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~ Coming Events ~

Education Foundation Month

Feb. 6...Cosmopolitan Area Meeting

Feb. 13...Linn-Benton Convention & All Degree Day

Feb. 20...Douglas County OF Association

Feb. 27...Grand Master / Assembly President
Fundraiser..Lebanon..3-6 pm



"Thirty days hath September,
April, June, and November,

February has twenty-eight alone,
all the rest have thirty-one;

Excepting leap year, that 's the time
when February's days are twenty-nine."

Grand Master / Rebekah Assembly President Fundraiser

February 27th, 3:00-6:00 PM

Lebanon Lodge Hall

20 E Ash Street, Lebanon

\$15.00 per person

Mardi Gras!



Be sure to get your reservations in for a fun evening
of food, games, bingo, and fellowship.

All proceeds will go to
**Grand Master Sheryl and
Rebekah Assembly President Patti's projects.**

Send your reservations and make your checks out to...

The Grand Lodge of Oregon
3202 SE Holgate Blvd
Portland, OR 97202

or Rebekah Assembly of Oregon
27997 Cottage Grove Lorane Rd
Cottage Grove, OR 97424

Grand Master *Sheryl Rohde*

This month I have several reminders and dates for lodges to save. Coming up at the end of the month is the Grand Master and Assembly President fundraiser. It will be at the Lebanon Lodge Hall on Saturday the 27th from 3-6pm. The cost is \$15 per person and all the proceeds go to the projects that Sister Patti and I have chosen to support. The Educational Foundation, the United Nations Pilgrimage, a Youth Travel Fund, the Friendship Fund and Disabled Veterans. The plan is to have food, games and fellowship in a fun social setting. Please, mark your calendar and join us for a fun evening.



Another important date is April 23rd from 10 am to 3 pm. We are planning a youth day for all our youth groups to come together for a day of getting acquainted and sharing of ideas on projects and programs in which they have each been involved. We will be having activities for the youth as well as an Advisor training time. For anyone involved with our United Youth Groups or our Theta Rho Club or anyone interested in starting a youth group we invite you to attend and participate. This is a first for us and we hope it won't be the last time of bringing all our youth together for activities. Watch for further details as the time gets closer.

I have been excited about my visits to the Lodges. I am just about half way through my visitations and I have been very encouraged by the many activities the Lodges are undertaking and the many varied ways you are making a difference in your communities. I will also be setting up some workshops for Lodges. I have had requests for some help with different areas of our work so they will be scheduled soon. Watch for dates. If you want help remembering these dates and to be informed of upcoming events visit the calendar on the website www.orioof.org.

I have a few reschedules to confirm and then the rest of my calendar will be up. I look forward to the rest of my visits with the Lodges and hope to see many of you at some of those meetings. Until next month,....

Fraternally,
Sheryl Rohde Grand Master.



Grand Master's Itinerary

Feb. 2.....Coquille No. 53..6 pm dinner..7 pm Meeting
Feb. 4.....Covenant No. 12..Harrisburg..7:30 pm
Feb. 10....Mill City No. 144..6 pm dinner..7pm Meeting
Feb. 11....Stayton No. 64..6 pm dinner..7pm Meeting
Feb. 13....Holgate Center Board Meeting..9 am
Feb. 17....Montezuma No. 50..Hillsboro..6:30 pm
Dinner..Meeting to follow
Feb. 20....Odd Fellows Timber District Meeting..9 am
Roseburg
Feb. 23....Spencer Butte No. 9..Eugene..5:30 pm dinner
6:30 pm Meeting
Feb. 27....Mardi Gras..Lebanon..3-6 pm

100 Community Involvement Ideas Continued

51. Share information of Odd Fellows History on Public Broadcasting Station.
52. Lodge members can volunteer to assist in food line or serve food at the dining hall.
53. Lodge members can give blood and set up for a blood drive at the Lodge hall.
54. Create a small Odd Fellows museum in your Lodge displaying, regalia, costumes, books, medals, etc. and invite the public in to visit around the time of the anniversary of your Lodge's charter.
55. Create a tri-fold brochure, which talks about the order and your Lodge. A great item to give visitors and potential new members.
56. Build a float for your local community parade.
57. Sponsor a local youth sports team.
58. Generate a press release on your Lodge during the anniversary of your charter, emphasizing what your Lodge does for the community.
59. Annual "Odd Fest", a la "Oktoberfest". Lodge/Grand Lodge organizes a day or a week of music, food, talent sharing, and fundraising in a certain community to benefit a certain cause or charity. At the end of the day or week, Lodge or GL turns the funds over to the beneficiary.
60. Annual "Oddventure", Lodge/GL sponsors a hiking/touring/camping gun training lessons, or whatever "interesting outdoor event" that members and prospective members want to participate in.
61. Annual "5k-10k Odd Run" for a cause. Lodge/GL

