



Oregon Pythian News

Meet This Year's Oregon Pythian Leaders

Damon Lodge No. 4 of Pendleton is proud to introduce Chancellor Commander, R. Kone Hancock. Kone has served the Pythian Order ably since joining the Order in 1997.

Kone is an Eagle Scout. His special Eagle Scout project was for the blind and sight impaired.

Kone graduated from Boise State University with a degree in biology. He was very active in the Future Farmers of America while in high school.

Kone's accomplishments include being an Emergency Medical Technician Trainer, a coordinator for fire suppression for the United States Forest Service (USFS), and timber rehabilitation after fires for USFS.

Kone's Pythian activities have been many. He has served and promoted Damon Lodge's Eagle Scout Program since he joined the lodge. He has surveyed and marked out the lodge's mountain property at Meacham; organized the lodge's River Parkway Cleanup program for two years; and organized the lodge's first tree thinning on the Meacham property.

In addition to these activities, Kone has found time to chair the Social Committee, the Auditing Committee, Financial Requests Committee and the Highway Clean Up Committee.

Kone has held the offices of Inner Guard, Outer Guard, Master at Arms, Vice Chancellor, and Chancellor Commander.

Kone attended the Pythian Festivals in Lincoln City in 1999 and in Hood River in 2002.

Chancellor Commander Kone says: "The Meacham property is a unique place of interest, investment, fellowship, recreation, and obligation. I would like to see continued efforts in camping, site construction, road maintenance, vegetation management, and recreational use by members."

Thanks to Bill Peal for article and picture.



R. Kone Hancock
Chancellor Commander
Damon Lodge No. 4

Your OPN staff thought that since it is the beginning of a new administrative year for most us, it is a good time to meet those who will be leading us through another year. There are articles and pictures of Chancellor Commanders and Most Excellent Chiefs throughout this issue.



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Grand Chancellor Charlie's Corner

Knights, Sisters, and Friends ~

Another busy year is in progress, with most of the official visits completed. We had 3 to 5 Grand Lodge Officers attending each visit with me. The officers and I enjoyed visiting and meeting everyone at the different lodges. Grand Lodge Officers will be scheduling some fraternal visits in the near future.

By now all of the lodges should have distributed the Poster Contest materials to the schools in their areas. All of the local lodges need to have their judging completed, and posters sent to Grand Lodge **before end of April**. Grand Lodge judging is scheduled for **April 28th** this year. We need to forward the state finalist on to Supreme Lodge the **first of May**. The Knights of Pythias Poster Contest entitled "**BE A FRIEND WHEN IT COUNTS**" is open to any student enrolled as a Freshman (Grade 9), Sophomore (Grade 10), Junior (Grade 11), or Senior (Grade 12) in any Junior or Senior High or Parochial School in the United States and Canada. The rules have changed. Now it's acceptable to use any two dimensional medium (computer graphics, photography, stenciling, drawing, painting etc.) I'm looking forward to some really interesting entries this year.

The Grand Chancellor's Project has been well received by the lodges. I have mailed out letters to charitable

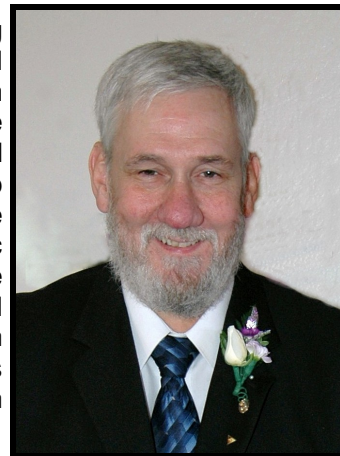
foundations, seeking matching funds. I'm still waiting for responses from them. The Grand Lodge program is keyed around membership and ways to increase the ranks. As we distribute the Automatic Electronic Defibrillators we need to have the local media involved to report on our activities. By doing this all of our communities can learn about our order.

The District Deputies have been doing a great job arranging the visits, and helping install the new officers. The Deputies are a great resource for any needs, issues or questions.

I would like to thank everyone for all the support. It's been an enjoyable start to a great year.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Van Domelen
Grand Chancellor



Charlie VanDomelen
Grand Chancellor

Mellor to Lead Helmet Lodge No. 33

Frank Mellor has been installed as Chancellor Commander of Helmet Lodge for 2007. He joined New Era Lodge No. 32 in Petaluma, California on May 8, 1972 and finished the Knight Rank on June 19, 1972. He was reinstated into Helmet Lodge on October 24, 1977 and has served in every office, receiving the Rank of Past Chancellor January 5, 1981. He has served as Chancellor Commander several times since. Frank has received his 25 Year Service Pin.



