. In saying this I would like to point out that many lodges do not send representatives to the Grand Lodge sessions and thus they are not being represented. This is where we make the changes in our Constitution and Bylaws. I would encourage each lodge to send the required number of representatives they are allowed so that your voices will be heard. This is when your new Grand Lodge officers are elected for the ensuing year and to be qualified it should be stated that you must have acquired the Grand Lodge degree to run for any Grand Lodge office.

Now I would like to talk about the Bundle of sticks that are one of the symbols of the first degree. We must always share and be able to listen to all thoughts and ideas. Remember the teaching of the symbol, together we are strong and can not be broken, but when we have only a few we are weak. Lets keep the bundle in our thoughts as we proceed further into this New Year and continue to remain together and strong. In saying this it

should also be mentioned to be alert as a whole and not let one single member run every aspect of your Lodge and remember the power of voting. Do not be afraid to speak your thoughts.

Charters from your Lodge may be moved by special dispensation for the sole purpose of multiple Lodge installations at one event. We do this at Samaritan Lodge and have 4 Lodges that participate yearly doing so.

When elected officers are installed, they are asked to swear an oath on their honor that they will uphold and abide by the laws, rules and regulations of our Order. There is no allowance for them to just say I will take the oath and then do what I please. If you have no intention of upholding the oath of obligation, you must as a true Odd Fellow walk away and choose not to be installed into office. As the Grand Master it is my duty to install or cause to be installed into office the officers of the lodges.

When it is a lodge I have been asked to install and I have personal knowledge that an officer will not do the things that the oath of office requires of them or has no intention of doing them, I will not install that person into their respective office. To do so would be a violation of the oath that I swore to at my Installation. It is called Honor, Integrity and Loyalty.

As I was talking to a Brother who has been a member of this great Order for over 60 years he mentioned something to me that made valuable sense. He spoke of our early Brothers and Sisters who built this Fraternity into the Honorable one it is today but had a concern that I have also a concern of. It was how Lodges spend the monies left by our late Brothers and Sisters. When he spoke it made sense.

Many Lodges I have visited are spending their funds at such a pace it frightens me. I was told by one of them they do not want new members because they like it the way it is. They obviously do not care for the future of Odd Fellowship or the future of their Rebekah Lodge with this type of mentality. I say this because this was also a Rebekah Lodge I visited on the same day. As I have no control over the functions of any Lodge's acting within our rules and laws this does not mean this is morally ok and I am saddened as well as angered by this. If we lose track of how we got where we are then shame on you who feel this is you I am speaking of.

I think it would be a good idea for each and every Lodge to pick a meeting real *Continued on page three...*

*Continued from page two, Grand Master:* soon and read in open Lodge the Obligations you took when you joined. This hopefully will back you up to the time you joined and make you think of how would you be here today if it wasn't for the past. Many of our late members contributed financially to their Lodge and this made them as financially strong as some still are today and if you and your Lodge have no intention of carrying on and simply are just in this to spend the funds that are left than how self-centered you are. We must think of our future and sure we do need to spend money to continue to relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan but at a more careful rate.

I would encourage Lodges to have an outside independent audit of their finances. We have found that this insures that they were not mishandled and are keeping the Fraternity as a whole in compliance with IRS code 1023 as you know is a non-profit status and must abide by these rules.

Please also remember the Lorane Rebekah Lodge. They are undergoing extensive repairs and could use more financial donations, so if you could find it in your hearts to do so please help them. I thank the Lodges whom already have and would like you to know that not only have you helped them now but in doing so you have helped their future. They could not have done it alone and I know for a fact they are grateful. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Brothers and Sisters, I now leave you with these words: Live Simple. Give as generously as you can. Breath deeply and think before you speak. Do the best in all you do. Speak Truthfully and leave everything else to the power of God above.

Ronald Kunze  
Grand Master



## Albany Lodge to Host Convention

Albany Lodge No. 4 will host the 2015 Linn-Benton Convention on Saturday February 7th. All four degrees will be given; all candidates are welcome. Registration will be at 9:00 AM at the Lodge Hall: 738 E 5th Street.