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62. Annual "Meal Program" for the homeless or at the home shelter during Thanksgiving or Christmas season. Members of the Lodge prepare food packs and tour around their community to look for people on the streets and give them food,. Or, Lodges coordinate with local shelters and volunteer serving food for the homeless as well as sponsor the food served. (if possible)

63. Annual "Sports-Fest" Go to a basketball or tennis court or golf course to play sports to promote health to lodge members and prospective members or to the community. Depends on the lodge member's sports interest. They do not have to be very good at a particular sport.

64. Annual Movie/Game Night. Lodge plays a movie of interest, a new movie, or a game (basketball/baseball, etc.) at the Lodge hall, a members house, or at the theater. Member prepare snacks, some drinks, popcorn and so on and just enjoy each others company while watching a movie or a game,

65. Annual Dinner Lunch for a cause. Lodge cooks food and invites people to go to the Lodge for some good food or snacks or some beer. Any donations will be received and proceeds will be donated to a particular cause or charity.

66. Annual Mardi Gras Party or dance at the Lodge hall Lodge organizes a party at the lodge hall for people to meet others in the community and just enjoy. Awards may be given for best dancer, best costume etc.

67. Annual "Prospect Night" or "Open House". Lodge organizes open house at the Lodge hall with invitations sent to various people at least month or a week before. Food, snacks and drinks should be provided. There will be a video or Power Point presentation about the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs, our History, what we do and what we aim to do. Brochures and application forms may be handed out.

68. Participate in any local parade or festival, organized by the city or town or help spearhead or organize the July 4th parade or pumpkin fest in the town or vicinity.

69. During town or city events allow organizers to use your parking lot for a first aid station or for portable restrooms.

Assembly President *Patti Winklebleck*

Happy Valentine's Day Everyone,

February is a quiet month, start your spring cleaning early.

I read over Grand Master Sheryl's list of ideas for increasing membership. I know we all try to think up ideas. Thank you Sheryl for putting some ideas on paper.



Patti Winklebleck, Rebekah Assembly President

President's Itinerary

Feb. 5.....Columbia No. 3..6:00 pm

Feb. 6.....Cosmos Area Meeting..Sandy No. 193..

Estacada Lodge Hall

Feb. 16....Ethel No. 162..6:30..Sheridan

Feb. 27....Mardi Gras.. Lebanon..3-6 pm

70. If your building is being repaired or needs a new design, offer local mechanical drawing students or architecture students the chance to compete for a certain dollar amount scholarship or prize for best design.

71. Establish a fund in your lodge for assisting individuals in the community that have dire issues and send a payment to that individual. Often we read about a young cancer patient that cannot afford the bill, a loss in a family where the breadwinner has died, a fire where a family or an individual loses everything, and so on.

72. Challenge each lodge member to do something good for someone out in the community on the day of the meeting and each member report such action or deed under Good of the Order.

73. As a Lodge, join a local Historical society to learn and share history with the community. Share the history of your lodge and the Order.

74. As a Lodge, join the Chamber of Commerce to let the community know you take part in community interests. Often, those holding membership are included in a public listing. Let everyone see you are a part of your community.

75. Hold a legal raffle (registered, abiding by state laws) and sell tickets in your community. Let the community know they are supporting a non-profit by purchasing tickets from the I.O.O.F.

Grand Patriarch *Jerry Broaddus*

Hi Patriarchs,

It's a New Year already. As they say, time flies, especially as you get older. It's true, it's really just a math thing. You see, when you are 1 year old, a year is equal to your whole life. But with each passing year, that year becomes a fraction of the life experience, 1/2, 1/3, 1/4, and so on until at least for me, 2015 was just 1/77th of my life span. It really does seem shorter, and proportionally, it actually is. So, it's not just your imagination.

