

# ODD FELLOW

November 2014

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## ~ Coming Events ~

- Nov. 1.....All Committee Meeting..Portland
- Nov. 7.....PNWDC..Eugene Odd Fellow Lodge
- Nov. 7-9....Northwest Odd Fellow..Eugene Hilton
- Nov. 9.....John Blades ..“Celebration of Life”
- Nov. 11.....Veteran’s Day
- Nov. 27.....Thanksgiving



For each new morning with its light,  
 for rest and shelter of the night.  
 For health and food, for love and friends,  
 for everything thy goodness sends.  
 We are thankful. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

# Odd Fellow Patriotic Parade, First Street, Portland, 1871

**A  
Blast  
From  
The  
Past**



**"Veteran's"  
 Replaced "Armistice"  
 June 1, 1954  
 to Honor  
 American  
 Veterans  
 of all wars  
 every year on  
 November 11th**



## Grand Master *Ron Kunze*

Brothers and Sisters,

As we approach the month of November and leave October behind us I hope you have all had a good start up as some of the lodges don't meet during the summer. I would like to start off by thanking Gary and Betty Hahn for continuing to hold the annual All Degree Day at their farm carrying on a tradition that his father and mother had started many years ago.



As for my Lodge visitations we started off in Burns where I made an official visit to Harney Lodge. I remember a year and a half ago leaving there as we had just conferred all 4 degrees and initiated 9 people who have stepped up to the plate and assumed offices. I feel very strong about this lodge and I can see a bright future for them. My next official visit was in Canyonville where I met the Brothers and Sisters of Douglas lodge. We had a wonderful potluck dinner and after the dinner we had the privilege of listening to one of our UN delegates speak of her trip. Afterwards we attended a well-run meeting. After the Odd Fellows meeting the Grand Marshal and I attended the Rebekah meeting. From there we made our way to Klamath Falls for my official visitation. We started off by meeting at a Chinese restaurant and had a wonderful meal followed by a another well-run meeting. During the meeting there was discussion concerning a wildfire that had broken out across the border in California where several homes had been destroyed and people were without food and shelter so the Lodge stepped up to the plate and offered financial support. This is what gets us known in the community and I thank them for thinking of others in distress. From there I made my official visitation to Golden Rule Lodge in Grants Pass and I must say KC cooked one of the best beef brisket I have ever had and the lodge had a smorgasbord of potluck dishes. I must say this lodge is a must see for all members as they have such extraordinary wood work in their building. After a wonderful dinner I had another a surprise which was a UN delegate speaker. I am always impressed with these young kids and how they tell us about the trip as it is a life changing event for them. Afterwards we had a very good meeting. This lodge still manages one of our cemeteries and does a great job of getting there and working together. From there I made an official visitation to Dierdorf Lodge in Scio. It was here that

Noble Grand Tim Dehne presented me with a medallion of the Manchester Unity. It has a six pointed star in the middle with the three links of our Order and the words Amicitia Amor Et Veritas which is the motto of the coat of arms and it stands for Friendship Love and Truth. Thank you Tim, the medallion is beautiful and I was honored to have received it from you. From there I arrived back home in Oregon City for some long awaited R&R. Then we made our way to Hillsboro where I made my official visitation to Montezuma Lodge. We had a wonderful potluck meal and lots of desserts. And right after the dinner we had another presentation by two more of our UN delegates. The speeches they give always excite me as I can feel the excitement coming from them. Afterwards we had a meeting with lots of discussion. Montezuma Lodge is home to the Hillsboro United Youth Group. They have done a wonderful job there of supporting this group and it is great to watch them grow. Our next stop was in Heppner where I made another official visitation to Willow Lodge. I'll never forget opening up the door to the lodge and the first thing I noticed was the mouth watering smell of prime rib as it was roasting in the oven. It was a very succulent dinner with many pies afterwards. I was impressed with the number of members at this lodge as we had 30 brothers present. Last but not least we arrived in Portland for my official visit to Woodlawn Lodge where we had a nice sit down lunch at the Holgate Center. This Lodge has a Bikes for Books program and during my visitation they had 2 new bikes for the Grout Elementary School and some of the members were delivering them after the meeting. The idea for this program was originally started by the Grand Marshal, Lloyd Fries. It is a big plus for the school. Thank You to all of the Lodges I have visited. I have enjoyed your hospitality and you are all doing a great job.

