$5.00 increase per night at Jesse T. Jones Park
Feb. 10...Cosmos Area Meeting..Milwaukie
Feb. 17...Myrtlewood Area Meeting
March 23 - 25..Spring Northwest Odd Fellow Rebekah Association & Department Council Meeting..Chilliwack, BC..Registration page 11

It’s not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something. May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of person-kind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely.” – Leo Buscaglia

An Amazing Story From Mt Scott / Star No. 188

Ten years ago, a very devoted couple, Richard and Ann Akins, were driving past some homeless individuals in downtown Portland Oregon and they were moved to help. They went to the nearest sporting goods store and purchased fourteen sleeping bags. How were they going to distribute them? They prayed for guidance. The answer was to donate them to Saint André Basset Catholic Church (Downtown Chapel). The Akins answered the Holy Spirit’s call by giving their Time, Talent, and Treasure.

That Thanksgiving, the Akins hosted a Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends. During the Thanksgiving Grace, they gave thanks for the inspired direction in helping the homeless of Portland. During dinner, the Sleep Bag Story was told. God was ever present. There was an outpouring of love and this small group gave of their Treasury to purchase fifty sleeping bags for the next year.

But, this is not the end of the story. The Spirit was not done and then moved a friend to ask Mr. Akins if they could pool their Time and Talent, so they could do even more. They spent the next year planning how to get the story out. In 2010, Continued on page nine...
Yo Mateys,

We are in the month of February and as we all know the beginning of the month finds us looking to the Ground Hog to see if we will have an early spring or six more weeks of winter. In the middle of the month is a very traditional day, that being Valentine’s Day. A day of love. It was originated from several different sources. When a Roman Caesar banned marriage, a priest continued to allow couples to love and as a result was executed. His name was Valentine. Another event was an individual who had been jailed named Valentine began to know the jailer as well as his daughter. He left a note for her one day and signed it from your Valentine! A Roman fertility festival called ‘Lupercalia’ tied in with our current Valentine’s Day. While in those times most people could not read or write, it became fashionable to draw the heart when trying to gain someone’s attention or affection.

Today on that day we most often use heart shaped cards or cakes and many times use the phrase “from your Valentine” or “Be my Valentine.”

Brothers and Sisters again we as Odd Fellows have a step up on many in society as one of our tenants is Love as well as Friendship and Truth. I know we practice this in our ongoing lives on a continuing basis as we have for nearly 200 years. As we say every time we gather together during our Valediction. Let’s remember the F, L, & T is best practiced when we offer support instead of criticism. Before our actions or planning think about what is right and for the good of the Order.

As I venture through the state doing lodge visitations, it is enjoyable to see good people doing good things. To the lodges I have yet to visit I look forward to spending time with you.

Every effort we do with our Order is building, tomorrow, today. Remember Brothers and Sisters success begins with US.

It is good to be close, but always leave some room for difference! ~Bobby Lowe

In F, L, &T
Gary J. Kniss, Grand Master

Yes, indeed The Living Legacy needs every Lodge in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction to join in the Living Legacy Program. It is easy and we all do in some part, big or small, help planet earth with living things. Any plants, shrubs, trees, flowers, vegetables as well as ground cover counts as it enhances the earth’s livability. So, whether it be a huge reforestation project or a house plant it all counts. Please have your Vice Grand get the count of your members or Committee if you have one and send it to Grand Lodge no later than April 15th.

This will help us; the Grand Lodge of Oregon support the Sovereign Lodge (International) “Living Legacy Program” which in turn benefits Mother Earth. Thank you Brothers and Sisters and we look forward to your reports coming into The Grand Lodge Office.