Frank Mellor

Frank has been a service writer for several auto dealerships over the years and since his semi-retirement is now delivering parts and accessories for Kendall Motors.

Chancellor Frank plans to hold business meetings on the first meeting of the month and have social meetings, prospect dinners or fun nights on the second meeting night. He has established a goal to initiate ten new members this year.

Other officers for 2007 are: LeRoy Brunson, Vice Chancellor; Ed Muth, Prelate and Master of Work; Paul Lewis, Secretary and Treasurer; Frank Mellor, Financial Secretary; and Mike Clark, Master at Arms.

Frank voices special appreciation for the work of Ed Muth and Paul Lewis for keeping the Lodge building in good repair. Frank points out that they not only do the routine cleaning and picking up but also see to rentals, getting supplies, and doing minor repairs when needed. Frank extends a hearty thank-you to both Paul and Ed.

Helmet Lodge also reports that on December 15, elves Kaye Pomerleau, Esther McKibben, Ed Muth, Victor Guthrie and Paul Lewis assisted Santa Don visit all of the patients and residents of Garden Place. Each person received a small gift along with candy canes and/or tangerines, and had their picture taken with Santa.

Staff and residents of both facilities really appreciate Santa's visits and look forward to coming each year. Helmet Lodge treats Santa and his elves to lunch between visits.

Submitted by Paul Lewis, Secretary of Helmet Lodge.

Grand Chief Sarah's Corner

My apologies to anyone who has tried to call me at my home phone number! I decided one phone would be easier, but not everyone got the number, so here it is:

503-913-0621

I hope this edition of the OPN finds everyone well recovered from the busy holiday season and our winter weather. Spring is fast approaching and with it many upcoming activities. As I write this, I have completed four official visits (Herculena, Thermopylae, Helmetta and Phoenicia) and have four more scheduled before the end of March (Una, Friendship, Willamette and Fern). Please feel free to join me for any of the remaining visits. Guests are always welcome!

I recently obtained a copy of a short video that PSC Darrell Henry has developed as a tool for building membership. I plan on showing it at my remaining official visits. It looks wonderful, but he needs our help in developing it further. Ladies, be prepared to share your occupations, past or present, with me so I can pass them along to Darrell.

We have some changes with District Conventions this year. District #1's convention, normally scheduled on the first Saturday in April, conflicts with Easter weekend this year. The date will be moved forward a week, to Saturday, April 14th 2007. Fern Temple is our host and the convention will be held at the Pythian building in Hillsboro. District #2's convention will not change from its normally scheduled first Saturday in May, which is the 5th this year. It will be hosted by Willamette Temple and held in Dallas. Sadly, there is only one Temple remaining in District #3, and as a result, they will not be having a District Convention this year.

I am very much looking forward to Friendship Temple's Quilt Show which is coming soon. Set aside March 9th and 10th and join me in North Plains to see wonderful quilts and buy chances to win one of your own!

June 9th is the tentatively scheduled date for the tour of Doernbecher Hospital's Child Life Department. Anyone who is interested in seeing for themselves the wonderful work that this Department does, please feel free to join me. Do not forget that all proceeds from the chances I am selling at my visits, District Conventions and at Grand will go to the Child Life Department. Let's show them how much we appreciate their work!



**Sarah Murchison
Grand Chief**

- **March 1st** – Willamette Temple official visit in Salem
- **March 9th & 10th** – North Plain's Quilt Show
- **March 13th** – Fern Temple official visit in Yamhill
- **April 14th** – District #1's Convention in Hillsboro
- **May 5th** – District #2's Convention in Dallas
- **June 9th** – *Tentative date* for Doernbecher Child Life

Spring is a busy time for the Pythian Sisters. I hope everyone is healthy and can participate in many of these upcoming activities.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon,

Sarah Murchison
Grand Chief

Scholarship Information from OPCEF

OPCEF ANNOUNCEMENT

Application forms have been sent to all Lodge and Temple Secretaries.
If you have not received them please contact Barb Christopher of the OPCEF at
503-649-3339 or by e-mail at barbchristopher@hotmail.com.
I will do my best to get them out to you as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Barb Christopher, OPCEF Secretary

Lozano Installed as Thermopylae MEC

On February 4th Thermopylae Temple #37 installed their new slate of officers. Jean Schlinsog was the Installing Officer, assisted by Robyn Neeley and Marilyn Stevens. As always Jean did a beautiful job. Thermopylae would like to thank the men of Talisman Lodge for filling in and helping to make our Installation a great experience.

