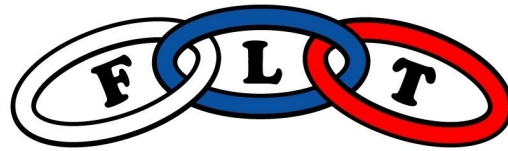


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Let our New Year's resolution be this:
we will be there for one another
as fellow members of humanity,
in the finest sense of the word. - Goran Persson

Winds Cause Near Miss at Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge



Left to right Micah Engle and his helpers, Steve Skinner, Francis Kuper, Rich Smith and Roger Schneider. Roger, is owner of Roger That BBQ.



In November Chemeketa Odd Fellow Lodge No. 1 had a near miss when high winds brought down a large sequoia tree on lodge property. The tree fell away from the building and between things that were in the direction it fell. Lodge members had a work party to clean up the mess. Member Roger Schneider runs a BBQ restaurant called Roger That BBQ out of the lodge hall in Salem.

Promoting Odd Fellowship Through Positive Communication

Grand Master *Gordon Corda*

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome 2021, Happy New Year to everyone. I hope this time finds you and yours safe and healthy.



It seems there is good news on the horizon with a vaccine to fight this pandemic. Many lodges have stepped up to do their part helping members and others. A special thanks to Gold Hill Lodge for running a food pantry. I feel we will come out of this even more in tune with our diverse communities. The new year will provide us with more opportunities to elevate the character of man.

In F.L.T. ,
Gordon Corda, Grand Master

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Welcome New Members

Lebanon Odd Fellow Lodge No. 47

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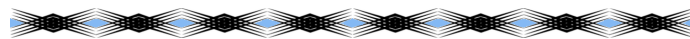


As I view the Coming Year

I cannot comprehend...

One other wish but happiness

to make for you my friend - unknown



Morand Deadline Fast Approaching There is Still Time To Apply

Yes, the deadline is looming and your window of opportunity is closing, but you still have time to apply for a Morand Scholarship! The goal of the Morand Committee is to help our members and their relatives obtain a degree or complete training in a trade. We have helped many students move into their chosen career not only with a college degree but also in an accredited program in a trade school. Remember, the application must be completed and turned in at the Grand Lodge office no later than January 31st. It is still possible, if you call the office today and ask them to mail or e-mail you an application packet. Don't procrastinate, call today and get that application packet and Morand Scholarship Brochure.

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Assembly President *Merrilea Manning* Grand Patriarch *Michael Guerreiro*

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year! The year 2020 is one that will never be forgotten by anyone who experienced it. One thing I learned this past year is to enjoy the simple pleasures of life and not take things for granted such as family and friends. I am sure, for a lot of people, that future chaotic holiday family gatherings will not be considered obligatory ordeals to endure, but will be looked upon as huge Blessings.

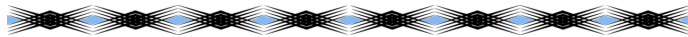


The New Year 2021 holds a lot of hope for a better future for everyone. I am pretty sure the New Year Resolutions people make this year will be a little different from those made in years past. However, I do hope one of your resolutions will be to bring new members into the Order.

January is Thomas Wildey month and what better time is there to let people know about Rebekahs and Odd Fellows and all the good things that we do.

Even though the holidays are over, I hope everyone will continue to call our Sisters and Brothers who are in need of cheering up during the winter months. Also a friendly reminder to our Lodge Secretaries annual reports are due January 31st.

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



The Rebekah Cosmos Area Meeting

Will be held on

February 13, 2021

Registration 9 am Meeting 10 am

Samaritan Hall

10282 SE Main Street,

Milwaukie



Patriarchs,

Happy New Year to all Patriarchs, Brothers and Sisters! I hope you all had a nice Christmas with close family and/or friends. I know it was much different than previous years for most of



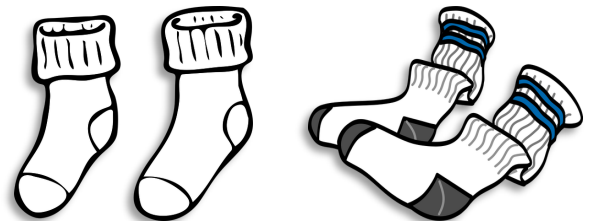
us, but I hope you made the best of a difficult situation. I am glad to see this year coming to an end. 2020 seems to have been a challenge to get through and it seems like a very long time that I have served as Grand Patriarch. I am sitting here thinking of all the difficult and challenging events of 2020 but I think I should be thinking of all the good things I was blessed with instead.