Gary J. Kniss, Grand Master

Grand Master's Itinerary

Feb. 6…..Spencer Butte No. 9..Eugene..6:30 pm
Feb. 8…..Woodlawn No. 171..Holgate Center..10:30 am
Feb. 8…..Villa No. 124..Milwaukie..7:00 pm
Feb. 12…Ocean No. 254..Lincoln City..7:00 pm
Feb. 13…Bandon No. 133..Bandon..7:00 pm
Feb. 17…West Point No. 62..Coburg..6:30 pm
Feb. 20…Coquille No. 53..Coquille..1:00 pm
Feb. 24…Gardiner No. 132..Gardiner..7:30 pm
It is a beautiful sunny day as I sit here writing this. This time last year we had snow on the ground and it was oh so cold. You just never can predict life can you?! Therefore I believe we must live life one day at a time and take everything as it comes. Make plans, yes, but don’t get discouraged when things happen to get in the way, just regroup and carry on. That is part of what life is all about, that is what keeps life interesting.

How are you doing on your bylaws? I know it can all be a little confusing so if you need help please don’t hesitate to call Mary, Rebekah Assembly Secretary or myself, we would be happy to help. Did you get your annual reports turned into Mary in time to be on the honor role???

Here is a big shout out to the Lorane Eta Theta Rho Girls Club. I had a GREAT visit with them and boy do they know how to have fun!! I pray they never lose that precious gift. We could all learn from them the ability to have a ton of fun and yet get their business done. Thank you ladies for a wonderful time!

I still have a few lodges that I have not heard from concerning my visitation, so please get your response to me ASAP so I can get you on my calendar. Remember this month is Valentine’s Day – make someone smile by letting them know you are thinking of them. Be someone’s ray of sunshine and flutter into their day. God Bless and I will be seeing you down the road.

Brenda Spence, 
Rebekah Assembly President
Brothers and Sisters,

To all of the Rebekah and Odd Fellow Lodges who did send back the recent questionnaire, along with their by-laws I would like to say thank you. For those who did not, the Grand Masters compliance committee will be making a special visit to your Lodge or contacting you for the required by-laws and questionnaire. This request is ordered by Grand Master Gary J. Kniss and Assembly President Brenda Spence. Once again, if you have questions please call me on my cell phone. This is very important.

It is my hope to see more representatives at our Grand Lodge sessions in May.

A special note. Please update your Lodge card if your Lodge has changed officers. We do not know who your new officers are until you let us know.

Have a great February.

In Friendship, Love & Truth,
Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary

To all Chief Patriarchs and Scribes, this is just a reminder that your annual reports are due. According to the regulations Encampments should have their annual reports filed with the Grand Scribe by February 1st of each year. If you have not yet sent them please send them by US Mail to 37290 NW Hahn Road, Banks, OR 97106 or email them to me at ghahn28@gmail.com. If you have questions, please feel free to call me at 503-997-0652. Please also send in your installation reports so we have an accurate record of who your Chief Patriarch and Scribe is. Thanks for your help in this matter. Wishing you all a great year ahead.

Gary Hahn, Grand Scribe
On January 11, 2018, Chemeketa Lodge No. 1 held their Homecoming Dinner. "Homecoming" is a celebration of the beginning of our lodge here in Salem in 1852. Originally, this was held the first week in December (which was when our lodge began in 1852), but for the last few years we have moved this to early January. That gives us all a chance to survive Christmas first! :)  

Our lodge has been in our current building about 22 years. Before that we had built and owned what most people know of as the Grand Theater in the middle of Salem. I believe that was built in 1902. We do have ALL of the records of the lodge, but off the top of my head I don't know where our lodge met before 1902. (NO! I was not around! LOL)  

Last night we had 57 people for dinner (give or take a few, since everyone was continually in motion). It was a great dinner and lots of good fellowship. Roger That BBQ provided pulled pork sandwiches and everyone brought side dishes (lots of side dishes!!). We had 30 lodge members there, 2 new candidates, plus various family members and Rebekahs. Thanks to everyone who put things together and all who stayed to clean up!

Trey Anderson

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**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

There is a $5.00 PER NIGHT RATE INCREASE at the Jesse T. Jones Campground due to minimum wage and other increased expenses.