We must not worry about what we did not accomplish last year, but look forward to how far we can go in 2016, working together in our lodges. "Just Ask One Person" to become bigger and better and stronger. We must get out into our communities, get to know the people and serve them in Faith, Hope and Charity.

Due to lack of membership we had to pull one charter this year— Coast Fork Encampment No. 49 in Cottage Grove.

In Faith, Hope & Charity,
Jerry Broaddus, Grand Patriarch



KC Carr from Golden Rule Lodge in Grants Pass having fun at the hat fashion show.



As shown by KC "Some hats can only be worn if you're willing to be jaunty, to set them at an angle and to walk beneath them with a spring in your stride as if you're only a step away from dancing. They demand a lot of you." ~ Neil Gaiman

Leave everyone wondering which is the more interesting piece of work...you or your hat ~ Unknown

Grand Matriarch *Cassatina Barnes*

Happy New Year, Matriarchs,

I hope that everyone had a nice holiday. I am sorry to hear that some of our matriarchs have been ill. I hope that you have a speedy recovery and get well soon.

I have sent a request to Salem Ladies Encampment Auxiliary, No 2 . to make my official visit to their Auxiliary on February 12th.

I would like to tell you about some scams that are going around. People call and tell you that you will be arrested for this or that, or that you owe money. One of the scams is you owe the I R S. money, or that something is wrong with your computer. It could be a scam. Several of us have had someone try to scam us. You can call the police Non-emergency number, and they can tell you if it's a scam.

In Faith , Hope and Charity.
Cassatina Barnes, Grand Matriarch



A hundred hearts would be too few
To carry all my love for you. ~ Author Unknown

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Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze

Brothers and Sisters,

I hope you all weathered the ice and snow we just had. As many of you know we were shut down here in Portland and the surrounding areas for a few days due to the ice on top of the little snow we did get. Lodge Secretaries, please keep in mind your annual reports were due by January 31st, 2016 and if you were unable to get them to us by the said date then please call and let us know. Also let us know if you need any assistance completing them. I do ask that you look over the members roster to ensure you are current with the number of members you do have. Also remember to notify your members who had not paid their dues and ask them to do so because you are paying per capita on each and every member. We strongly encourage you to make sure you submit accurate addresses and phone numbers for our data base. We are finding that the software used to send the OPOF will not include you in the mailings or emails unless all information is submitted and thus entered into our system. Lodge Secretaries, you can be mailed or emailed increase and or decrease forms from the Grand Lodge Office to better assist you in getting the required information to us so that you will be included in the OPOF distribution on a monthly basis.

I am currently in the process of digitalizing the Grand Lodge office to better assist the membership, not only now but for the future. This will take some time and we are well underway doing so. As I can now remotely access the Grand Lodge data base online. I feel we have taken a step forward to better serve you.

Have a happy and productive February.

Fraternally

Ronald Kunze, Grand Secretary



From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

I hope everyone has fully recovered from the holidays and is enjoying life. Have a wonderful Valentine's Day and visit a member who may be a bit lonely.

Thank you to all of the secretaries who have their annual reports into my office. I really appreciate it. You are making my job so much easier. If you have not sent in your annual report please get it to me as soon as possible and feel free to give me a call if you need help.

The paperwork for selecting District Deputy Presidents, Lodge Deputies, Delegates and Alternates should be at all lodges by now. Please get the slips back to me as soon as you can so that President Patti and I can get to work preparing for your Oregon Rebekah Assembly Sessions.

Everyone should have their 2016 - 2017 lodge officers elected by now. District Deputy Presidents should be making sure that everyone is qualified to be installed.

We close the financial books for the year at the end of February so if your lodge has any donations they would like to have recorded for the year please get them to me by February 25th. Also, please get any legislation, resolutions or petitions to me so that they can be given to the appropriate committee and be ready for sessions.

I hope to see all of you at the President and Grand Master's fundraiser on Feb. 27th in Lebanon. It should be a wonderful time.

Fraternally,

Mary Houle', Secretary

Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



Promoting Odd Fellowship
Through Positive Communication

"I want a man who's kind and understanding.

Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?"