I would like to thank all of the lodges who did contribute to my project which is all of the Oregon I.O.O.F youth groups. And while I am speaking of youth groups I would like to mention the Lorane Rebekah lodge which houses our Eta Theta Rho girls. This lodge is going through a foundation repair and could use donations for this improvement to their building. I am asking any and all Odd Fellow Lodges to please help contribute what you can for this repair so we can have a safe place for our young girls to meet. Remember if we want them to become our future we must help them now, so please help if you can. *Continued on page 8.....*

# Assembly President Shirley Mathews

# President's Itinerary

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The fall season has arrived and we are very lucky to have an abundance of trees in our landscape that show off their beautiful fall colors for all of us to enjoy... I love fall. I am hoping for our fall weather to last a long time this year and that our winter, when it does arrive, will be a mild one.



As I write this, I think of how lucky I am to belong to such a great Order because I have met so many beautiful sisters and brothers that I would have never met if you had not elected me to be President. And I truly thank you for that.

In our Fraternal Order, under the Three Links of a Golden Chain, we keep busy as a Bee Hive, be it sunshine or be it rain. Under the Moon and Seven Stars comes courage, hope and helpful good deeds. The Dove, our emblem of Peace, brings happiness, love and Charity. The lily is our symbol of Purity. It teaches us to live pure and spotless, and to do unto others as we shall have others do unto us. As Rebekahs we reap the benefits of fraternal group support, close friendships and the good feeling that comes from cooperative work. **Membership** is the most important challenge in this Order.

When we sit down for our Thanksgiving dinner this year with family and friends, let us remember to be thankful for our many blessings. Let us be thankful for the blessings we receive every day and for all the little things we take for granted that often come our way. May we all give a thankful prayer for those who are risking their lives to protect us and our freedom; as well as a prayer for those less fortunate. Everyone have a happy Thanksgiving and may you have many blessings and joys in your future to be thankful for.

*A smile is a gift anyone can afford to give.*

In Friendship, Love and Truth,  
Shirley, President

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- Nov. 1.....All Committee Meeting @ noon.  
Grand Lodge Office..Holgate Center
- Nov. 7.....PNWDC..9 am..Eugene Lodge Hall
- Nov. 7-9.....Northwest Odd Fellow..Eugene Hilton
- Nov. 12-16.General Don Thomas Reception..Kentucky
- Nov. 20.....Beulah No.35..Dinner 6 pm..*Confirmed*
- Nov. 24.....Bertha No. 188..Dinner 6:15 pm..*Confirmed*
- Dec. 1.....Lorane No. 252..Dinner 6 pm..*Confirmed*
- Dec. 4.....Leone No. 84..Dinner 6 pm..*Confirmed*

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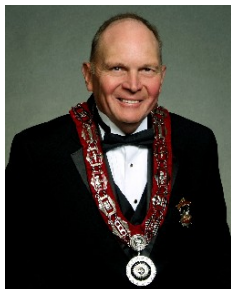
## Grand Master's Itinerary

- Nov. 5.....Estacada 175..Dinner 6 pm..Meeting 7pm  
*Confirmed*
- Nov. 7-9...Northwest..Eugene Hilton
- Nov. 11....Spencer Butte 9..7:30 pm..Eugene..  
*Confirmed*
- Nov. 12.....Oregon 3..7 pm..Oregon City
- Nov. 13.....Philitarian 8..2 pm..Roseburg..*Confirmed*..  
Lunch
- Dec. 4.....Tillamook 94..6 pm Dinner..*Confirmed*
- Dec. 11.....Chemeketa 1..7:30 pm..Salem..*Confirmed*..  
Dinner

# Grand Patriarch *Allan Jackson*

Greetings Patriarchs,

The Hahn Farm Degree Day was well-attended on Saturday and Sunday. I thank all the members and Patriarchs for all of your help. This weekend could not be accomplished with out all the hard work, food, set-up, take-down and all of the parts in the degrees. Thanks to Gary, Betty and Shirley for hosting this weekend.



It was an honor as Grand Patriarch to be part of the 140 year celebration of Wimawhala Encampment No. 6. Congratulations Wimawhala for 140 years of service to the Eugene community.

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 & Charity,  
Allan Jackson, Grand Patriarch

As your Ambassador of Goodwill for the GLEA I would like to say hello and thank sister Teresa for asking me to help her this year.