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**Welcome New Members**

**Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47**
- Tyler Taylor
- Kathyron Parsons
- Julie Roberts
- Bruce Railey
- Doyle Frazier

**Stayton Odd Fellow Lodge No. 64**
- Victoria Reul
- George Reul
- Christine Reul
- Cindy M. Kintz

**Albany Odd Fellow Lodge No. 4**
- Chris Munsey

**Barnum Odd Fellow Lodg No. 7**
- Aaron Russell

**Mill City Odd Fellow Lodge No. 144**
- Melinda Flatman
- Dwayne Mercer II
- Sherri Cardwell
- Tyler T. Crowell

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**News From Jones Park**

We have been able to raise all but $500.00 for our new stove in the pavilion. We have to replace it from the ground up, so if you wish to send a donation no matter how small, it would be greatly appreciated. If you are the Secretary for your lodge and you have not already sent Ron Kunze your roll sheets for 2017, please do so that your members who deserve rewards will be able to use them. **We are having a work weekend on April 13th if you can come and help.** We have been having a lot of members who decide to come a day later than they have reserved and are not calling to let us know. We will begin charging for that night if you do not take the 5 minutes it takes to call and let us know. Also it is in the rule books that if you are a no call no show for your reservation booked that you cannot make reservations for a year. Again, PLEASE just take 5 minutes and call to let us know you cannot come. Call anytime between 9am and 10pm and we will gladly look up your reservations for you and verify the times you have booked. Spring Fling is the weekend of April 20th and Chemeketa Lodge No. 1 is hosting the breakfast fund raiser and activities, come and join the fun.

In FL&T  Mary and Park Staff
Stayton Odd Fellow Lodge held an All Degree Day on Sunday, January 7th. Eight new members were initiated and twelve members took the degrees.

Pictured above are the eight new members and below some of the new members and some who were initiated at an earlier date who went to receive the three degrees.

At their Thanksgiving dinner, Integrity Rebekah Lodge drew the winning name for the raffle quilt that supports their scholarship program. Two scholarships are awarded to McLoughlin Seniors each year.

Georgia Ashworth was this year’s winner of the quilt! The quilt was made and donated by Mary Lou Ephlin and hand quilted by the Rebekah Lodge. Also, the following were the winners of gift certificates that were from families that were present for the dinner; Carol Mills, Shiloh Willis, Jeremy Rowe, Becky Swisher and Kathy Silva.

The Lodge wishes to thank the community for its wonderful support for many years of this project! Also, thanks to the lodge members for the hard work they do to support this scholarship program.

Nancy Mills,
Noble Grand

Be the master of your fate,
be the captain of your soul,
but do not hesitate,
should the chance befall you,
to be the slave of your heart. – Robert Brault
Patricia Anderson  
October 8, 1929 - December 20, 2017  
Rebekah Assembly President 1988-1989

Pat was born on October 8, 1929 in Genow, Nebraska. She was a teacher having graduated from Lewis & Clark College in 1950. She married Jesse Eugene Anderson on June 2, 1951.

Pat joined Umpqua Rebekah Lodge on November 3, 1953. She was Rebekah Assembly President 1988-1989, her sessions were held in Seaside. Pat was a Past Grand Matriarch and belonged to Umpqua Fork LEA and Hovey No. 4, IOOF. Pat received the Decoration of Chivalry and was a Past President of LAPM. Pat joined Cottage Grove Odd Fellow Lodge on June 6, 2007. She belonged to Elkton Chapter No. 142 O.E.S. Below is Pat’s program.

Motto: Take Time to be Kind  
Aim: To live, give, and share Rebekah-Odd Fellowship  
Guide: The Emblems of the Rebekah Degree  
Emblem: Cup  
Hymns: One Day at a Time, Amazing Grace, My Cup Runneth Over  
Scripture: Whatsoever ye would that others should so unto you, do ye even so unto them. Matthew 7:12  
Colors: Red and White  
Songs: Zip-a-dee-doo-da, Accentuate the Positive  
Mascot: Clown  
Flower: Carnations and Violets  
Project: World Eye Bank and Visual Research, Friendship Fund  
Joint Project: Automatic Door for Friendship Health Center

The flag at the Holgate Center was lowered to half staff January 10th - January 12th in Honor of Pat.

