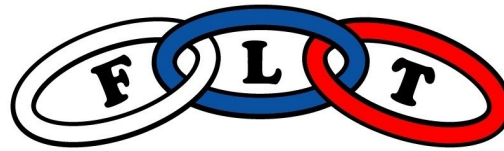


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~ Coming Events ~

Aug. 17-18...Youth Days..Baltimore, MD

Aug. 19-23...SGL / IARA..Baltimore, MD

Sept. 1-3.....Grand Encampment Weekend..Jesse T. Jones Park



Friends, sun, sand and sea
that sounds like a
summer to me. ~ unknown

The Muscovites Benefit the Odd Fellows Home

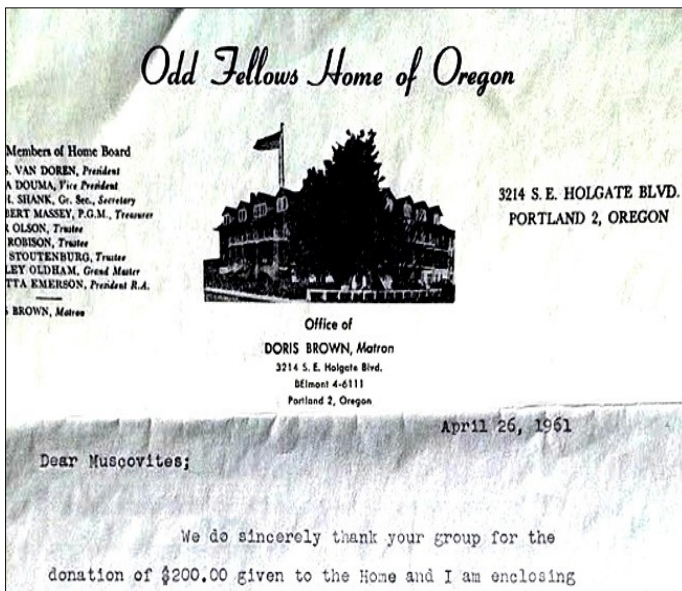
The Odd Fellows of Oregon received their first Muscovite Charter on March 9, 1900. Right from the start, the main charity benefited by the Muscovites has been the Odd Fellows Home of Oregon. Muscovites threw parties, picnics, and parades, all to raise money for the improvement and expansion of what we now call The Holgate Center. Letters, receipts and OPOF articles show that the Muscovites donated on a regular and consistent basis, so the home could purchase medical supplies, bedding, toiletries and other items that were needed for the residents. The Muscovites even furnished entire rooms at the Odd Fellows Home.



The Muscovites are still committed to the Holgate Center, but are serving it in a new way. Instead of performing and entertaining to raise money for the Odd Fellows Home, the Muscovites are performing and entertaining at the Holgate Center for the direct benefit of the residents.

In December 2017, the Muscovites brought Oregon Adventure Theater to the Holgate Center to perform "A Christmas Carol". On July 29, The Muscovites will be bringing the Oregon Adventure Theater back to the Holgate Center, this time to perform William Shakespeare's "The Tempest". Other Muscovite produced entertainment being planned for the Home's residents, include a Luau, dance performances, concerts and sing along/karaoke nights.

The Noble Order of Muscovites –
No meetings. No Dues. Just Fun!



Grand Master **E. V. Smith** SGL / IARA Scholarships Awarded

Well, if you are reading this newsletter it is August 2018 but for me, it was July 9, 2018. In June several of the Oregon members made that yearly trip to our neighbors to the North. No, not to Canada but to Yakima for Washington's Annual Sessions and to show our support for the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. A good time was had by all.



The retiring Theta Rho Assembly President Miss Stephanie Wigle of Eta No. 94 of Oregon told us about her Little Red Wagon having some problems in a little ditty. I would bet that her Grandmother (Mary Houle) had something to do with it and it was a hit with everyone that was there.

