

Odd Fellow

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May 13.....Grand Encampment Sessions..9am
May 14.....Rebekah Assembly Sessions..9am
May 15.....Grand Lodge Sessions..9am



And Spring arose on the garden fair,
like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
and each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest. --Percy Bysshe

Chemeketa Lodge No.1 Through The Years



2000

From left to right: George Nelson, Chuck Shirley, Trey Anderson, Lawrence McClure, Stewart Mulvey, George Robertson, and Vic Koop.

A couple of things pop out to me.

(2000) First, this was just a regular lodge night for us. Then the Rebekahs asked us to come over to their lodge and gave us small gifts for Father's Day. But look how we are dressed!! That was NORMAL for us. Normal until some of you folks showed up in shorts, etc. Hahahaha. Amazing how quickly the dress "code" changed. When I joined in

'83 we all dressed like that, but I am surprised that we still looked like that in 2000.

Second... only 7 of us. I remember looking around the room and thinking "2 or 3 of these guys could keel over anytime and our lodge would just fold." There were nights we only had the quorum of 5.

Last..... 21 years later, I am the only living survivor of that night. Geesh!



2021

(2021) I have attached a second pic. This was from Thursday night and shows our degree team. (Chris does have shorts on, of course.) I think Stew Mulvey is rolling in his grave.



1952

(1952) Last, but not least is a pic from 1952. I don't know if it was a regular night or something special. I recognize the guy in the rear at the far right; Charley Neubauer. He was our musician for many years.
Trey Anderson

Grand Master Gordon Corda

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I begin by wishing everyone a Happy Easter. Spring is the season of rebirth and return of the sun.

I enjoyed my Zoom meeting with Barnum Lodge and learning about their ongoing commitment to the environment. I also visited Montezuma Lodge via Zoom and commend them for their continued clean up work adopting a portion of roadway. My Grand Marshal and myself were honored to visit Lebanon Lodge in person. It was great to see a well run meeting again. I have heard that several lodges will begin meeting in person, still following current guidelines.. Wonderful news.

I am looking forward to making a visitation to Jacksonville Lodge at the end of the month for their Saturday Social Luncheon

In FL&T,
Gordon Corda, Grand Master



Grand Secretary Ron Kunze

Rounding up Members For ZOOM Sessions



Please mail in your ZOOM session registration forms

Assembly President Merrilea Manning

I wish to thank everyone who sent me condolence cards. These last 3 months have been very rough for me. The support and encouragement from my fraternal sisters and brothers means a lot to me. I am sure it also means a lot to others who are going through difficult times or are shut-in. That is one of the reasons that in every news article I stress the importance of reaching out and staying in touch with them. A simple “I am thinking of you” card or a five minute telephone call can make all the difference in the world to someone.



I thank the Lodges for the hospitality extended to me during my year of Presidency and extend my apologies to the Lodges that I was unable to visit due to Covid19. There are many wonderful sisters that I have spoken to on the telephone, but never had the opportunity to meet in person. Hopefully I will get that pleasure one day in the future.

The plans and details for the Oregon Sessions via Zoom in May are still a work in progress. Please look in this issue of the Oregon Pacific Odd Fellow for the latest updates and deadlines. Meanwhile, everyone please continue to stay safe and optimistic of better days ahead for all of us.

In Friendship, Love & Truth!
Merrilea Manning, President
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



Dear Friends,
We wanted to thank all members for your love and support for the loss of Jack Pickett.

Blessings,
Charles Pickett and family



2021 ZOOM Sessions May 13, 14 & 15

Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



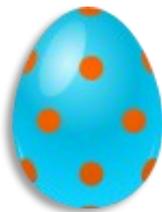
Brothers and Sisters,

Please remember to register for the Grand Lodge Zoom sessions to be held on May 15th, 2021 starting at 9 AM and ending when business is completed. If you do not register you will not get a voting ballot. Ballots will be mailed on April 1, 2021 and only those who have registered will get one so please, fill out the registration form and send it to the Grand Lodge. You can also email it. I will even accept an email stating you would like to attend but you must let me know if you plan on attending via your phone, personal computer or in a group at someone's home or your Lodge room. Please make sure your Lodge secretary sends verification that you have been elected a representative. Please remember for all those that wish to attend and vote: You must be a Past Grand in good standing to cast a vote in the election of officers and board members. Please remember when you cast your vote that this is not a popularity contest. Please vote for the candidate you feel will do their best for our Order.

Please remember that your Lodge must have the first 1/2 of their per-capita dues invoices paid by April 1st. If your Lodge has not paid by April 1st then your representatives or members that have registered will not be getting a ballot mailed to them so please remit those dues in a timely manner.

I can't stress enough, please pay your Per Capita and mail in your registration forms.