—Zsa Zsa Gabor

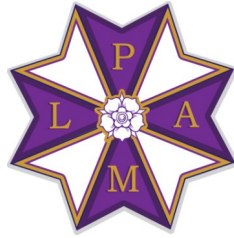
Lady Joan V. Compton November 2015- 2016

DALAPM PROGRAM

Colors: Purple, white, gold

Hymn: Lead Me, Guide Me

Poem: "The Road Not Taken"
by Robert Frost



Project: National Kidney Foundation

The National Kidney Foundation, Inc. is a major voluntary health organization in the United States, headquartered in New York City with over 30 local offices across the country. Its mission is to prevent kidney and urinary tract diseases, improve the health and well-being of Individuals and families affected by these diseases, and increase the availability of all organs for transplantation.



Guide: Holy Bible



Flower: Carnations (month of January)

Scripture: **Matthew 10:16** "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as wise as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Philippians 1:3-I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I pray with joy because of your partnership from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ our Lord.

Welcome New Members

Social Rebekah Lodge No. 73

Mary Jane Bailey

Kimberly Gary

Trina Gary

Robin Wright



The Road Not Taken

*TWO roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

*Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,*

*And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.*

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

Robert Frost (1874-1963)
Mountain Interval (1920)

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AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS BEFORE THE 14TH DAY

OF THE PRECEDING MONTH.

Sheridan United Youth Group No. 2



The Sheridan United Youth Group stopped by the Grand Lodge Office while they were in Portland visiting the Holgate Center.

Pictured back row left: Tristan Price, Ari Reay, Chia Reay, Gabrielle Turpin, May Howell. **Front row:** Advisor Kira Sandoval, (kneeling) Nina Ratjen, Bri Reay, Stephanie Wigle and standing Advisor Tammy Turpin.

Lorane Rebekah Lodge No. 252

Our members exchanged Christmas ornaments after the first meeting in December and then had a social time. The second meeting was strictly gift exchange and a social meeting.

December seventeenth was our annual bake sale under the direction of Betty Willoughby. The proceeds are targeted for a scholarship to a Crow High School student annually.

Our Wednesday morning coffee and snack time has been a profitable fundraiser while our local deli was closed last summer. It is expected to be open for business again soon. The community is looking forward to its re-opening.

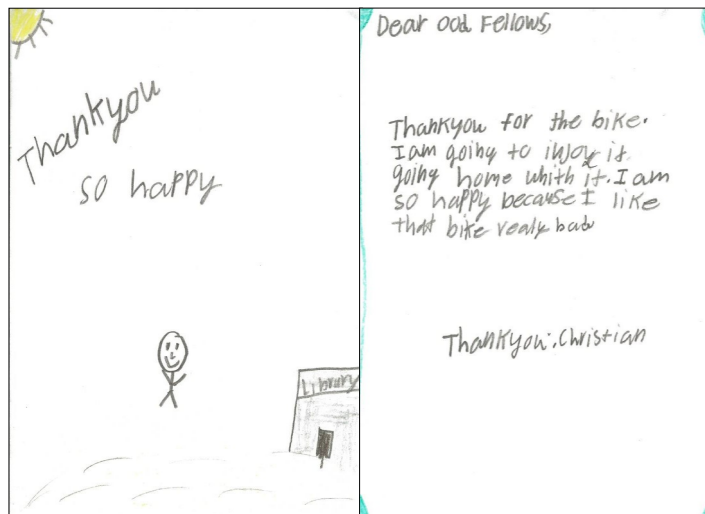
Levi Jentzsch, a local Boy Scout, needed a project to earn his Eagle Scout Badge. He chose to build a permanent woodshed connected to the end of our building. It replaces the temporary canvas one we had when we put a new foundation under our hall. Now it's closer and is more convenient to the wood. He did a wonderful job and we appreciate his efforts.

Alice Pellham

Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge meets at the Odd Fellows Home on Holgate Blvd. Across the street is Grout Elementary School. Woodlawn decided for one of their projects to give bicycles each year to the girl and boy who reads the most books and writes a report to turn in to the librarian who keeps track for them. The card on the left is from the boy who won this year.