In Memoriam

Pat Anderson  Umpqua Rebekah Lodge No. 173  Umpqua  
Barbara McIntosh  Etna Rebekah Lodge No. 49  Grants Pass  
Marilyn Oldfield  Aloha Rebekah Lodge No. 253  Aloha  
Gary Oster  Oak Rebekah Lodge No. 159  Molalla  
Lois Levy  Ethel Rebekah Lodge No. 162  Sheridan  
Diana McCoy  Pearl Rebekah Lodge No. 47  Lebanon  
Shirley Shute  Salem Rebekah Lodge No. 1  Salem
It was a special treat for Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175 (Milton-Freewater, OR) to join Narcissa Rebekah Lodge No. 2 (Walla Walla, WA) for their Christmas gathering. The occasion was a White Elephant Auction at the Washington Odd Fellows Home. Everyone brought sack lunches and bid on many lovely and useful gifts. The event raised $151 for Tabitha’s Closet. Tabitha (Karen Morasch) loans prom dresses and tuxedos to area students. This was started several years ago.

Seafoam Rebekah Lodge Donates to Nonprofits

Seafoam Rebekah Lodge No. 250 made the holiday season a bit brighter with $20,000 in donations to several local, county and state nonprofits.

Seafoam’s Secretary Babe Bogeart said the money comes from the interest earned from investments that were made by the lodge years ago.

Every year at this time they collect the interest they receive from the investments and give it away to charity. Seafoam was established in 1937 and for 80 years they have been giving away that money, which amounts to probably $1 million. They have touched the lives of many people.

The people impacted include young children to the elderly, and programs impacted includes Meals on Wheels and the Lincoln City Backpack Program.

The donations were made in early December at a check presentation at the Seafoam Lodge in Lincoln City. The donations include $1,000 to the Lincoln City Eagles Club, $1,000 to the Lincoln County Children’s Advocacy Center, $2,000 to the Episcopal Parish of St. James Santiago, $1,000 to the North Lincoln Fire & Rescue and $1,000 to the Oregon Arthritis Foundation.

It was a special holiday treat when Narcissa Rebekah Lodge No. 2 of Walla Walla was invited to join Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175 for a Christmas luncheon. We gathered in the Odd Fellows Hall in Milton-Freewater, Oregon. The buffet table was set with waldorf, potato and tossed green salads with spaghetti and chicken casserole. A mouth-watering dessert bar and beverages followed the entrees.

Narcissa Noble Grand Jeanne Elder thanked our hosts, saying, “The setting is lovely and the food delicious . . . .” Integrity officers are: Nancy Mills, Noble Grand; Theresa Weaver, Vice Grand; Kathy Silva, Secretary; and Kelly Cooper, Treasurer.

Grand Master Gary Kniss Makes Official Visit to Philatian No. 8 in Roseburg
An Amazing Story, continued from cover:
they put their modest plan into action and raised enough (about $3,000.00) to help one hundred fifty homeless individuals receive sleeping bags.

The Spirit moved the friend to offer his Talent of planning fund raisers and in 2011 an event was scheduled. He and Mr. Akins started to Tell the Story and the Spirit moved people to donate their Time to prepare and serve a typical dinner served to the homeless. Samaritan Lodge No. 2 offered their lodge hall. Omaha Woodmen Chapter No. 1946 offered to donate money for the food and other expenses. Just by asking for help, all the expenses were donated.

As they were out Telling the Story, Edith Brown from Shamrock Lodge No. 113, wanted to help but fiscally could not donate from her Treasury and did not have the strength to give her Time to the event. Mrs. Brown has the Talent to knit hats and asked if this donation of her Talent could be offered up. It was readily accepted. As she knitted hats, she told the Story and Florence Leis and Janie Long, among others, joined her efforts. Over one hundred hand-knitted hats were donated from many individuals that year! And, their lodge, Mt Scott Star Lodge No. 188, donated all the yarn they could use.

When the 2011 event was over, four hundred and five sleeping bags (about $8,100.00) were donated. Additionally, the hats, toiletries, clothing, and many other needed items were donated. The Spirit moved many to give from their Time and Talent and from their Treasury. Television station KATU recognized Mr. Akins as an “Every Day Hero.”

