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~ Coming Events ~

Nov. 1-3.....NW Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association
Nov. 3.....Daylight Saving ends
Nov. 11.....Veteran's Day
Nov. 27-29...Grand Lodge Office will be closed
Nov. 28.....Thanksgiving Day



Thinking of you
at Thanksgiving, and asking
God to bless you abundantly,
love you dearly,
watch over you always.

- unknown

What Is Odd Fellowship?

What is Odd Fellowship, I pray,
can any of you tell?

I hear of it most every day,
and would like to know real well.

“What is Odd Fellowship?” you say-

I've known it from my youth,

I find it's living every day
in Friendship, Love and Truth.

It's living by the Golden Rule,
as Jesus bade us do;

and doing for our fellow man,
those things that we should do.

‘Tis honoring those who have attained,
and aiding those who try,

Forgetting petty jealousies
and repeating not a lie.

It's giving up our pleasures
when someone is distressed,

and watching when the loved ones pass
and laying them to rest.

‘Tis caring for the orphans,
and training of our youth,
‘tis scattering acts of kindness
and sowing seeds of truth.

In fact ‘tis only giving
our best in the world of strife

forgetting self and living

a truly Christian life. Author unknown

Grand Master Gordon Corda

Assembly President Merrilea Manning

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I hope everyone had a spooky and fun Halloween, either at a party with friends or handing out candy at home.

I continued my travels in October visiting several fantastic lodges. I hope the Gold Hill Lodge spaghetti dinner for the community went well. I was happy to hear and learn that one lodge has members that make time to get together outside of meetings for special events that exemplify the kind of fellowship needed to keep our Order strong and going. They did this even when they were dark for the Summer.

I wish all a very Happy Thanksgiving, enjoy the things that you are thankful for.

I want to extend my personal condolences to the John Lauka family. It was an honor to meet and work with John, his dedication and expertise was invaluable. He will be greatly missed .

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Grand Master Gordon Corda



This last month I have been racking up some miles traveling. The first part of October I was in Burns visiting Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43. After a lovely lunch and informative meeting, we headed over to the Odd Fellow/Rebekah section of the local cemetery for a dedication of a beautiful bench honoring all Past, Present and Future Members of their Odd Fellow and Rebekah lodges who have been dedicated members of the Order. I felt honored to be invited to attend this wonderful dedication. Thank you!

Next I headed up north through part of the Malheur National Forest and a portion of the Blue Mountain Scenic Highway for a visit with Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 139 in Lexington. It was an amazing drive! I was treated to a delicious dinner and had a great meeting with the Sisters there. Holly Rebekah Lodge is having a Vendor Fair and Luncheon from 10 – 2 pm on November 9th in their Lodge Hall. I am only sorry that my visitation wasn't close enough for me to stay and attend it too. But I am taking their fantastic fund raising idea back with me to other lodges.

In mid-October several of us from Oregon's Rebekah Assembly attended the Idaho's Rebekah Assembly held in Moscow. Idaho's President Pat Marvin had a very organized and well planned meeting. It was awesome to see her Officers and Choir (Yes, a Choir!) all dressed in white. They reminded me of Angels doing good deeds.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving with many blessings to count. Please remember the less fortunate in your prayers. I also hope everyone takes the time to call or send a Thanksgiving card to Sisters and Brothers who are not able to attend meetings due to the weather or health. If anyone has questions or needs help, please feel free to call, text or email me.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Merrilea Manning, President

President's Itinerary



Nov. 1-3...Northwest Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association
Nov. 7.....Prosperity No. 104..Klamath Falls

Pilgrimage for Youth Fundraiser



At the Hahn Farm All Degree Day in September a "Pie in the Face" fund raiser was held. Grand Master Gordon Corda, PGP Lisa Corda and Grand Patriarch Michael Guerreiro were the lucky pie in the face recipients. Lisa told them they had to pay double to hit her in the face with a pie. (and they did)

Grand Patriarch Michael Guerreiro

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary Mary Houle'

We have entered the Holiday season starting with Thanksgiving this month. Remember to give thanks for your family, friends and fellow lodge members. This is the season we should remember and contact members who can no longer attend meetings or other events and let them know we are thinking of them and hope they are well.