**Please Note: The time change for the vineyard area meeting February 14th. Registration will be 10am and the meeting will begin at 11 am.**

## Assembly President Shirley Mathews

Hello Sisters and Brothers:

As you travel through life there will always be times, when decisions just have to be made, when choices are hard, solutions seem scarce, and the rain seems to soak your parade. There are some situations where all you can do is simply let go and move on, gather your courage and choose a direction that carries you toward a new dawn. So we need to pack up our troubles and take a step forward—the process of change can be tough, but think about all the excitement ahead and look past the road that’s been rough.



Enough about doom and gloom, let’s start having some fun. The GM Ron Kuntz and I are having our fundraiser at Samaritan Lodge in Milwaukie on March 14<sup>th</sup> and we need all of you to be there to have fun with us, and I know you will enjoy the BBQ. We have some surprises, prizes and lots of laughter planned. So please join us.

Wow! It’s February, the month of love, hearts and flowers. Let us give love where there is unkindness, show the goodness of our hearts with good deeds and be sure to stop and smell the flowers along the way. Happy Valentine’s Day to all of you.

In Friendship, Love and Truth  
Shirley, President  
503-522-9407



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## President's Itinerary

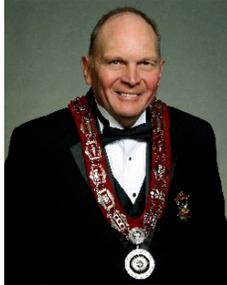
- Feb. 7....Cosmos Area Meeting..Centennial No. 147  
Estacada..*Conf.*
- Feb. 14...Vineyard Area Meeting..Aloha No. 253..*Conf.*
- Feb. 21...Sharon Burt’s Testimonial..Texas
- Feb. 28...Beaches Area Meeting..Ethel No. 162..  
Sheridan..*Conf.*
- Mar.7.....Unity No. 51..Bay City..*Conf.*
- Mar. 10...Integrity No. 175..Milton-Freewater..*Conf.*
- Mar. 14...Woop-T-Doo BBQ..Milwaukie..2 pm
- Mar. 28...Myrtlewood Area Meeting..Mamie No. 20  
Coquille..*Conf.*

# Grand Patriarch *Allan Jackson* Grand Matriarch *Teresa Dyer*

Greetings Patriarchs,

Wow, where did this first half of the month go?

In my last letter I informed you that Albany Lodge No. 4 was conferring the initiatory degree. The initiation was conferred on two candidates, one from Springfield and one from Albany.



This will increase the membership of the lodges, so that the Encampment members will have someone they can ask to join us.

This coming meeting we will be conferring the initiatory degree on two more candidates. Thank you Albany Lodge No. 4 for "Just Asking".

This is one of the "fun times" of the lodge year. All of the Units of the Order will be installing their new team of officers. I am looking forward to helping install them.

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

In Faith, Hope and Charity,  
Allan Jackson, Grand Patriarch



## UNEP Funds Are Due

Our UNEP year is passing along. February 24th is the deadline for delegates to turn in their Registration materials and they all seem to be moving forward on this. The total cost for sending our delegates is about \$2,250.00 each. With generous donations from many sources, the state UNEP committee has managed to keep the cost for local lodges and areas to \$1,800.00 per delegate. Most of the lodges or areas have already paid a holding fee of \$900.00 and need to pay the balance of \$900.00.

Checks should be made out to :  
**Grand Lodge of Oregon, IOOF**  
and mailed directly to me by February 15th:  
Trey Anderson  
2150 Stone Hedge Drive NE  
Keizer, OR 97303

Happy Birthday month, Greetings Matriarchs...

Can you believe it has been almost sixty years since we received our state charter. Check your proceedings for all the details. Mina Fish was the first Secretary and Mary Dickman was the first Grand Matriarch.



Happy birthday to Presidents George and Abe and in between Happy Valentine's Day.

I hope all are having a safe winter.