I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
my soul can reach. ~Elizabeth Barrett Browning

Woodlawn Odd Fellow Lodge Books For Bikes Program



IN MEMORIAM

Kathryn McNeeley
John Phillips
Molly Conner
Marilyn Allison
Glen O Clayton
Carol Picking

Social Rebekah Lodge No. 73
Albany Odd Fellow Lodge No. 4
Cora E Stewart Rebekah Lodge
Holly Rebekah Lodge No. 139
Dierdorff Odd Fellow Lodge No. 54
Hazel Rebekah Lodge No. 156

Donie, TX
Albany
State Lodge
Lexington
Scio
Odell



Mt. Scott / Star Lodge No. 188

Tools4Troops

"Turning Swords Into Ploughshares"



For a long time now, we often wished that we could honor soldiers of the military services of the United States in a meaningful way. How can we thank the life-long commitment of a soldier of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, National Guard, and Coast Guard?

When a soldier is discharged from the Armed Forces, he or she has to develop a new civilian life. These soldiers need tools to be successful. A new organization called Tools4Troops has instituted a new way to help returning servicemen and servicewomen to reintegrate into civilian society.

What is needed is a method to receive construction tools such as saws, drills, hammers, screwdrivers and other instruments found in your and my garage. Many of us have long since stopped using our tools. Let us donate these tools to those who need them the most, the returning servicemen and servicewomen.

Donation is easy. Go to their website www.tools4troops.org or **Face Book page: Tools4Troops** to discover how you can donate your used tools to those in need. Tools4Troops PBC is a 501 (C) (3) an IRS tax-exempt qualified organization. The value of the tools donated is eligible for an IRS tax deduction.

Let every Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Oregon promote this project not only to IOOF members but to the community at large as we have done this in Mt Scott/Star Lodge No.188.

Collecting used tools at a recent lodge meeting Robert Worthington presented a donation of a skill saw to Mt Scott/Star Lodge No.188 Noble Grand Ede Brown to be delivered to the **tools4troops** organization.

Richard Akins

Integrity Rebekah Lodge No. 175



Integrity Rebekah Lodge's Noble Grand Nancy Mills pictured with the food collected for the local Breadbasket in Milton-Freewater. Our Christmas luncheon included sharing foods with the community.

Donna Stewart

Love one another and you will be happy.

It's as simple and as difficult as that. ~ Michael Leunig

SECRETARIES PLEASE READ

Regarding The Good of the Order

Attention Noble Grands:

In September my sister Joyce and I (Janice) sent an introduction letter to each lodge and requested that they appoint a Good of the Order chairman and then send us their name. We would like them to send a picture and the history of your lodge for Rebekah Assembly President Patti Winklebleck's scrap book. We are gathering articles from our monthly OPOF so you don't need to do that. We have not yet received any notifications of who the Good of the Order chairmen are. This program was started back in May when President Patti was elected. August should have been the first reporting date. Unfortunately we did not receive any instruction until August either so understand the delay. We hope to hear from you soon. Please send the above information to:

Janice Straub & Joyce Steiner,

Good of the Order Chairmen

15369 SE Sunrise Ct., Milwaukie, Oregon 97267

Welcome New Members

We have been out and about in rain gear cleaning up and getting ready for you to all come and visit again. The wood shed is restocked full to the top, so come down and enjoy family time around the wood stove in between rides. Check on your reservations as we have everything in the computer from the book and can make adjustments if you need them. We have been repairing picnic tables, and I am going to ask that if you move the tables please make sure you are picking them completely up and not dragging them across the sites. The legs are being broken off by the constant dragging back and forth. It would be greatly appreciated if you would put them back where they belong and pick up the garbage, dog poo and cigarette butts that may have appeared during your stay. Please do not get offended if this does not apply to you as we have many members who take great pride and clean their sites when they leave. We and the members who come in after LOVE YOU!!!. On a lighter note the rain can't last forever and we are looking forward to a great spring and summer of riding and playing at the beach.

Mary and Park Staff

Who, being loved, is poor? ~ Oscar Wild

Community Connections

What is your lodge doing in your community? We wonder if our surrounding businesses, or neighbors, even know we exist. Perhaps it is time we let them know who we are, and all we have to offer! Our past history was to remain low key and stay out of the lime light. Soon we will be just a thing of the past unless we reverse that way of thinking.

Each lodge must find a way to be noticed in their community. If you have some important ideas to share, please let me hear from you! We need to promote our great fraternity and preserve it. Appoint a member to record some of your ideas and successes. Send them to me so I can share your ideas with others.