The leaves are falling and it is a good time to take a close look at your Lodge and Encampment. First impressions are important, what is the first impression the public will get when looking at your facility? If you are lucky enough to have a parking lot, is it clean or is it full of leaves and debris or litter from the street. Does your front door have leaves all around or posters or flyers that may or may not be outdated tacked all over it? Is your entry way clean or is there dirt and leaves all over the floor? If you have an upstairs lodge room, are your stairs clean or littered with debris from people coming in and out? These are all first impressions, the next time you go to a Lodge or Encampment meeting, stop and look around, what would you think if you were seeing it for the first time? Is it time for a fall clean-up day? Maybe your Encampment can meet with your Odd Fellows and plan a day to come and put your facility into the good first impression category. If you have other groups using your Lodge building. Ask them to join you, a breakfast or lunch for all may entice more to attend and pitch in to make your facility something that is a source of pride to everyone.

Last month I visited my home Encampment, Hillsboro No. 84. We had a nice dinner and meeting and I thank them for a wonderful evening and their nice donation to my projects. Montezuma Lodge No. 50 also presented me with a check for my projects, I am happy to have such a supportive group of members in my Odd Fellow Lodge and Encampment!

When this paper is published, I will have visited all Oregon Encampments and will be starting to drop in on the Encampments to see what is happening around the state and to see how our sock drive is going. Can we beat last year's numbers? I hope we can collect even more new socks for the homeless.

In Faith, Hope and Charity,
Mike Guerreiro, Grand Patriarch



Happy Thanksgiving everyone,

As the holiday season begins we need to remember our brothers and sisters who may be alone for Thanksgiving and send them a card, give them a phone call or stop by for a short visit. I know that they will enjoy having someone remember them.

It is time to get busy if your lodge plans on sponsoring a delegate for the Pilgrimage for Youth Program. Time slips by and you do not want to miss the opportunity to help a youth in your area go on this life changing trip next summer.

I will be sending our Per Capita dues statements this month and hope you all enjoy paying your dues. The Rebekah Assembly Secretary (oh yeah, that's me) appreciates your prompt attention to this matter.

I will see you at a meeting soon and hope you each have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Mary Houle',
Secretary Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

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Grand Secretary's Corner Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

I would like to start off with a very big thank you to Estacada Lodge No. 175, Woodlawn Lodge No. 171 and Samaritan Lodge No. 2 for the very large, generous donations to the Holgate Center. With your large donations the Holgate Center is able to concentrate on other needed tasks.



Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, We have several Lodges that have not turned in their Lodge cards to the Grand Lodge. Please remember, Grand Lodge needs this information for many reasons. We are getting too many letters returned to us because Lodges are not notifying the Grand Lodge when one of your members has moved or when your officers have changed. We simply cannot wait for annual reports for this information. Even if your Lodge officers stay the same we would still like to know. If you don't want to type or write a Lodge Card you can call Melinda in the Grand Lodge office and verbally update the information. Whatever is easiest for your Lodge. Melinda can be reached at 503-236-9300

I am asking you all to keep in your thoughts and prayers Connie Miller, Wife of Past Sovereign Grand Master John Miller. Connie is in the hospital after suffering a heart attack. If you would like to send the Millers a Card please send them to The Grand Lodge of Oregon and I will see that the card gets to the Miller family.

As we begin the Holiday season please remember those in need. If you are able to help a family in need I am sure it would be appreciated. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Ronald L Kunze, Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Oregon, I.O.O.F.

"Vegetables are a must on a diet. I suggest carrot cake, zucchini bread, and pumpkin pie." Jim Davis

Holgate Board UpDate

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Holgate Center's Chief Financial Officer John Lauka.



John was asked a year ago to come out of retirement and help the center with the financial condition that we faced because of poor administration policies.

In December of the year 2018 John had gotten to the bottom of Holgate Center's financial condition and then immediately he guided us through the recovery process. John was also instrumental in the restructuring of the operations of the center, mainly the administration office that was not at the time operating in the best interest of the center. It is without argument that Holgate Center would not have survived without John's guidance and professionalism. John will be missed by many and especially myself. John and I became very good friends. He treated me like a brother and I did him the same. I thank God for every day that I got to spend with him.