Submitted by Julie Lozano

Pictured left to right: Marilyn Stevens, Jean Schlinsog, MEC Julie Lozano and Robyn Neeley



Grand Chief Official Visit to Helmetta #29 ~ Kaye Pomerleau, PSR, GPC

GC Sarah Murchison visited Helmetta Temple No. 29 on November 20, 2006. There were 8 present, including the 2 guests. GC Sarah was introduced at the altar by her mother, Judy Murchison, PGC, given Grand Honors, and seated at the right of the MEC. Judy Murchison, PGC, Paul Lewis, PGC, and Kaye Pomerleau, PSR, were introduced and given Grand Honors. The Temple, by MEC Ann Ross, presented GC Sarah with a beautiful crystal lotus candle holder and gave her a personal gift of two special candles and holders. Under Good of the Order.

GC Sarah presented four members with service certificates, namely:

- ◆ Gloria Guy, 50 year
- ◆ Kaye Pomerleau, 40 year
- ◆ Esther McKibben, 25 year
- ◆ Allene Pender, 25 year

GC Sarah presented MEC Ann with a vase filled with chocolate kisses. She further spoke to us about her project, Doernbecher Children's Hospital, encouragement for our future and what she hopes to accomplish during her term of office. Refreshments were served immediately after the meeting to fortify GC Sarah and PGC Judy for their trip home.

Hermes and Ivanhoe Enjoy Joint Installation ~ By Mark Erickson, GVC

At the request of the Grand Chancellor, the members of Hermes #56 of Aurora and Ivanhoe #1 of Portland, joined together in a joint officer installation and Grand Chancellor official visit. Each lodge had representatives present to be installed and to be given information on the Grand Council program and the Grand Chancellor project.

Hermes Lodge #56 installed Colin Brown as their new Chancellor Commander and Ivanhoe Lodge #1 installed Mark Erickson as theirs. Grand Chancellor Charles Van Domelen agreed to install both sets of officers. Many of the Grand Lodge Officers were there to join the Grand Chancellor in the official visit.

Hermes Lodge has been showing some signs of growth as they open their lodge hall to some of the youth in the community for a safe place to gather and join in watching TV or enjoying some video games. Ivanhoe Lodge is noted for its semi-regular rummage sales which give its members a chance to mingle with the people of the community and raise money for youth charities.



**Chancellor Commander Colin Brown,
GC Charlie VanDomelen, and
Chancellor Commander Mark Erickson**

Johnson to Head Up Talisman Lodge

Chancellor Commander Duane joined the Pythian Order in 1964 and shortly thereafter joined the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.

During the years since, Duane has served as Chancellor Commander, on numerous subordinate lodge committees, Grand Chancellor for two different years, as a member of both the Grand Lodge Foundation Trustees and the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund. He attained the title of Past Imperial Regent by serving as Most Gracious Maharajah for Maharani Doris Laine of California. Duane served as Oregon's Supreme Representative at the Boston convention in 1994.

During the past few years Duane and the Southern Oregon Pythians have been very active in the Bicycle Helmet program in Roseburg and Grants Pass. Many, many children have enjoyed increased bicycle safety because of the generosity and activities of Southern Oregon Pythians.

In recognition of his public and Pythian service Duane received the Golden Spur Award, entitling him to the title of "Sir Duane."

Duane has served as "Santa Duane" in support of the Share the Spirit program for 17 years. His activities have included not only that of Santa, but also as organizer and general Pythian publicity arranger with the support of

daughter Donna and many other Southern Oregon Pythians.

In addition to his Pythian activities, Duane has served as President of the United Commercial Travelers organization of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Duane worked for Southern Pacific Transportation as conductor and brakeman for many years before retiring.

Duane lost his wife Opal on May 2, 1995. He enjoys the company of his and Opal's three children, Anita, Donna, and Mary Beth, all of whom are Pythians. In addition he has two adopted children, a daughter who is an assistant manager of a Veterans Hospital in South Dakota and a son in Alaska.