Now it is July and I was on my way to Jesse T. Jones Park in Florence for the 4th of July weekend breakfasts and parade. While I was there, I visited with Heceta Lodge No. 111 at the Dunes. I was impressed with the park. Thanks to Francis Kuper I got to see the dunes with a ride in his Razor sand buggy. The weather was just right for me and the park was packed. The breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday were very good, but it was a long weekend with the 4th being on Wednesday.

The rest of July I was sitting in a combine, harvesting grass seed, going around and around at the very fast speed of 1 to 1.2 miles per hour. Hopefully, I can get my visitation set to visit your lodge for the upcoming year.

In mid-August we are going to Baltimore for Sovereign Grand Lodge for a week.

Please remember my request to take pictures of your lodges, inside and out, and any other old lodge buildings that you know of. Also, send me their lodge name and number so we can try to find out about those lodges. Just remember; some information is better than none.

F.L.T
EV Smith, Grand Master



Lost and Found

Found at the Lebanon Lodge Hall after the reception on June 9th a magnet with a Past Noble Grand Jewel and year button on it. Contact Vickie Beaver at 541-259-2373 or dvbeav@proaxis.com if you think it might be yours.

Following is a list of the students from Oregon that received scholarships from the Sovereign Grand Lodge and International Association of Rebekah Assemblies for this year. We need to be proud of these recipients from our jurisdiction. Jorgi Taplin received an Ingrestrom Scholarship, Amy Struthers and Victoria Schlim both received a Non-Traditional Scholarship, and Elizabeth Carlson received a Wirz Scholarship. Great job by all. These scholarships are available to all who wish to apply. There are many categories and subject areas. This year we will be offering a new scholarship, "The Betty Moates Scholarship". It will target students working in the STEM areas of education. More will be available after the sessions in August. If anyone has questions please contact me at: Vickie Beaver, 175 Wheeler St., Lebanon, OR 97355, 541-259-2373, dvbeav@proaxis.com.

A little sand between your toes always
takes away your woes. ~ unknown

The answer may not be at the beach,
but shouldn't we at least check? ~ unknown

When life gives you lemons,
squeeze one in your hair and go surf. ~unknown

Saltwater cures all wounds.

Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Mary Stuck who was a member in our lodge for fifty-seven years passed away recently. She was our Noble Grand several times in that span of time.

We are planning a breakfast fundraiser during the community wide garage sale being held in August in Lorane.

The cemetery continues to be kept in good shape due to community volunteers.

We are on vacation until Labor Day so not much news. Enjoy your summer.

Alice Pellham

Assembly President

Denice Meeuwsen



“Life is better with Friends”...This past month has been a challenge. When I first decided to run for this office I worried a bit about “What if I can’t be there?” or.. “I’ll never learn all of this stuff.” And it has happened. So I’ve had to reach into my network of “Sisters and Friends” and asked for help. Due to a personal commitment, I couldn’t attend the July Campout at Jesse Jones Park. VP Merrilea Manning stepped up and took charge of the events that weekend. Thank you so much for your time and effort Merrilea.

I’m finding out that our RA Secretary, Mary, is like my “right-arm” now. I was trying not to bother her too much because I figured she was busy. But she informed me that it was a given that she and I are joined at the hip this year. Boy, was that a relief!! It’s good to have friends, especially if you don’t know what you’re doing.

Mary and I made a trip to Gardiner for a special visit to Three Rivers Rebekah Lodge a few weeks ago. The members voted to consolidate with Mamie Rebekah Lodge in Coquille. I’m so grateful for Kathy Creason PTE, who stepped in as a Special DDP to help. She kept in contact with me and I know the process will be a smooth transition. Thank you so much Kathy!

Many of our lodges are struggling and have problems that need to be addressed. And no, I don’t “expect” our lodges to close down?? (Believe it or not I’ve been asked that many times). On the contrary, I want them to find a way to grow again. But we’re getting older and unable to do the work we used to do. It is up to the lodges to make their own decisions and do what’s best for their membership. We’re here to make sure you find the answers you need. I came into this job knowing there would be changes this year. We need to work together and hopefully find a positive solution. Please, call Mary Houle’ or myself before you make any decisions concerning your lodges or property. We’re in this together and our job is to help you with any concerns you have.