Joan Scheer, Chairman
Community Connections Committee

Shamrock Rebekah Lodge No. 113

Shamrock members are sending greetings of a very Happy New Year to all our sisters and brothers and special good wishes to all.

In November a special ceremony honoring our veterans was performed that involved all members.

December 7th members discussed our finances and charities and agreed on what recipients we would be giving to for the year 2016.

Joan and Claus Scheer agreed to take on the Good of the Community program. Joan and Claus addressed and sent out 32 Christmas cards from the lodge to members who are shut-ins, not able to attend meetings any more, and those living out of state. We want them to know we do think about them. Inez Kennedy also sends out birthday greetings to all.

Our December 21st meeting started out with a great potluck of finger food with pretty Christmas plates, napkins and a lot of friendly visiting.

First nominations of 2016 and 2017 officers were held.

Under Good of the Order each member presented their Christmas card. Each person was to bring only one card to exchange, then drew one from the pile. A reading of "Christmas with the family" was enjoyed. Each sister and brother received a hand-made old fashion Christmas sock filled with oranges, nuts and candy. The adorable felt socks were made by Noble Grand Joyce Steiner. Each sock was decorated differently and that added to the festivity

Janice Straub.

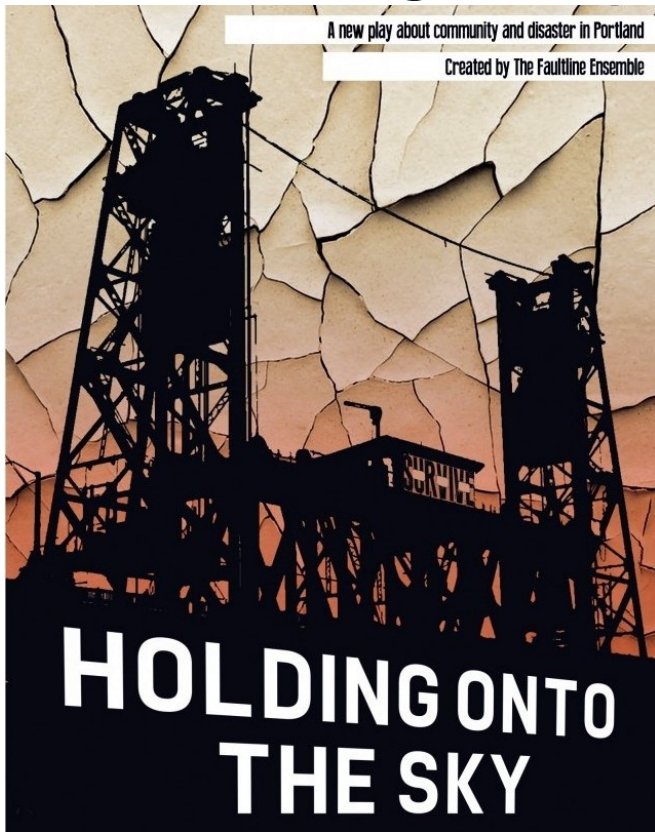
The older I grow the more I distrust the familiar doctrine that age brings wisdom. ~ H.L. Mencken

Age is a high price to pay for maturity. ~ Tom Stoppard

Age isn't important unless you're a cheese. ~ Helen Hayes

You know your getting old when you stoop to tie your shoes and you wonder what else you can do while your down there. ~ George Burns

Theater Comes To Peninsula Lodge No. 128



Set in a fictional post-disaster Portland, “Holding on to the Sky” explores how communities respond to disaster and the destruction of infrastructure, and the ways individuals come together to create networks of support. As neighbors turn to one another in the aftermath of the unthinkable, they share stories that question the nature of disaster response, the effectiveness of our healthcare system, and the resiliency of our communities.

This play fits perfectly with the goals of the Grand Lodge of Oregon's Community Connections Committee. This committee is dedicated to integrating our lodges into the community so that, among other things, Odd Fellows can be a part of the network of support and aid if and when disaster strikes.

Performance dates are February 5th, 6th, 7th, and 12th, 13th, 14th at 8pm. “Holding onto the Sky” will be performed at the beautiful Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge on N. Lombard Street. Come support this production and join the discussion of how we as Odd Fellows can increase our role in the support of aid and relief. Tickets will be available at the door for a donation to the project.

Douglas County Odd Fellows Association

The Douglas County Odd Fellows Association will meet at the Odd Fellows Hall in Roseburg, 715 SE Cass Avenue

Saturday, February 20th.