I would like to let you know that I have moved from Salem to Portland and my new address is:

Kathleen Lake  
3214 SE Holgate Blvd #107  
Portland, OR 97202  
503-232-1236

I would love to hear from anyone who might know of someone who needs a card to be cheered up, because of illness or just because. If anyone would like to help by donating a book of stamps once in awhile or send any types of cards I could use to mail out, please feel free to send them my way as this comes out of personal funds.

It is a great year and I enjoy doing this, so sometimes a little help is really appreciated.

In FL&T,  
Kathy Lake, Ambassador of Friendship

# Grand Matriarch *Teresa Dyer*

Greetings Matriarchs,

Fall is here... I am grateful for the rains...the river looks like a creek.

Happy Election Day, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving.



In FL&T,  
Teresa

## Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 133



On Tuesday October 14th Grand Master Ron Kunze made his official visit to Bandon Odd Fellow Lodge.

"Do not spoil what you have by desiring  
what you have not, but remember that what  
you now have was once among the things  
you only hoped for." ~ Epicurus

The family of John Blades would like to thank the many people who have been with our family during John's fight with cancer. The prayers, cards, notes and contacts have given us all strength. We will have a "Celebration of Life" on Sunday, November 9, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the IOOF Hall in Lebanon. Donations may be made out to the Friendship Fund in memory of John.

# From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary Mary Houle'

Fall is in full season now and I hope you are enjoying the wonderful weather. I love the leaves as they change color but I wish they would rake themselves up. It is also the start of the holiday season. Remember to visit your shut-in members. The holidays can be a lonely time for some of our sisters and brothers. My family will be sharing the traditions of Thanksgiving with our German exchange student this year. Katharina has joined Eta Theta Rho and learning all about Rebekahs and our Order.



Your lodges will be receiving your Per Capita Dues notices this month as well as your annual report forms. If you have any questions or areas of concern with these forms please feel free to give me a call.



Have a wonderful Thanksgiving,  
Mary Houle', Rebekah Assembly Secretary



## Fall 2014 Northwest ODD FELLOW / REBEKAH ASSOCIATION MEETING and Pacific NW Dept Council and DALAPM Meeting

Friday, Saturday & Sunday  
November 7, 8, & 9, 2014

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Phone: 800-445-8667

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Pre-Registration Form - Cut Off is October 30th

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_ Jurisdiction \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Registration PNWDC & DAPNWDC Meeting  
Includes the cost for lunch \$20 each US Funds \$\_\_\_\_\_  
Meeting and lunch to be held at the Eugene Lodge Hall

Pre-Registration NWOFF Meeting \$15 each US Funds \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet Buffet \$45 each US Funds \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total \$\_\_\_\_\_

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It's not happy people who are thankful.,  
it is thankful people who are happy. ~Unknown

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## Morand Scholarship Forms Available

A Morand Scholarship winner recently sent a thank you to the Morand Committee. The student wrote, *By awarding me the Morand Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, LEARNING. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals as you have helped me.*

High praise from one of our scholarship recipients not just for the Morand Committee, but to all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and the work you are doing to support the programs of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

It is time to make the call, contact the Grand Lodge Office and request your application for a Morand Scholarship, request one of the Morand brochures at the same time for additional information about the Morand Scholarship program.

The Morand Committee met in October and have updated the scholarship application forms. College students who will complete at least one term of college by January 31, 2015 and have attained a GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The committee awards scholarships in February of each year, and all Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their family members are encouraged to apply. Our Brochure outlines all the criteria and directions for applying for a scholarship. Request a few of the Morand Brochures from the Grand Lodge Office, all Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges should have a few of them for members with college age family members.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is fast approaching. All applications must be in the Grand Lodge office no later than January 31, 2015. Remember, these scholarships are for members or their family members and are only for Oregon students attending an Oregon school unless their field of study is not offered in Oregon.



Don't delay, apply for your scholarship today!



Falling leaves hide the path so quietly.

~ John Bailey

## UN Delegate Speaks at Douglas No. 14



Left to right: Grand Master Ron Kunze, Sarah Fairchild, Grand Marshal Lloyd Fries and NG Willie Sturmer

Sarah Fairchild, one of the 2014 delegates gave a presentation about her trip to the United Nations during the Grand Master's visit to Douglas Odd Fellow Lodge in Canyonville.

## Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Eight members from our lodge traveled to the Timber Area Meeting in Elkton where it was noted as the largest attendance they have had in the past.

It was voted to name the new Area Meeting to be Pioneer, since two new lodges were added to our area.