In FL&T,  
Teresa, Grand Matriarch

## Welcome New Members

**Montezuma  
Odd Fellow Lodge  
No. 50**



**Charity Dean  
Machelle Childers  
Mason Childers  
Brooklyn Childers  
Sandra Spencer**

**Benita Ronbinson**

**Ocean Odd Fellow Lodge No. 254**

**Robert Stanfill**

**Evan Stanfill**

**Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113**

**Claudia Collings**

**Tabitha Tolbert**

**Margaret Goldader**

**Heceta Odd Fellow Lodge No. 111**

**Betty Huff**

**Emily Comstock**

**Charlene Sheasgreen**

*Veggie Valentine*

*You may not "carrot" all for me the way I care for you.*

*you may "turnip" your nose when I plead with you*

*but if your "heart" should "beet" with mine*

*forever "lettuce" hope*

*there is no reason in the world*

*why we two "Cantaloupe." ~ Author Unknown*



# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary *Mary Houle'*



Happy February,

I hope everyone has fully recovered from the holidays and is enjoying life. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and visit a member who may be a bit lonely.

Thank you to all of the secretaries who have their annual reports into my office. I really appreciate it. You are making my job so much easier. If you have not sent in your annual report please get it to me as soon as possible and feel free to give me a call if you need help.

The paperwork for selecting District Deputy Presidents, Lodge District Deputy President, Delegates and Alternates should have been received by all lodges by now. Please get the slips back to me as soon as you can so that President Shirley and I can get to work preparing for your Oregon Rebekah Assembly Sessions.

Everyone should have their 2015 - 2016 lodge officers elected by now. District Deputy Presidents should be making sure that everyone is qualified to be installed.

We close the financial books for the year at the end of February so if your lodge has any donations they would like to have recorded for the year please get them to me by February 25<sup>th</sup>. Also, please get any legislation, resolutions or petitions to me so that they can be given to the appropriate committee and be ready for sessions.

Fraternally,

Mary Houle', Secretary  
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



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# Annual Home Coming Dinner



Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 of Grants Pass held its annual after the Christmas Holidays Home Coming dinner on January 18<sup>th</sup>. We had a wonderful time and a yummy potluck dinner with Ken "KC" Carr preparing the main dish, beef brisket.



Once the food was served, the photographer didn't take any other pictures as he was very busy eating and visiting. Although some members had to leave right after dinner, many stayed and visited.

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- Rocky Point Resort.....(541) 356-2287

## Jesse T. Jones Campground

Happy Valentine's Day! Here we are in another year. Thank you for those who have let us know early if their vacation plans for this summer need adjusted. We really want to keep the park as full as possible and have plenty of spots open for new members.

If you are bringing a new guest to the park and they are interested in joining Odd Fellows or Rebekahs please pick up an application from the office and make sure you explain the membership process to them. We usually have an all-degree day here at the Park in July but the applicants must have a letter from the lodge secretary stating they have been voted on and approved before taking the degrees.

The Men are trying to repair and rebuild the lower shop so if you are a contractor and have left over wood let us know and the guys will pick it up.

We will be having a work day here at the park on March 14th. Please let us know if you can come down and join in the fun and your help will be greatly appreciated.

We have had some beautiful days here and today it is sunny and 57. If you are feeling drizzly and fogged in, call and maybe you can shoot over here for your dose of sun. We are looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Mary and Park Staff 541-997-7546  
04906 South Jetty Road Florence, OR 97439

We ask that you keep the Turpin family in your prayers. Especially Gabrielle. She is the 15 year old President of Sheridan Youth Group No. 2. She is very ill and was admitted to Doernbecher Children's Hospital.

If you or your lodge would like to help brighten her day please send her a card to let her know you are thinking of her. Send cards to: Gabrielle Turpin

9th Floor-Room No.25

Doernbecher Children's Hospital

3181 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd, Portland, OR 97239

A fund is being set up at the Grand Lodge Office in Gabby's name to help her family with unforeseen expenses. If you have any questions please contact Patty Fries at the Grand Lodge Office: 503-236-9300

3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202

## Rocky Point Update

Hi Odd Fellows and Rebekahs!

My wife Lauren and I are happy to introduce ourselves as the new managers for the upcoming season.

With the beginning of the New Year and no snow in sight, we're hitting the ground running so that the 2015 season will be the best yet!

We would like to invite you to enjoy a 30% discount on all RV sites during April and May! That's only \$21 per night for a full hook-up site! April brings peak bird migration numbers of over 260 species and 1 million birds. April and May also provide some of the year's best fishing opportunities. Make sure to bring your cameras and your scales! Come relax and enjoy all the resort has to offer.

Odd Fellows will now also receive a 15% discount on all lodging and boat rentals ALL YEAR!!!