Registration is at 9:00 am
with the meeting to follow at 10:00 am.

All degrees will conferred.

In FL&T

Colleen Suiter, Philearian No. 8

Linn Benton Convention and All Degree Day

The Linn Benton Convention and All Degree Day will be held on February 13th at Barnum Odd Fellow Lodge
223 SW 2nd Street, Corvallis

Registration and light breakfast 8:30-9:00 am

Initiatory and First Degrees 9:15-11:45

Lunch 11:45-12:45

Second and Third Degrees 1:00-2:45

Linn Benton Convention Meeting 3:00-4:00

We'll begin PROMPTLY, so please don't be late.

Please RSVP by February 6th to barnumlodge@gmail.com, and let us know if you plan to help with the Degrees and/or are bringing members who need degrees so that we can plan appropriately

Thank you, and Happy New Year!!

Bonnie Tomski, Noble Grand

The MUSCOVITES are Coming

Peninsula Lodge in Portland is bringing back the Baku Muscovites. We have a store of muscovite treasures and more importantly, we have Claus Scheer (my dad) who was a Muscovite in the 1970s. Claus loved the Muscovites and has wanted for a very long time to bring them back. Now is the time. We have the degree ritual and a lodge full of young men and women, but do not want to step on the toes of the Lady Muscovites by doing so. We hope that we may have your blessing! We fully support and respect the Lady Muscovites. Furthermore, any Lady Muscovite who would like to belong to both organizations, will be grand-mothered into the new Baku Muscovites as full members without having to apply or take the degree. In fact, we would love for the Lady Muscovites to come up and help us put on our degree on April 16th.

Please share this with any and all Lady Muscovites that you can think of. We want to have a lot of fun, and Claus assures us that no one in the Odd Fellows or Rebekahs know how to have fun like the Lady Muscovites.

Thank you so much!

In FL&T,

David Scheer, Kremlin Baku



A Bit Of Philosophy

Be not like a leaf that's falling
Carried by each wisp of breeze;
Or a bird whose note is calling
Flitting, flying through the trees.
Be, my friend, just like an arrow
Selected stock both straight and true;
Within your bones there is good marrow'
make success of what you do.
Ere you seek new fields to conquer'
finish up each task begun;
Anyone can make beginnings
Be the one who gets things done.
Rod Martin, Chemeketa Lodge No. 1

*Taken from the
Pacific Odd Fellow, April 1940*

A Blast From The Past....

The following essay was given first award by the judges chosen in Grand Master Steele's Patriotic Americanism program which closed December 31.

Fifty-three essays were entered in the contest, each showing considerable thought and study and it was no easy task for the judges to choose the winner but after careful deliberation their decision was 1st place Hallibel Amy, Joseph High School.

American Patriotism

Life is a great game! It means honors to those who learn to play the game right. It furnishes the opportunity for a person to live as a king or as a beggar.

In America, as in no other country, we have a chance to mold our lives as individuals. This country is the best in all the world, because it does bestow upon us absolute freedom of religion, of speech and of the press.

Today, in all parts of the world the struggle for existence is becoming harder. There is a tradition that the United States offers shelter to the oppressed of all lands. Do you think that if America did not give complete protection and economic security and stability that people from all over the world would come to our country?

I will attempt to give the most important things for which I owe America: Individualism, economic security, education, modern means of transportation and communication, and above all—Peace!

America owes me nothing but a chance in life. What I make of that chance lies completely upon my own shoulders. But above all, the goal for which I am striving is to become a clean, upright citizen, to love my fellowman and my country.

Taken from the Pacific Odd Fellow, January 1940.

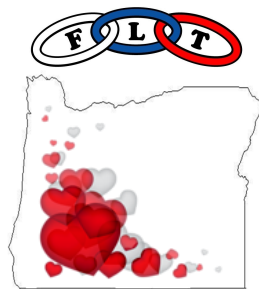


The Supt. Of the Odd Fellows' Home of North Carolina, says:

There are several things that our girls can do well. They know how to cook, iron, keep house, sew and make their own clothes. These things alone make them far more valuable than hundreds of their cousins who are growing up all over the land and don't know how to do anything except sport around, spend daddy's money and have a good time."

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~ Franklin P. Jones