Elnora Cowgar, Marilyn Willey and Alice Pellham received seals for reciting the unwritten work to President Shirley. Our lodge was presented certificates for arthritis and scholarship recognition.

We hold a hunter's breakfast every year as a fundraiser. This year we offered a buffet breakfast, coordinated by Effie Hughes. It was well-attended and everyone seemed to like the buffet style, we were pleased with the results.

Our contractor is busy with the foundation and making good progress. Thank you to all who have made it possible.

Halloween treats were handed out to all the goblins on Halloween by Charlotte Mitchell, Sande Maxwell and Alice Pellham.

Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Alice Pellham



# John Blades

## April 17, 1940 - October 8, 2014

### Grand Master 1992-1993



John M. Blades was born in Oregon on April 17, 1940, the son of F. Merrill and Bertha Blades. He married his wife, Donna, in 1966, and has two children, Carrie Hector and Jeffery Blades.

John was a charter member of Freewater Junior Lodge No. 23, instituted on November 15, 1955. Just after his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday in 1958, he joined Freewater Lodge No. 202 of Milton-Freewater and is a Life Member. He is a member of Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175 of Milton-Freewater, Willamette Encampment No. 2, Capital Canton No. 11 and is an associate at Lebanon Lodge No. 47 and West Point Lodge No. 62.

John has been among those instrumental in gaining new members over the years in many Lodges throughout the State. John along with his father Merrill assisted the Walla Walla Odd Fellows Lodge with degrees numerous times. On degree days you would always see John taking a part and usually from memory. John will especially be missed for the parts he did in all the Degrees of Odd Fellowship.

John comes from an Odd Fellow and Rebekah family. Four generations which have belonged to one of the lodges in Milton-Freewater. The family of his wife, Donna, involves seven generations of membership in the Order. His son Jeff and daughter Carrie are also members, as well as his son-in-law Matthew Hector.

When his children were growing up and getting involved with scouts, swim team, baseball programs, etc. John was there volunteering and helping out.

John has served our Order in many areas. Grand Master, Grand Color Bearer, Grand Chaplain, Grand Representative to Sovereign Grand Lodge, Grand Trustee of the Grand Lodge, Grand Lodge Parliamentarian and held the office of Grand Secretary from 2002-2008. He has served on numerous committees, and on the Holgate Board of Directors.

Not how did he die, but how did he live? Not what did he gain, but what did he give?

These are the units to measure the worth, of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not, what was his church, nor what was his creed? but had he befriended those really in need?

Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer, to bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say, but how many were sorry when he passed away.

## IN MEMORIAM

**John Blades, PGM**  
**Larry Klein**  
**Verda Stutesman**  
**Harriet Modrell**  
**Jessie Bollinger**

**Freewater Odd Fellow Lodge No. 202**  
**Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge No. 7**  
**Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43**  
**Unity Rebekah Lodge No. 51**  
**Aloha Rebekah Lodge No. 253**

**Milton-Freewater**  
**Corvallis**  
**Burns**  
**Bay City**  
**Aloha**



## Annual FL Convention



New FL officers: *left to right*: Vice President Denice Meeuwse, Secretary Mandy Erickson and President Geane Rickels, jazzin' it up.




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Heim your blessings with thankfulness  
so they don't unravel. ~ Unknown

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*Continued from page 2:* I would like you all to keep Past Grand Master John Blades' family in your thoughts and prayers as they go through their mourning. The loss of Brother John is not only felt by his family and close friends but also the Brothers and Sisters of our Order as well. I can remember John from the very first day that I saw him at my Initiatory Degree. As the degree was conferred upon me at Peninsula Lodge in Portland he was the Conductor. I remember how amazed I was because John did the part of Conductor by memory and continued to do so every other time I have seen the degree conferred. He was a Brother that deserved our utmost gratitude. God Speed Past Grand Master John Blades. You were a great Odd Fellow and will be remembered as such. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of Thy Lord."

As I have travelled I have noticed a lot of our lodges with a low number of members present. To them I would suggest working on membership but in saying that I would like to remind you that the prosperity of our Order relies upon individuals of good character.

I would now like to leave you with some words of wisdom "remember to put yourself in someone else's shoes and if it hurts you then it probably hurts them"

Ronald Kunze, Grand Master

## Eta Theta Rho



FL President Cindy Hudson with Eta Theta Rho Members. Eta Theta Rho entertained the FL members with several skits at the FL Convention.