To those who attended our Committee Workshop, thank you for taking the time to attend. I was running around and unable to check in with everybody but I know many of you are well informed with your committees and will help the new members in the coming year. And I’d like to thank Grand Sec Ron Kunze for setting up lunch for us.

Next month I will be making my first trip to SGL/IARA sessions, I was TRA President when SGM Frank Shrives had his sessions in Portland in 1975. Duane Fuller was Grand Ruler and we were lucky enough to be MC’s for the Youth Day Program. So long ago, and I remember so many in attendance. I’m so excited to attend the Youth Day program this year. And I am honored to be Oregon’s Representative for the IARA. Just so you know, one of my other friends, PP Brenda Spence is traveling with me. Maybe with her along, I won’t get lost. Oh wait...I won’t be driving!! Just thought some of you would like to know that.

This month I have purposely left the schedule light, and I’m enjoying the break. I have visits set up starting in September. I will put my agenda following my monthly letter. Please come if you can. Supporting our lodges is what we need to do. I’m looking forward to seeing you along the way, Have a wonderful summer, and Remember your Rebekah Sisters and Brothers wherever they are. Plan a picnic lunch and visit those who can’t attend.

In Friendship, Love and Truth,
Denice Meeuwsen, President



President's Itinerary

Aug 16-24...Youth Day & SGL- IARA Sessions

News From Jesse T. Jones Campground

If you are bringing a guest with you to camp, you MUST register your guest. You may register them online with our website or by phone. If you are unsure if they are already registered please call the office.

www.jessejonesioofpark.com

541-997-7546

**YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR GUEST
BEFORE YOU COME CAMPING!**

Thanks,
Park Staff

Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

Wow, is summer flying by fast. With Sovereign Grand Lodge approaching and as your newly elected 2 year Sovereign Grand Lodge Representative I would ask you to please let me know if you have any concerns that can be brought before the Sovereign Grand Lodge. I have received many calls concerning supplies that have been on back order. Please be patient and when Sovereign Grand Lodge sends them to us I will get them to you as soon as possible.

Lodge Secretaries, we are having issues with all degree day membership increases not being reported to the Grand Lodge. If your Lodge is sponsoring an all degree day then it is that Lodge's responsibility to have the membership increase forms filled out prior to initiation. After the all degree day has ended you should then know who took all of the degrees and who only took the initiatory degree. Then, rather than hand the increase form to the member to take back to their perspective Lodge, it would be advised for the Lodge sponsoring the degree day to forward those forms directly to the Grand Lodge office. Please remember any new member is not actually a member simply because they went through all of the degrees. They become a member officially when they return back to their Lodge and sign the members register as stated in Chapter III, Membership, Article III of the Constitution For Odd Fellow Lodges under the Jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Oregon in section 9. As printed: **Membership in the Lodge commences at the time of signing the member's register.** (Not when you take the degree). Please note: if you take the initiatory degree at the Lodge you are becoming a member of, then you can sign the members register during the degree.

I have received many calls recently from members who have taken the degrees and claim a membership card was not mailed to them not understanding that a Lodge will not do so until that new member goes back to the Lodge they joined and sign the members register using the date of their initiation. This is very important because that person is not a member until such is done.

Please remember the Grand Lodge office no longer handles the Jesse T. Jones Park rewards/discount program. This is now run from the Park. Any questions you may have concerning this program can be directed to Mary Green at phone no. 541-997-7546

As I write this article Melinda and I would like to let all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs know that we have successfully submitted all Lodge Constitution and By-Laws to Sovereign Grand Lodge as directed by Sovereign Grand Secretary Terry Berrett. This should complete the compliance order from Sovereign Grand Lodge concerning the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for the Youth. The Grand Lodge office now has all Constitution and By-Laws in Word Doc. Form and I will soon be sending all Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges the Word Doc. version of their Lodge's Constitution and By-Laws for any future changes you may need to re-submit. As we advance into the digital future this will make it much easier to make any and all changes your Lodge may need.