Some of my blessings: I've been able to pay three of our Encampments a second visit with only two additional visits to complete. Most Grand Patriarchs only get to visit each Encampment once so I got to know some of you a little better. A very personal blessing is that my Wife, Liz, has endured two cardiac surgeries in 2020 plus a hip replacement and is feeling well. We both think that is plenty of health challenges for one year, but are grateful that she is doing very well now.

Another blessing is that I was able to shop on black Friday with smaller crowds than usual allowing me to purchase many pairs of socks. I hope you were also able to purchase socks this year, I'm pretty sure they are needed more than ever this year.

Again, I wish you each a Happy New Year, and that we will all soon be able to meet in our Lodge Halls to continue the work of the Order.

In FLT, FH & C,
Michael Guerreiro,
Grand Patriarch



Grand Secretary's Corner

Ron Kunze



Brothers and Sisters,

I want to wish you all a very Happy New Year as we venture into 2021. Let's all hope for a better year this year than last. Many of us have no doubt been stuck at home during the pandemic and really need to get up and out socializing again. Several Lodges have taken to electronic meetings to keep their membership together throughout these times and this has worked out very well for a means of keeping together.

Annual online report links were sent out on December 7th for the Rebekah Lodge secretaries and December 8th for the Odd Fellows Lodge secretaries. Please call me if you need help in any way and remember that all annual reports are due by midnight on January 31, 2021 but you do not need to mail them directly to the Assembly Secretary or the Grand Lodge office because both Assembly Secretary Mary Houle' and myself have access to the link and can see your report. Although the link is disabled on January 31st you can still view your report anytime throughout the year.

Another point I would like to make during this pandemic season and because during these times everything is up in the air, it's really easy to miss a Lodge meeting, that is if your Lodge is meeting. If you agreed to take on an office in your Lodge, it is important for you to be there. If you can't make a scheduled meeting it is your responsibility to let the Noble Grand, Secretary or next in line officer know you can't make it. Your lodge can then proceed to open on time and not sit waiting and wondering, besides, it's just common courtesy. Lodge secretaries need to give contact information to all Lodge officers so they will know who to call.

Lastly, as this is such an uncertain time and because we cannot predict the future, I have been asked to set up a Zoom meeting for our annual Grand Lodge sessions held in May of 2021. The Grand Lodge Executive Committee has approved doing this and we have permission from the Sovereign Grand Lodge. There are many details to work out so I will keep you updated as we proceed.

Holgate Center Update

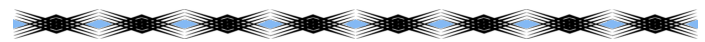
Your Holgate Board of Directors have been meeting monthly during this pandemic and will continue to do so into next year. We are very fortunate to have such an excellent administration and staff running the center.

We thank Ocean Odd Fellow Lodge No. 254 and Seafoam Rebekah Lodge No. 250 for their very generous donation to the Holgate Center. All donations during this time are greatly appreciated, so if you and your Lodge are able, please send in your donation.

The Center is still on essential personnel only and for this reason the Grand Lodge office is closed to all visitors. This will continue into next year.



Ronald Kunze, Chairman
Holgate Board of Directors



A Blast From The Past...

There is darkness where light must be, and we are the instruments to bring light into dark places. There are tears where there should be laughter; there is hate where there should be love; there is intolerance where there should be tolerance; there is falsehood where there should be truth, and there are rough roads where the highways should be smooth. We are the chosen instruments to serve humanity, we cannot grow weary and lie down.

M.M. Logan, Grand Sire

The Odd Fellow, June - July 1947



Grand Sec. continued: Once again, Happy New Year to all.

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

From the Desk of the Assembly Secretary

Mary Houle'

Happy New Year,

The holidays are over and I hope each of you had a happy holiday season.

As a new year begins, I hope that each of you take a fresh look at Rebekahs and our Order. Remember the enthusiasm you had as a new member of our Order? Let's all strive for that enthusiasm in our lodges by trying something new this year. Think about what you can do that would help your lodge and the Oregon Rebekah Assembly.