Duane enjoys and takes pleasure in his flower and vegetable gardening. He has a wood shop that he enjoys very much as well.



**Duane Johnson,
Chancellor Commander**

Fern Temple Sells Yamhill Building ~ By Jan VanDeWalle, Sec.

Fern Temple #46 of Yamhill, Oregon has ended nearly 100 years of ownership of our meeting hall. We sold the building as of the first of December to a local couple who have a business across the street. They made us an offer and we accepted, they have already completed some of the repairs that needed immediate attention. The Sisters of the Temple could not afford to have the repairs done, and all our efforts to get volunteers were for naught.

We will use the money from the sale to endow a scholarship fund for our local students, and for other causes that affect our community.

The election of officers for the coming year was easy since everyone stayed in the same positions. Rosenna Powell MEC, Glenyce Buxton, Treasurer, Ann Myer Manager, Mary McIlvaine Guard, Farrel Fuerst Excellent



Senior, and Jan VanDeWalle Secretary. Installation has been held. We have amended our By Laws, and will be meeting once a month on the 4th Tuesday at 1:00 PM. For the time being we will be meeting at the home of Glenyce Buxton. The change was read in November and December meetings and has been forwarded to the Grand Chief for her approval.

We have a great deal of upheaval going on to get the storage room cleaned out and our various fixtures parceled out to new homes. We are working around the ongoing repairs and resulting mess inside of the building. There was a great deal of water damage last winter from the rain running down three of the walls and the roof. Water and plaster don't mix well. If any one has any questions about property that we are "re-homing" please feel free to call Jan VanDeWalle at 503-662-3701.

Judy Murchison ~ MEC of Phoenicia-Rose Temple ~ By Grand Chief Sarah

Judy was born on October 25th, 19*%, to Dorothy and George Leftwich. She is an only child. Her family moved around quite a bit during her childhood because her father was a machinist and mechanic, who worked on many of the dams on the Columbia River. Her family eventually settled in the Lake Oswego/Tigard area, where she graduated from Tigard High School. She met her husband, John, through a mutual friend who set them up. They were engaged within a week of meeting each other! In May, they will have been married 38 years, Judy and John have three girls, Sarah, Karen and June.

Judy has worked a variety of jobs in her lifetime, from raising three girls to working at the County Extension office to telephone sales for Norm Thompson's. Judy has been involved in fraternal orders for much of her life, starting with Job's Daughters when she was young followed by Eastern Star when both her parents joined and Pythian Sisters after she was married.

One quirk about Judy is that she likes movies and television, but will often watch them without the sound!

When their girls were young, Judy and John had many



Judy and Dawn basking in the winter sun.

animals, usually dogs, but an array of critters passed through the house including birds, cats, a hamster (forebodingly named Morsel) and fish. Just recently, Judy added another critter to the menagerie, Dawn, a quarter horse/Tennessee Walker cross.

Dawn was a Christmas gift for Judy. Her youngest daughter, June, decided that Judy needed a horse. June and Karen both have horses which Judy enjoys very much and she often helps out with their care. June got the family to agree that Judy needed a horse, and then she combed the internet looking for horses for Judy to look at.

One Saturday, they finally found one she liked after a visit up to Rainier, Oregon. An agreement was made; they would be up the following Saturday to pick up the horse. On Wednesday, they got bad news – Judy's Christmas present had died! Rather traumatic, but June faithfully got back on the internet. They found Dawn in Chehalis, Washington, looked at her and liked her. So, on Saturday, as originally planned, they were still able to pick up a horse for Judy. Dawn is a cutting horse, very intelligent and extremely patient. She came with some health problems, but Judy has lovingly nursed her back to health and Dawn is now ready to ride,

Happy 90th Birthday Helen



WOW!! Helen McKibben was NINETY years old on February 24th. Helen joined Willamette Temple in December of 1944 and has been a true Pythian for 63 years.

Helen was elected Grand Chief in 1974 and later served as Supreme Representative. She has been on countless committees over the years, sharing her experience with all of us.

Helen has been committed to helping others and spreading the Pythian name in Dallas, working with the local fire department, 4-H Club, Dallas Hospital, Salvation Army and many others in the community.

Happy Birthday Helen and Thank You for all the tireless work over the years!