In FL&T,
Ronald Kunze,
Grand Secretary
Grand Lodge of Oregon



Holgate Center Update

To all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs,

Your Holgate Board of Directors are still meeting monthly with Director Dane Jensen and CFO Ruth Deitz.

Our census is still down due to COVID-19 but we hope the near future sheds a brighter light and we can take in more patients. There have been many hurdles to get over during this pandemic but our Executive Director Dane Jensen is handling them head-on as they come. We thank our entire Holgate Center Staff and Employees who have remained steadfast and true to the mission of taking care of the sick.

Ronald Kunze, Chairman
Holgate Center Board of Directors

Why did the magician have to cancel his show?

He'd just washed his hare and couldn't do a thing with it.

What do you get when you pour hot water down a rabbit hole? A hot cross bunny.



News From Jesse T. Jones Park

Hi, I know you all have been asking for better WIFI at the park. We have a bid to put in new access points and equipment to cover the entire park. The cost is \$10,000.00. We are fundraising for this now. We have raised \$3700.00 so far, Thank you Members!!

Work Day planned April 10th, weather permitting. Remember we are still doing curbside check in so please call and prepay for your site 72 hours in advance. Thank you and we'll see you all soon.

Mary and Park Staff

In Memoriam

Robert Scharbach
Betty Van Buren

Oregon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 3
Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113

Oregon City
Milwaukie



Grand Patriarch **Michael Guerreiro**

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

Greetings Patriarchs

March was the month to register for the 2021 Grand Encampment Zoom session, but so far, not too many have registered. This Zoom session is an opportunity for many more



Patriarchs to attend since you don't have to pay for travel, a hotel room or meals out. There isn't even a registration fee so it won't cost you a penny. Yes, it may be a challenge for some who don't have computer capabilities, but there are ways around that obstacle. Call your Chief Patriarch or Scribe to see if they can help you connect with someone who can share their computer connection or help you with a phone connection so you can participate.

I was able to go to Lebanon in March to help out with their cemetery clean-up day. The wind and ice storms wreaked havoc with all the trees on the property especially the trees lining the roadway so it was quite a job that needed to be done. There was a large group from the city of Lebanon with a commercial chipper that made the work much easier. I really thank all the volunteers. With so many helping we made quick work of all the damaged trees and branches and got the cemetery back into fine shape.

If you haven't yet registered for the Grand Encampment Zoom session, please do it today! If you can't print the form from the OPOF, call the Grand Lodge Office. We need to get all the committee assignments completed as we prepare to meet on Zoom. It's not too late, register today and plan to participate in the business of the Grand Encampment!

Remember, April showers bring May flowers. I hope there are not too many showers but a huge amount of May flowers in your future.

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



Why is a bunny the luckiest animal in the world?

It has 4 rabbits feet.

Happy April to everyone,

April is Living Legacy Month so get out in the sunshine and plant a tree or shrub for those who follow after us. While you are out there planting remember to have fun just playing in the dirt. I promise it really is fun.



Next month we are scheduled to have our session in the form of a ZOOM meeting on May 14th. I look forward to seeing all of you but will miss your hugs.

All Officers, Past Presidents and Delegates should have voting ballots by now. Please get them back to me by April 15th so that the balloting committee can count the ballots before our sessions.

I am sending a big thank you to all of the lodges who have sent in the Delegate and Alternate slips as well as the District Deputy President recommendations. It is so helpful to have this information available for planning sessions.

District Deputies please remember to send in your State of the Order Reports. We need the those reports as soon as possible so that the State of the Order Committee can get their report completed. Also don't forget your installation reports, we need those too. I know some of you have not installed officers yet but as soon as you are able to get the installation done please get your reports in.

Please take care of yourselves and stay healthy.

Fraternally,

Mary Houle', Secretary

Rebekah Assembly of Oregon

May God bless you at Easter,
and keep you all year through.
May God give you all the faith it takes,
to make your dreams come true.
May His love and wisdom always help,
to guide you on your way.
May His light shine down upon you now,
to bless your Easter Day. unknown



Rebekahs in Cincinnati 2012



The 2021 SGL Sessions will be in Cincinnati, OH August 12-19. Pictured above Oregon Rebekah Sisters in Cincinnati at SGL Sessions in 2012.

Edna Parshall, Mary Houle, Darrelene Beaver, Vickie Beaver, Kathy Creason and Rhoda Davis

Chemeketa No. 1

Initiates New Members

March 4th, seven of the existing members of Chemeketa Lodge No.1 met in-person to initiate eight new members. We also did this in September, but other than that, we have met online with Zoom since March 2020. The new members are Sandra Kellogg, Gregg Kellogg, Vince Castronovo, Elaine Hasty, Kelsie Bixler, Michelle Jackman, Greg Jackman, and Christy Jackman. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, everyone wore masks and we tried to social distance as much as possible. This was helped with having two “family pods” with the Kelloggs and the Jackmans.