Here are your January 2021 reminders: number 1--All lodges should have paid their Per Capita dues by now. If they are paid, thank you so much, if not please send them immediately. Reminder number 2--Annual reports are due by January 31st. If you want to be on the honor roll get them in by January 15th. Reminder number 3--If your lodge has not yet elected your 2021-2022 officers, and you are not meeting in person, please hold an election as soon as possible for your lodge.

Once again I wish you all a wonderful 2021.

Fraternally,
Mary Houle', Secretary
Rebekah Assembly of Oregon



Thomas Wildey, Founder of Odd Fellowship in North America, was a man of immense vitality humor and warmth. He was born in London, England, in 1782. He was left an orphan five years later-and the Odd Fellow pledge to "Educate the Orphan" sprang from his personal childhood experiences.

At the age of 14 Wildey went to live with an uncle. After he had nine years of schooling, he became an apprentice to a maker of coach springs. He joined the Odd Fellows in 1804.

When restlessness brought Thomas Wildey to America in 1817, the British were still unpopular in the States because of the War of 1812. In that year Baltimore was suffering both a yellow fever epidemic and mass unemployment. An outgoing personality, Wildey missed companionship and advertised in the newspaper to determine if there were any other Odd Fellows in Baltimore; he requested them to meet him at the Seven Stars Inn.

On April 26, 1819, Wildey and the four men who responded to the advertisement met and began the process that would lead to the forming of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in North America, dedicating the Order to achieve philanthropic goals. Other Englishmen who were Odd Fellows had grouped in the states along the Eastern Seaboard, and Wildey gathered them all into the newly formed fraternity. He traveled widely to set up lodges in the most recently settled parts of the country.

At the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows across North America.

Here's a toast to the future, a toast to the past,
and a toast to our friends, far and near.

May the future be pleasant;

The past a bright dream;

May our friends remain faithful and dear.

- Author unknown

Happy New Year!

We know many lodges are not meeting at this time, but those who are, please send us news and pictures for the OPOF. Let us know what is going on out there.

A.M.O.S.



The AMOS Samaritans continue to work with the Brothers and Sisters in the Odd Fellow Order along with other philanthropic and veteran groups to serve the community.

In Grants Pass AMOS members as well as the Young Marines have placed wreaths at the Veteran flag poles. The individual veteran markers have also been decorated. This has been done at the Grants Pass Cemetery as a part of Wreaths Across America.

In Tillamook proceeds from the sale of Christmas decorations were used to purchase toys for the youth of needy families. The AMOS members have stepped up to help the community.

As we step into a New Year, may we all remember those in need in our community.

On behalf of the members of AMOS we extend best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

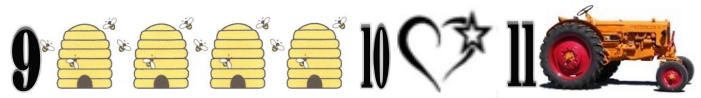
In FL&T,
Gary J. Kniss



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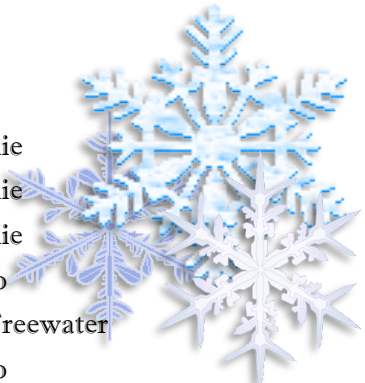


In Memoriam

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Donna Lovejoy
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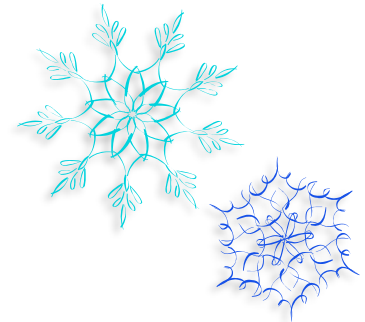
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New Year's, Winter Word Search



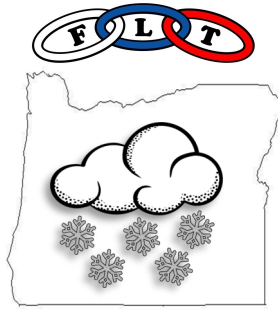
Here's to the bright New Year,
and a fond farewell to the old;
here's to the things
that are yet to come,
and to the memories
that we hold. - Author Unknown



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