I want to thank all of the Lodges that have sent back the new questionnaire that was sent at the end of June with your new Grand Lodge Constitution and By-Laws. For those who have not, we need you to please do so.

As many of you have heard the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Pilgrimage for Youth has started back up. I will bring the new requirements back to you all after Sovereign Grand Lodge.

For all Odd Fellow and Rebekah Lodges that would like to update their By-Laws at any time in the future you must submit as required in your perspective Constitution and By-Laws. If you need help with By-Laws please call me, I am glad to assist you.

Remember, if you have a question or need help with anything let us know. I would rather resolve any issues immediately than to wait.

I would like to take a moment and comment on the Theta Rho annual session I just recently attended in Yakima, Washington. President Stephanie Wigle did a fantastic job running her session. She was well organized and showed her very outstanding leadership abilities. She put on a well-rehearsed skit called The Little Red Wagon with the girls. Amazing talent was displayed. Upon observing their sessions, I can honestly say that these girls will become part of our future. We need to support all of our Youth Groups and Clubs for this reason. *Continued Page on page 5...*

Grand Patriarch *Lisa Corda*



Hopefully, you are enjoying summer and planning some fun activities for your fellow Encampment members. My first official visit was to my home Encampment, Golden Rule No. 28 in July. I will soon send requests to all other Encampments to schedule visits.

Another great time last month was the campout at Jesse Jones Park, sponsored by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The children's parade was amazing. Trophies were given to the winners. After bills are paid for morning breakfast food, the remaining proceeds support our campground. Your attendance and contributions at those breakfasts are encouraged.

Just around the corner is the Encampment sponsored weekend at the Park on Sept. 1-3. As mentioned in my letter in last month's paper, we're having a luau Saturday night. Pulled pork, teriyaki chicken, pineapple rice, macaroni salad—a very Hawaiian menu. Please call Mary at the campgrounds to reserve a spot so we can have enough food. Afterwards, hula dancers will help us work off those calories. Leis will be furnished for all, grass skirts and coconut shells for some. Or, you can bring your own!

On a serious note, we need more encampment members. Please ask your Odd Fellows to join the fun group. There will be an Encampment degree day at Hahn farm on Sept. 16, following the Odd Fellow all-degree day on Sept. 15.

This month my special thanks goes to Jody Morris for always being there for me.

Be safe and see you down the road,
Lisa, Grand Patriarch

from Page 4 Grand Secretary: Good Job Stephanie.

As Stephanie's term came to its close her cousin Bethany Struthers was elected and installed as the new term President of the Theta Rho Girls Club of the jurisdiction of Washington. We wish Bethany a fun-filled and productive term. If there is anything we can do for you here at the Grand Lodge office please let Melinda or myself know.

Have a great rest of your summer. Safe travels.
In Friendship Love and Truth
Ronald L Kunze, Grand Secretary

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



Happy August,

I hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. I am working on the proceedings and hope to have them ready for print before I go back to work. Just a reminder that I am camping with my family August 1st to August 12th. We plan on canoeing, snorkeling and fighting the mosquitoes.

Life membership checks have been mailed to all of the Rebekah Lodges. If you have not received your lodge's check please let me know.

I will be leaving for International on August 15th and will return on August 24th. I am looking forward to seeing some of you in Baltimore. Leon will be home and he loves to take messages for me and sometimes I can even read them.

Fraternally,
Mary Houle', Secretary

Grand Encampment Labor Day Weekend at Jesse T. Jones Campground September 1st-3rd



Please come to the park and support our new Grand Patriarch Lisa Corda and the Encampment. There will be raffles, the officers will prepare breakfast: pancakes, eggs, sausage and biscuits.

Proceeds go to the park.

Wear your favorite Hawaiian attire to the Luau potluck, and enjoy Hawaiian dancers.



Please RSVP Mary at the park. Let her know you will be there and what you will be bringing to the potluck.

Bring your family and have a great weekend camping at the beach.