Enjoy an updated menu with top of the line service and breathtaking views at the lodge restaurant opening May 1st.

Call us today to make reservations at 541-356-2287.

We want to thank all of you who stayed with us this past season for your support and look forward to a great year.

Marc and Lauren Price  
Rocky Point RV Park  
28121 Rocky Point Road  
Klamath Falls, OR 97601



**Our 140th Anniversary!**

**Montezuma Lodge No. 50**

invites you to join us in Celebrating 140 years of Odd Fellowship in Hillsboro, Oregon on

**Sunday, March 8 at 1-3pm**

Refreshment will be available and a slide show of Hillsboro's & Our Order's history will be presented.

Montezuma Lodge, 267 E Main, Hillsboro, Oregon

# Membership 2015

Last month we talked about planning. Have you started working on your year’s plan yet? With every New Year we need to be sure our members are ready to move to the next step or phase of their membership. Are your members ready to assume their offices? Have you talked about the need for training? Do you talk about the different responsibilities of the offices during your meetings? It is very important that we make sure our members are ready for new offices and understand their responsibilities.

A few years ago all Lodges received a Membership and Training manual. This is a white 1 inch loose leaf notebook. For Odd Fellows it has the Three links on it and has the seal of the Grand Lodge on a blue cover page. For Rebekahs it has the Rebekah emblem and has a green cover page. The first section in that book is a manual of instruction for the Lodge. This instructional manual gives step by step of how to prepare for and conduct a meeting and what each officer is supposed to do. It explains each order of business and what is expected. There are many things of value such as information about the other units of the Order, parliamentary procedure, how to have successful meetings and how to improve interpersonal skills (or dealing with conflict). All those are topics for another day. But if you travel to the pages in the back of the book there is a listing of each office and an explanation of the duties of that office. This book can be a very valuable tool for training and explaining new positions to your members.

Now, I know what you are thinking. We don’t have anything like that in our Lodge. Well, I can say every Lodge got one. They were delivered to the Lodges by the membership committee at that time and Lodges were given an overview of what it was about. What the Lodge did with it after that I do not know. They may be on a shelf or in the bottom of a drawer or cupboard. Anyway, I just wanted to bring it to the Lodges’ attention that there should be a wonderful training manual in

your Lodge. Now you are going to say we don’t have that so we can’t train. WRONG! You all have Rituals. Everything that is in the Training Manual came out of the Ritual. The ritual has general instructions, (the fine print), that explains the procedures. The duties of the officers are given in the opening ceremonies and in the installation of officers.

Now we all know there are certain courtesies that are extended by officers that may or may not be indicated in the Ritual. Some things are learned by doing. The best way a lodge can train the members for officers is to open and close the Lodge in form. That means using the ritual and following the procedure as written. Do not take “short cuts”. There is no short form of opening and closing. If a Lodge will just open and close following the proper procedures it should not take more than 10 minutes to open and maybe 5 minutes to close. Even if you want to have only an hour meeting you still have 45 minutes for business. Your members will learn more by proper procedure than trying to “school” them for special events.

If you feel you are not able to take on the task of “training” please contact me or the Educational Seminar Committee for help. There is help available for Lodges whether you are struggling to have enough active members for a quorum, or you have the members and they just don’t want to change offices, or you just want to make a change to try and improve your meetings. An active Lodge is a happy Lodge and when a member feels comfortable with what they are asked to do the atmosphere will change and become one of cooperation and compatibility and then watch the change happen.

Let’s start this new year with a new direction and planning and see if we don’t get a better result at the end of 2015. Till next time.....Happy training.

Sheryl Rohde, Membership Chairman

“Who, being loved is poor?” ~Oscar Wilde

## IN MEMORIAM

Jessee Barker	Klamath Odd Fellow Lodge No. 137	Klamath Falls
Lorna Fusano	Eugene Rebekah Lodge No. 55	Eugene
Willis Gholston	Kemp Odd Fellow Lodge No. 181	Odell
Clifford Whitten	Kemp Odd Fellow Lodge No. 181	Odell



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Friday, April 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm

Regular Meeting  
Sword Spell Down  
Sword Proficiency Exam



To love someone deeply gives you strength, being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.  
~ Lao Tzu