To John's family I would say that you were truly blessed to have such a good and great man in your lives. On behalf of the Holgate Board of Directors and myself I Thank you John Lauka and God speed.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Ronald L Kunze, Board Chair,
Holgate Board of Directors

The Grand Lodge Office will be closed November 27th - 29th.

JUST A REMINDER

The Grand Lodge Office does not use the old Comcast Email addresses. **USE:**
grandsecretary@oregonioof.org
assistant@oregonioof.org

Harney Odd Fellow Lodge and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge Dedicate Bench

Mill City Initiates Four New Members



On October 7th Grand Secretary Ron Kunze went to Mill City to help initiate four new members into their lodge. Beverly Thacker, Jerome Zynda, Dimond Edge and Billy Edge.

The members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Harney Lodge No. 77 and Sylvia Rebekah Lodge No. 43 of Burns are honored to share with the community a bench that has been installed in the I.O.O.F and Rebekah section of the cemetery. Noble Grand Robert Hornbeck stated that the bench is in memory of all Past, Present and Future Members of our Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges, who have been dedicated members of our Order. The bench can be found just down from the chapel.

We were honored to have the Oregon Rebekah Assembly President Merrilea Manning present for the special memorial. Present in the picture left to right Reba Pfefferkorn, Jackie Caizza, President Merrilea Manning, Penny Hornbeck, Noble Grand Robert Hornbeck, Pauline Braymen and Sue Minniear,

Penny Hornbeck

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Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Morand Scholarship

Lorane Rebekah Lodge

Applications Now Available

It is time to make the call. Contact the Grand Lodge Office and request your application for a Morand Scholarship. Request a Morand Brochure at the same time for additional information about the Morand Scholarship program. The Morand Committee met and have updated the scholarship application forms. The Grand Lodge Office is the only source for the most recent forms. Only applications with the date 10/9/19 in the lower left corner of the page will be accepted. College age students who have completed at least one term of college by January 31, 2020 and have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher are eligible to apply for a scholarship. The committee awards scholarships in February of each year. 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 on hand.

The deadline for applying for a scholarship is fast approaching. All applications must be in the Grand Lodge office no later than January 31, 2020. Remember, these scholarships are for members and their family who are OREGON RESIDENTS attending an Oregon school unless their field of study is not offered in Oregon.

Don't delay, request your scholarship application and brochure today from the Grand Lodge Office, then complete all the requirements in the application form to apply for your scholarship.

The Morand Educational Fund Committee will meet to award the scholarships on Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Grand Lodge Office at 3202 SE Holgate Blvd, Portland, OR 97202.

In F.L.& T.

Delbert Kennedy, Chairman.

Our annual hunters breakfast fundraiser was held on opening day of hunting season. We fed all the hunters starting at six o'clock and then there was a lull before the community members arrived so we did some cleaning and reorganizing the rummage table. It was a slow go for a while but we did realize a nice profit.

We are still accepting donations of cans and bottles from the community and elsewhere to raise more needed funds for our treasury.

Nellie Shoemaker was selected to receive our annual Crow High School Scholarship. Her plans are to attend Linn-Benton Community College to become a nurse.

Alice Pellham

Morand Educational Scholarship Fund

Hello all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs:

There is a new way to contribute to the Morand Educational Fund. At the May 2018 session of the Grand Lodge in Seaside, Oregon, there was a by-law amendment passed so that money can be contributed (by the lodges or individuals) to supplement the fund. This donation can then be awarded to applicants by the Morand Educational Committee in February 2020.

Scholarships awarded are from \$1,000 to \$2,000. last year only 5 scholarships were awarded of \$1,000 each. Eleven applications were received so six (6) had to be turned down due to lack of funds.

On your donation check put this notation: "2018 Scholarship Account" otherwise it will be deposited into the Morand Investment Fund and the Scholarship Fund will only get the interest from your contribution

Make your check out to the Grand Lodge of Oregon IOOF and send it to the Grand Lodge Secretary at 3202 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland, OR 97202. Please remember to write in the memo line "2018 Scholarship Fund".