## Timber Area Meeting

The Timber Area Meeting was held at Umpqua Lodge No. 173 in Elkton on September 27<sup>th</sup>. It was well-attended with the addition of Eugene No. 55 and Lorane No. 252 to the Area.

President Shirley Mathews made her official visit to Umpqua Lodge No. 173 and the Area. Terry White and Eugene No. 55 gave the tribute to past chairmen by sharing seeds of friendship and reciting a poem thanking the past chairmen for their service to the Order. Lorane No. 252 gave instruction on how to visit as a body. President Shirley shared news from the International sessions in Victoria, BC.

Since it has been decided that Districts and Areas should have a different name than lodges, the Area members voted to change the name of the area to Pioneer Area.

Various goodies were offered with coffee and tea during registration. A delicious lunch was served by Umpqua. They supplied the main course and the other lodges brought side dishes and desserts. Yumm!

33 members and 6 visitors were in attendance.

## Eta Theta Rho No. 94

Eta Theta Rho has had an excellent start to our "year". With summer over and the girls meeting every week starting in September we have already had two new members and a fun day trip.

On October fourth we had a busy day. First we started at the lodge hall at five in the morning where we helped the Lorane Rebekah Lodge with their Annual Hunter's Breakfast. Then at one in the afternoon we traveled to Lincoln City where we entertained at the FL Club Convention. We joined the FL Club for dinner at Sambos. It was a great time and huge Thank You to FL Club President Cindy for inviting us!

Eta remains very active in the Honor's program. We have eighteen girls at various levels, some are starters and others are working on their fourth level of the program. This is a lot of work for the girls memorizing, learning about the history of Odd Fellowship and how our country works, and learning more about Theta Rho. Looking at what's coming up, we have our Annual Halloween party and pumpkin carving planned for October 30<sup>th</sup> with the Boy Scouts. Also we have a "Parent's Night Out" planned for December twelfth. Parents can drop their kids off at the lodge hall at five in the evening and pick them up by eleven and the girls will watch the kids free of charge as a community service so parents can go shopping that evening.

As usual if you have any old shoes we would love to take them off your hands as this continues to be one of our best fundraisers.

We thank all the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs for their continued support and look forward to seeing some of you at Northwest where we have been invited to present on Saturday evening.

In FL&T,

Tara Wigle-Head Advisor

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I would like to apologize for sending out a letter soliciting funds for the fence at Jesse T. Jones Campground without getting proper authorization from the Grand Master and Rebekah Assembly President.

Mary Green

Sheridan United  
Youth Group Lodge No. 2  
Is lending a helping hand for the homeless

We are accepting

NEW OR SLIGHTLY USED:

- Pillows, Blankets, Sleeping Bags, etc...
- Winter Coats, Gloves, Boots and or Shoes, Scarves, Earmuffs, etc...
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in Willamina

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## Rocky Point Resort

Brothers and Sisters,

All of us here at Rocky Point Resort would like to thank Montezuma Lodge No. 50 of Hillsboro, Cheme-keta Lodge No. 1 of Salem, Klamath Lodge No. 137 of Klamath Falls, Philitarian Lodge No. 8 of Roseburg, Myrtle Lodge No. 38 of Myrtle Creek and Douglas Lodge No. 14 of Canyonville for their wonderful donation that helped with supplying bedspreads, sheets and bathroom linens for the cabins and motel rooms. The Adopt-A-Cabin Program that Joyce Clark started, has helped out tremendously. Next year we will be updating some of the furnishing in the cabins and motel rooms with the left-over donations. We are so happy that our Lodges are helping to make Rocky Point Resort successful and one of the best Resorts in Oregon.

Thank you,  
Rocky Point Resort Craig and Susan, Managers



During the course of the 36 Pit Fire near Estacada, most of the firefighters camped at River Mill Park, but some of them resided at the Estacada Lodge Hall . I would have never known they had been there if at the last meeting I hadn't asked who cleaned the hall, it looked so good. They left it spotless when they moved out.