Christy and Michelle Jackman deserve a prize for perseverance. They turned in their applications last February (2020). We told them that we would have an Initiation right after Spring Vacation (2020). Ha! We postponed that Initiation due to COVID-19 several times. Then, when we had an Initiation in September, they were not available.

Our Degree Staff had Ron Kunze as the Degree Noble Grand, Francis Kuper, Lindsey Kuper, Nicole Noland, Eddie Poteet, Chris Arnett and Trey Anderson. Most of us took more than one role, but it worked out well.

Welcome New Members

Heceta Odd Fellow Lodge No. 111

Steven Allen Robin Allen
Kris Oman Chris Davis

Myrtle Odd Fellow Lodge No. 38

Bart Guthrie Brody Guthrie
Mike Colby Ronald Mathews

Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge No. 7

Susan Binder

Springfield Odd Fellow Lodge No. 70

Andrew Miller Doug Nelson
Brian Barr John LaVassaur

Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1

Michelle Jackman Greg Jackman
Christy Jackman Kelsie Bixler
Sandra Kellogg Gregg Kellogg
Vince Castronovo Elaine Hasty



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of the Order
Please Remember to send
in your up-dated Lodge Cards
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Farmers Odd Fellow Lodge Holds Annual Rifle Raffle



Farmer Odd Fellow Lodge No. 49 held their annual fund raiser Rifle Raffle on December 2, 2020. The winner was Brad Humbert pictured at left with raffle Chairman Mike Campbell

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May the spirit of hope that Easter brings, help you find contentment in little things, and restore your faith in the Lord above who gave His life for the ones He loves.

Have a very Happy Easter

A.M.O.S.

As this article goes to print the Samaritans are preparing for election of new officers. With promises of spring and good weather along with hopes of COVID-19 restrictions lifting, new ideas and projects are being bantered about.

Recently the Samaritans of AL JEBNAH have continued to check on the welfare of members and give assistance when needed. Also, we are always willing to lend a helping hand in the community when we find a need. After all isn't that what Odd Fellows do? Yes indeed!

In F.L.&T
Gary J. Kniss



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What do you call a line of rabbits walking backwards? A receding hairline.

What do you get when you cross a bunny with an onion? A bunion



ZOOM SESSIONS PLANNED FOR 2021

The Grand Lodge executive committee met on December 5, 2020 in a Zoom meeting. It was decided unanimously that our 2021 Grand Lodge sessions would be held by means of electronic Zoom. The Rebekah Assembly will meet on May 14, Grand Lodge meets on May 15th and the Grand Encampment meets on May 13th. Since we are having our sessions via Zoom and telephone this year, we have to think outside the box on how to get everything done. We asked for nominations for Officers and Board Members from all of our members before our sessions. There will be no opportunity to nominate "from the floor" since we will all be in different places. Later we will be sending out ballots, so we have the results of the election during our session.

IF YOU DO NOT REGISTER FOR ZOOM SESSIONS, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE. TO RECEIVE A BALLOT, MAIL OR EMAIL YOUR REGISTRATION. ALL BALLOTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE GRAND LODGE OFFICE BY MAY 1ST. NOT POSTMARKED, BUT IN THE OFFICE. Give yourself time to receive and send your ballot from and to the Grand Lodge Office.

For members that don't have the capability to use Zoom to join in the session, you may plan to join another member who can use Zoom. Members, if you can use Zoom and know of others who don't have the capability, please contact them and offer an invitation to join you in your home or maybe at the Lodge so they can participate. You may also be able to listen and participate using just your cell phone, please explore all the possibilities so you can join us for the 2021 Sessions.



2021 ZOOM Sessions of

ALL UNITS OF ODD FELLOWSHIP



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May 13-15 2021 Thursday-Saturday

CHECK ALL THAT APPLIES TO YOU

ONE PERSON PER FORM LODGE NO. _____

Check if Elected Grand Lodge Representative _____

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Name _____

Title _____

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I will be joining the ZOOM Meeting for...Check below, one or all meetings you would like to join.

Grand Encampment, Thursday, May 13th @ 9am _____

Rebekah Assembly, Friday, May 14th @ 9am _____

Grand Lodge , Saturday, May 15th @ 9am _____

I will be attending via my own computer connection _____

I will be attending via phone connection _____

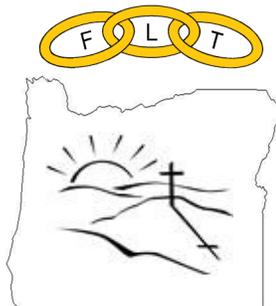
I hope to join another member to participate _____

Return Form to the Grand Lodge of Oregon IOOF

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Return by May 1st to get link for ZOOM

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