Delbert Kennedy,
Chairman

National Night Out in Coquille



Mamie Rebekah Lodge No. 20 and Coquille Odd Fellow Lodge No. 53 participated in the National Night Out function in Coquille, August 6th. Some members worked all day preparing hamburgers, hot dogs with all the trimmings and then serving the food. The evening was a success serving about 818 people. The Coquille Community Building was the venue and there was free swimming for several hours, face painting, bouncy house among many other activities for the public.

Welcome New Members

Gold Hill Odd Fellow Lodge No. 129

Jay Thomason

Steven Morgan

Donald R. Langley

Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175

Annetta J. Knowles

Dawn Mitchell

Mt. Jefferson Odd Fellow Lodge No. 196

Ronald E. Terry

Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1

Timmi Brushe

Nicole Noland

Stephen Petersen

Montezuma Odd Fellow Lodge No. 50

Janet Goedel

Ray G. Goedel

Norman Baldwin

Covenant Odd Fellow Lodge No. 12

Kris Burns

Mill City Odd Fellow Lodge No. 144

Jerome Zynda

Beverly Thacker

Billy R. Edge

Dimond Edge

"Our Father, fill our hearts, we pray,
with gratitude Thanksgiving Day;
For food and raiment Thou doest give,
that we in comfort here may live." ~ Luther Cross

"I ate too much turkey, I ate too much corn, I ate too much pudding and pie, I'm stuffed up with muffins and much too much stuffin', I'm probably going to die. I piled up my plate and I ate and I ate, but I wish I had known when to stop, for I'm so crammed with yams, sauces, gravies, and jams that my buttons are starting to pop. I'm full of tomatoes and french fried potatoes, my stomach is swollen and sore, but there's still some dessert, so I guess it won't hurt if I eat just a little bit more."- Jack Prelutsky, *I Ate Too Much*



In Memoriam

Betty Lou Thomas, PGM

Kindred Thomas, PGP

Webster E. Briggs

John Lauka

Charles Shirley

Jeanette Armstrong

Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4

Central Point Odd Fellow Lodge No. 193

Myrtle Odd Fellow Lodge No. 38

Holgate Center CFO

Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1

Beulah Rebekah Lodge No. 35

Central Point

Central Point

Myrtle Creek

Portland

Salem

Albany



Annual Theta Rho Session in Yakima Washington

News From Chemeketa No. 1



Below: The members of Eta Theta Rho enjoy a stop at Bonneville Fish Hatchery on their way to Yakima.



Chemeketa Lodge No. 1 was back in session in September and the next few meetings have been or will be busy. September 26th, the lodge conferred the Initiatory Degree on 3 new members. In the accompanying photo (from left to right) is Steve Petersen, Degree Noble Grand Cyndi Smith, Timmi Brushe, and Nicole Noland. At our October 10th meeting, Grand Master Gordon Corda and his Grand Marshal Lisa Corda were with us and we enjoyed hearing from him after a dinner at Roger That BBQ. On October 24th our lodge will host a Speak-Off for our area's Pilgrimage for Youth Program. We are looking forward to finding a great student and being involved in the program again.

After reading the article in the paper last month, some of our members were confused. As stated, Samaritan Lodge No. 2 was the first lodge in Portland. However, as also stated, Chemeketa Lodge No. 1 was the first lodge in Oregon. Our charter was signed August 16, 1852 and we have continuous minutes from our first meeting on Monday, December 6, 1852. The first order of business was the election of officers, followed by the installation of officers. Fees were then set as \$25 initiation fee, \$5 fee for each degree, and \$3 quarterly dues. Relating those numbers to 2019, I believe that we do not have any lodges currently charging that much!

Trey Anderson

Take rest... A field that has rested
gives a bountiful crop. - Ovid

Planning Meeting

Attention all units of the Order: at the Northwest meeting in Yakima there will be a meeting for all elected officers to submit and discuss any and all items that need to go into the calendar of events for next year (2020 – 2021). This includes lodge fund raisers, all degree days, and any other activity the group puts on. The purpose is to prevent multiple events from happening on the same day. This meeting includes Odd Fellow Lodges, Rebekah Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and youth groups. If you cannot attend, please send these dates to me either by e-mail or regular mail as soon as possible.