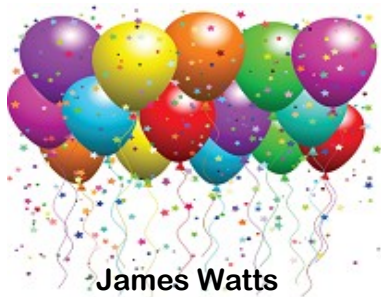
## Welcome New Members

### Sheridan No. 87

Tony Watkins  
Ginger Watkins  
Kira Sandoval

### Chemeketa No. 1

Kevin wood  
Michael Versoza  
Brian DeForest  
Corben Standish



James Watts  
Jake Libby  
Sean O'Neill

## Philetarian IOOF Lodge No. 8

Philetarian Lodge voted to adopt Lorane Rebekah Lodge's foundation as our project for the year and have dedicated our coin drill to the fund and the lodge has voted to match what we collect. We collected \$26.78 so we now have \$53.56 in the fund. We also are cashing in bottles and cans to add to the fund.

We have added six new members and have one more to initiate. We also welcomed four new associate members into our lodge, Kimm Cady PGM, Marti Cady, Donna Cross and Cynthia McCluer.

Grand Master Ron Kunze will make his official visit at our next meeting on November 13th at 2pm. We will have a soup and bread luncheon at 1pm.. All are welcome to join us.



In FL&T,  
Colleen Suiter, NG

"When asked if my cup is half-full or half-empty my only response is that I am thankful I have a cup." ~ Sam Lefkowitz

## How To Keep New Members

Have you ever initiated a new member never to see them again? Or maybe they came to one or two meetings after the initial degree night but stopped coming soon after. Do not feel alone, this happens way more often than it should. If this has happened in your Lodge, even once, it means you need to look at what made them leave or not come back. There are a few reasons and areas to look at to try to resolve this issue.

The number one reason is usually that the new member does not feel a part of the group. Were the members friendly, or were they too busy getting things ready to make the new member feel welcome? After the degree did someone sit with the new member to help them understand the workings of the meeting? Did the Noble Grand pause to explain some of the acronyms we use in referring to our projects? Such as UNEP, TR, JL, UYG, or projects like Educational Foundation, Morand Fund, Friendship Fund, or Holgate Center. When you are a new member and especially if you are unfamiliar with fraternal organizations, the ritualistic part of the meetings may need some explanation. Also, for those Lodges who open, pay the bills, and close, the reason for belonging makes no sense. Remember, more often than not, we are talking about a person who does not know anything about the Lodge or they have been told certain things and are not seeing what they expected.

Some very simple solutions are to first, make sure everyone is greeted as they enter the Lodge Hall. If you don't automatically have a member that does that, take turns and everyone participate in greeting every person as they enter. Our Lodge started that and even the older members felt more welcome. Also assign a Big Brother or Big Sister to the new member, someone OTHER THAN the sponsor. This person will be there to help the new member understand the workings of the Lodge and the Order. Find out what the interests of your members are so you can match up interests with projects. If you have people who show an interest in a certain area, they will be more apt to get involved and participate if you let them work with that project. Be sure to assess the new member and get a feel for how much involvement the new member wants or is willing to do so they can get involved at their own pace. Pushing a new member too fast is as bad as ignoring them.

*Continued* →

## United Nations Educational Pilgrimage

As State UNEP Director, I get to hear directly from all of the Oregon Delegates and hear their appreciation for the UNEP program and all that we do. I wanted to share this note I just got from Renee Kuzmenko, a senior at Clackamas High School, who went on this past summer's trip.

"I'm still in touch with a few delegates from Finland, and I still plan to visit them someday (I'll let you know how it goes). I have to tell you Trey, I miss everyone so, so, so much. They became family to me, but we are all so far apart. Two weeks is nothing, but when you're stuck on a bus together every day, you are bound to get close to each other. For some reason I feel like I'll see these people again, like it's not over. What I experienced is beyond words. I don't know how to tell you and all the others that support this trip how thankful and appreciative I am. This trip showed me what I want to do in my life. I've seen things I never thought I would see, been places I never thought I would go. You guys need to raise your voice louder and somehow make yourselves known more. So many students are missing out on this chance that can change their life. Though I said it before I'll say it again, thank you. And I'll keep saying it all the years of my life. You deserve to hear that. I'll never forget you and everyone that I met on the trip."

Renee Kuzmenko

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"Without Thy sunshine and Thy rain  
We could not have the golden grain;  
Without Thy love we'd not be fed;  
We thank Thee for our daily bread."

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These are just a few things that will make a big difference with member retention. If you treat your new member with respect, make them feel welcome, and listen to their comments and concerns, show them that you view them as an asset for the Lodge, you will have a better chance

that you have a long-term member rather than a one meeting member.

Questions?? Feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments or you would like more information.

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**The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes  
from the summer cottons into its winter wools. ~ Henry Beston**