Willamette Temple Sisters



Helen McKibben, PSR

Russ Sheldon ~ C.C. 2007 Continues Glencoe Leadership



**Russ Sheldon,
Chancellor Commander**

Just as every lodge does want to do, when choosing a Brother Knight to lead the brothers during the ensuing period, the lodge usually elects an otherwise already busy Brother Knight who "accepts" this additional responsibility.

As is common among busy men, a busy man seems to have the facilities to add more

activities to his already busy schedule and "not miss a beat". Such a man we in Glencoe Lodge are very fortunate to have right now, in the person of Russ Sheldon. Most of us know that Russ's vocation, brokering municipal fire engines and equipment over a large geographic area, keeps Russ plenty busy, so most of us feel lucky now to have Russ in his third elective term.

Russ has set an enviable standard for his position, in directing Glencoe #22 men to be the best public servants we can be to our local area; from the Garlic Festival, to the school, to the new library to many meetings and other details, we thank Russ for his leadership!

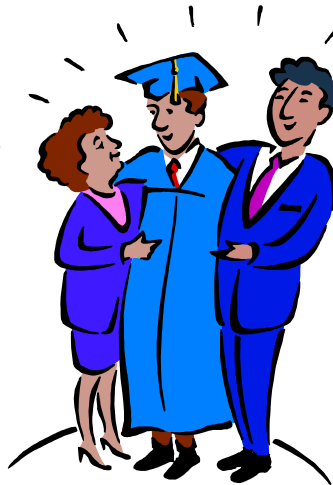
Submitted by Shelton Jones

Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund

On February 6th the Oregon Pythian Continuing Education Fund met in the home of Chris Anderson. We had a vacancy to fill this year. John Murchison has been elected to serve another five year term as a director on the board. Thank you, John, for your continuing dedication to help make the future a little bit brighter.

The first meeting of the year is when we hold elections of officers. Chris Anderson will be the President this year, with Tim Seeberger helping as the Vice-president. Eric Howden was elected for the position of Treasurer. Barb Christopher is the Secretary, and John Murchison will be Director at Large.

This year's applications have been mailed to all of the Lodges and Temples in the state. They are due on April



15th. Please contact Chris Anderson, Barb Christopher or your local secretaries for copies of the applications and a list of the criteria.

The O.P.C.E.F. board would like to remind our student applicants to include a copy of their grade transcript when they apply. The board has set a minimum GPA of 2.5 and that is a large part of determining the grants awarded.

Hope you all have a great year.

Sincerely,
Barb Christopher
OPCEF Secretary

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"We can only survive when we have
a goal ~ a passionate purpose
which bears upon the public interest".

Margaret E. Kuhn (Founder of the Grey Panthers)



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Phil Murphy, Phoenix Lodge Chancellor Commander

Phoenix Lodge is happy to introduce Chancellor Commander Phil Murphy. Phil's occupation is quality control and warehouse management. He has been employed at Stauffer Supply for 13 years.

Phil and his wife Maureen, Grand Protector, have been married nearly 24 years. They chose Aug 21st 1983 as their special day. Since then they have become parents to Aaron, Sarah, Andrew and James, ages 22, 19, 18 and 16 respectively. Daughter Sarah and son Aaron are both members of the Pythian Order.

Chancellor Phil enjoys camping, especially at Fort Stevens watching the sunsets and waves racing to shore; reading mystery novels and science fiction. His favorite science fiction author is Larry Niven. He also enjoys cooking for family group activities.

He has co-chaired the Hillsboro Pythian Relay for Life activities with his wife Maureen for the past two years. They are already getting organized for this year's event in Hillsboro.

Chancellor Phil has belonged to the Pythian Order for

nearly 20 years. He has served as Chancellor Commander two other times. His goals for the upcoming year are to help expand the community service the Hillsboro Pythians support and to expand the membership in Hillsboro and surrounding areas. He is dedicated to developing funds to support Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen's Automatic Electronic Defibrillator program, raising funds for the Relay for Life program, and supporting joint events between all of the Hillsboro Pythians; Nomads, Sisters and Knights.

His favorite quote is ~ "And your point is?"



**Phil Murphy
Chancellor Commander**

Aurora Pythians Host Annual Crab Feed

Nearly 50 Pythians and community members attended the annual Crab Feed sponsored by the Aurora Pythians. No one seems to know for sure but the consensus seems to be that this event has been going on for at least 25 years.