Lloyd Fries, Deputy Grand Master

Tillamook No. 94 Holds Annual Pumpkin Patch



Tillamook Lodge hosted over 850 kids at their 12th annual pumpkin patch



Juniper Rebekah Lodge Presents 40 year Jewel



On Monday, October 7th, members of Juniper Rebekah Lodge No. 229 gathered for dinner at Black Bear Restaurant to honor Roberta McDaniel with her 40 year Jewel presented by Noble Grand Beverly Sexton.

He is rich or poor according to what he is,
not according to what he has. ~Henry Ward Beecher

Jesse T. Jones Park

Hello from the Park. We are into fall and Veterans Day is fast approaching. We allow all Veterans, Fire Fighters and Police Officers to camp free on the weekend of Veterans Day. Heceta Lodge also provides a breakfast on Saturday. The dates are the 8th - 11th. This is just a small way to offer our thanks for all of your service.

Secretary's, those of you who have not been sending us your monthly attendance will need to make sure that in December you notify me with the dates that your members attended 4 times to qualify for the Active Member Discount. They must have attended 4 times in 2019 to qualify for 2020 unless they are new members this fall.

If anyone has questions please give me a call and I will be glad to help you out.

Mary and Park Staff

Muscovite Degree Day



On Oct 5, 2019 Tillamook hosted a Muscovite Degree Day. It was a great day of fellowship



Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.

-W.T. Purkiser

"In spring when maple buds are red, we turn the clock an hour ahead; which means, each April that arrives, we lose an hour out of our lives. Who cares? When autumn birds in flocks fly southward, back we turn the clocks, and so regain a lovely thing that missing hour we lost in spring." - Phyllis McGinley

Don't forget to turn your clocks back November 3rd



Amos Holds National Session



A.M.O.S. had their national session called "Supreme" in August which was held in Santa Clara, California. It was a unique Supreme as it was the first A.M.O.S. Supreme Session held on the West Coast since the '50s.

A.M.O.S. is the Ancient Mystic Order of Samaritans. It was founded in 1901. A fez-wearing unit that has been dubbed the "playground of the Odd Fellows." The units are called Sanctורים. Oregon's Sanctorem is in Tillamook and is called Al Jibneh No. 260 (meaning the cheese).

Our Grand Monarch Gary J. Kniss attended the Supreme and served as a Supreme Officer. While at the Supreme Session, the Degree of Perfection was confirmed on our Grand Monarch moving him from the status of a Samaritan to a Sheik. As could be expected of a national convention, the usual business required was conducted and completed. It has been reported that along with the business, the Supreme contained a heavy dose of fun and antics!!!



David Scheer



We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have. ~Frederick Keonig

Fall 2019 Northwest



Odd Fellow / Rebekah Association Meeting

November 1st, 2nd, & 3rd

Yakima Red Lion

607 E Yakima Avenue, Yakima, Washington

Phone 1-509-248-5900

Make Room Reservation Directly With The Hotel.

Specify That It Is for IOOF Northwest Odd Fellow/Rebekah Association

Room Rates: \$109.00

Cut Off for Room Block Is Thursday October 19, 2019

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

(Please Copy If Additional Forms Are Needed)

Name _____ Title _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Pre-Registration _____ @ \$30.00 Each\$ _____

Saturday Banquet _____ @ \$35.00 Each\$ _____

Total Enclosed\$ _____

Halloween Party
With "COSTUMES"



Make Checks Payable In US Funds To:

Jennie Reed

PO Box 494 McCleary, Washington 98557 ph: 360-495-3573 Cell: 360-470-0422

Registration Deadline: October 22, 2019

If you have anything for a Silent Auction to help Raise Funds for the Youth Groups of Washington and Oregon, please bring it with you.

THE YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE SO WE MUST GIVE THEM A HELPING HAND

Pacific North West



Department Council Sessions, Yakima, Washington

Friday, Nov 1, 2019 at 9:00 am

Mustering of Recruits

Sword Spell Down

Sword Proficiency Exam

Decoration of Chivalry

Call Dan @ 503 522 8730 for details