By 2012, Mt Scott/Star Lodge No. 188 offered to be the main organization for the planning. From just Telling the Story, many organizations stepped up to help and Told the Story to their members who in turn gave aid. These organizations are: Assured Life of Denver Camp No. 77, Assured Life Association (Denver, Colorado), Woodlawn Lodge No. 171, Rose City Rebekah Lodge No. 171, Mt Scott/Star Lodge No. 188, Knights of Columbus Resurrection Council No. 13851, Resurrection Catholic Parish, West Linn Lions Club, Woodmen Life Chapter No. 1946, and the list keeps growing each year. Many individuals also shared their Treasury to aid the homeless. And, more hats were knitted.

Through the ten years of Mr. Akins and others Telling the Story, many organizations have received assistance to help the homeless. These beneficiaries are: Saint André Bassette Catholic Church (Downtown Chapel), Impact NW (YWCA), New Answers for Youth, NightStrick, Rose Haven, St. Cyril Wilsonville, St. Francis Catholic Church, St. Francis of Sherwood, St. Joseph Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Underground, Volunteers of America, and others.

Through the years of Telling the Story, over 3,000 sleeping bags, just shy of 2,000 hand knitted hats, hundreds of pounds of toiletries and clothing, and many other items were donated to help the homeless, including tons of food. From a humble beginning, over $60,000.00 has been raised and not one cent has been used for administration costs.

The statistics prove that one life is saved for every two sleeping bags donated over the winter season. This means that all volunteers, by allowing the Spirit to work, have saved over one thousand five hundred lives over the ten years.

Proving that God is always at work, this all started ten years ago, when Mr. and Mrs. Akins answered the call to help with fourteen sleeping bags and a mission to follow the Lord’s teachings. Allowing the Holy Spirit to work within you, any small act of kindness can grow with help from God. Just allow yourself the gift to give of your Time, Talent, or Treasury and remember to Tell the Story.

P.S. A personal comment from Richard and Ann Akins – We thank all the individuals who have helped fulfill the needs of the homeless over the past 10 years. We look forward to your continued involvement in the future. We give special thanks to the author of this article, Charles Cloud. Mr. Cloud is one of the reasons this story can be told.

What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other. – George Eliot
Grand Master Visits Gold Hill

Grand Master Gary J. Kniss made his official visit to Gold Hill Lodge No. 129 on January 9th. Below are the members and visitors who were in attendance.

Although few in number, the members of the lodge are working hard to restore their lodge to make it a focal point for community activities.

They have removed the old floor and installed a subfloor and half of the old meeting room has been turned into a rental, the income used in their effort to restore the lodge. The other half will be used for community events and where they held the wonderful potluck dinner for the Grand Master.

Once the kitchen is complete it will also double as a dining room. They have converted the former recreation room into their meeting room which is just the right size for their current membership.

Grand Master Visits Grants Pass

Grand Master Gary J. Kniss made his official visit to Golden Rule Lodge No. 78 on January 10th. Below are the members and visitors who were in attendance.

During our meeting Noble Grand Mike Dunbar presented a check to Gold Hill Lodge’s Noble Grand Pat to help them progress with their building renovations.

Before the meeting the Grand Master toured Josephine County: We started at the Hellgate Canyon on the Wild and Scenic Rogue River near Galice and then traveled over and through the woods to the Historic Wolf Creek Tavern & Stage Stop near I-5. Then up to Golden, a Gold Mining Ghost Town, before going to the covered bridge in Sunny Valley.
**Pacific Northwest Military Council and Association**

**March 23, 2018**

Meeting at the
Chilliwack Lodge Hall
For lodging information refer to the
Northwest Registration Form
Meeting starts at 9:00 am
Lunch will be provided by
Ruth Rebekah Lodge No. 4, cost TBA

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**Odd Fellow / Rebekah Northwest Association**

**Northwest Department Council**

**March 23, 24 & 25, 2018**

**NOTE DATE CHANGE**

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45920 First Avenue, Chilliwack
British Columbia, V2P 7K1
Phone: 604-792-5552

Make room reservations directly with the Coast Chilliwack Hotel on or before 2/5/2018
Reservation Code - GFC5522
Room Rates include a continental Breakfast
2 Double Beds - $99 plus applicable taxes per night
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**is just to love**
**and be loved in return** ~ eden ahbez
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