You don't have to belong to the Encampment to attend.
Jesse Jones Campground.....541-997-7546
E-mailoddfellowsark-j@live.com

Theta Rho President *Bethany Struthers*

Hello, my name is Bethany Struthers, and I am the new Washington Theta Rho Assembly President. This year Theta Rho Assembly started June 22 at the picnic and practice for the Assembly the next day. The Assembly went very well, and I would like to thank everyone for coming and supporting our Theta Rho Girls. On Saturday night I hosted Fun Night which was Harry Potter themed, and we had a house contest. Thank you to all the girls who participated in the talent show and the games. Best Group Talent went to Acorn No. 79, the Best Individual went to Stephanie Wigle from Eta No. 94, the Best Costume went to Piper Fyffe from Spunky Bluebirds No. 93, and the Spirit of the Bluebird went to Evelyn Nichols from Acorn No. 79. On Sunday June 24, I was installed as President of the Theta Rho Assembly of Washington. I would like to thank everybody who has supported me in getting to this point in my life. Thank you to everybody who helped in the Installation. It was such a great Assembly, and I look forward to seeing everyone next year!

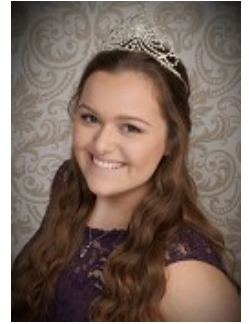


After Assembly I went home and started to unpack and get ready for the rest of summer. I am looking forward to a very full summer including Girl's Camp with my church in July, and Youth Days in Baltimore this August.

In Happiness Through Service,
Bethany Struthers, President
Theta Rho Assembly of Washington

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! My sessions went very well, and I am sad to say this is the last article I will be submitting. I wanted to give all of you a great big thank you for all the love and support you have given to me throughout my year as Theta Rho President of Washington. Sessions went smoothly and very well thanks to all the girls that came. The Picnic and pool party was a blast! Bethany Struthers' fun night was amazing. She put in a lot of work and I am so glad I got to pass the office of Presidency down to her. I know she will do great! I wish you the best of luck Bethany!



I was also honored to receive the Medallion Award from Patty Heighton the IARA Vice President. Thank you so much for this honor, I can't even say how much it means to me.

I was honored to receive the privilege of serving as President and hope I didn't let anyone down. No words can describe how thankful I am for the different supportive communities I have around me. I am very lucky that I have each one of you in my life! Thank you all for the amazing year and every memory I have made while being president. I will never forget any of them!

In Happiness Through Service,
Stephanie Rose Wigle



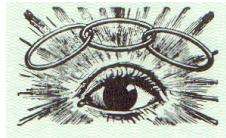
The Eye Committee

Welcome New Members

The Eye Committee met June 30th at the Grand Lodge Office, with 3 Rebekah Members present. We elected Inez Kennedy as Chairman, 503-656-5824 and Gretta Underwood as Secretary, 503-589-4182 we went over the guidelines. Our next two meetings will be held on Sept 9th, and Dec 21st. Time and place to be decided later. We need to have the rest of the members attend so we can do a better job of assisting our applicants.

The applicant must send the application to the Chairman. She / he must then send the app. to each member for their signature. Then check with the Insurance company to see if and what they are paying. The Eye Committee will then pay the remainder.

Any questions please call one of the committee members.



Thank you, Gretta Underwood

Golden Rule Odd Fellow Lodge No. 78

Bobbi Cruz
George Geer

Del Aldridge

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Jerimiah C Butts

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All Odd Fellows, Rebekahs
and those curious about us

Please join

Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge No. 171
and

Rose City Rebekah Lodge No. 170
for a cup of coffee, a snack, fellowship
and the chance to ask any
questions you may have.



When: August 9th

Where: Odd Fellows Home
3102 SE Holgate Blvd
in the small dining room

Time: 10:30 am-2:00 pm

See you there



In Memoriam

Mary Stuck
James Murray
Freda Cant
John Steele Jr
Robert Edminton

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252
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