The crab was delicious, as always. The crab is supplemented with side dishes provided by the Aurora Pythians ~ baked beans, salads, French bread, desserts, various dips, and soft drinks. As the saying goes, "A repast for a King."

Chancellor Commander Colin Brown introduced Grand Chancellor Charlie VanDomelen and asked that he tell us about his Automatic Electronic Defibrillator program. After Charlie's review of the program Colin announced that the proceeds from this year's Crab Feed will be used to help the Aurora Pythians purchase a defibrillator for their community.

To all appearances all in attendance enjoyed an evening of great food and great fellowship.



**GC Charlie VanDomelen, CC Colin Brown,
Kenneth Swartout and Neil McClean
displaying the crabs.**

Up The Ladder

Are you continuing to make improvements in your life and move in a forward direction? Andrew Carnegie, the successful industrialist of the early 20th century, once said, "You can't push anyone up the ladder unless they are willing to climb a little." By looking forward and not being willing to sit still on this rung of life



you're on right now, the world knows that you are willing to climb a little.

Find some friends today who might need a little push and help show them how they can make that climb much easier with a willing effort of their own.

Motivational Moments—Don Essig, Ph.D.

Phoenicia Temple Installs Officers



Front Row: Past Chief Fay Robinson, PSR, Most Excellent Chief Judy Murchison, PGC, Excellent Senior Mary McIlvaine, PSR **Back Row:** Protector Rosemarie Ward, Treasurer Kathlene Lacy, SPSC, Manager Maureen Murphy, G.P., Excellent Junior Shelley Corby, ASR, G.Sec., Secretary Sarah Murchison, Grand Chief, Musician Barbara Christopher, PGC, G.Mus. (not pictured: Guard Betty Alexander, PSR)

Phoenicia Temple has a new slate of officers who will be making things very interesting this year. Judy Murchison is our new MEC. Judy has been a Past Grand Chief with a lot of experience and always a tender word to delight us all. She has been a Pythian Sister for the thirty five years. She has been very successful instilling Pythian values and sharing them with her family. She should be very proud to wear the hat of mother to our current Grand Chief.

Kathlene Lacy, SPSC, is trying her hand, for the very first time, as the Temple's Treasurer. She is very excited to

learn the new tasks involved with that job. She sat very intently learning from our beloved Barb McKee our out-going Temple Treasurer. Kathlene has been Grand Treasurer and we know that things will come very easy for her as she proceeds with yet another gauntlet in her Pythian travels. It seems as if she will just keep amazing us all with what she is able to accomplish.

Sarah Murchison, our current Grand Chief, is the Temple's new Secretary. She has been developing a promotional power-point presentation to gain more new memberships. Her command of those pesky computers will be an asset to bring the Temple into the future. We all are planning to help her as much as we are possibly able. Sarah, like most of her family, is wearing many Pythian hats this year.

Our other Temple officers include Fay Robinson, Past Chief, Mary McIlvaine, Excellent Senior, Shelley Corby, Excellent Junior, Maureen Murphy, Manager, Rosemarie Ward, Protector, Betty Alexander, Guard, and Barb Christopher, Musician.

The new officers are busy with many exciting plans for fundraiser activities, and as many ways as possible to get the Pythian name into the community. It surely looks to be a very busy, interesting, and productive year.

Submitted in P.L.E. and F.,

Barb Christopher.

Hillsboro Pythians Announce 2 Community Service Fundraisers:

RUMMAGE SALE

Where: Ivanhoe Pythian Hall
5400 SE 84th, Portland, OR

When: Sat/Sun ~ March 24/25 ~ 10AM-4PM

Please shop and support our summer projects.

If you have rummage to contribute, call
Phil and Maureen Murphy at
503-357-1631.



SPAGHETTI & BINGO NIGHT

Where: Hillsboro Pythian Hall

When: Sat, April 21~ 4PM 'til "whenever"

Cost: \$6.00 per person over age 10

"All you can eat" Spaghetti dinner includes
salad, bread and coffee or tea.

Bingo fundraiser after dinner in the main hall.

Pendleton Pythians Active in Community

November 27 ~ The lodge awarded a Certificate of Excellence to the Athena-Weston Chapter of the FFA. The Chapter placed first in the Nation at the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis. One of our lodge member's daughter was a member of the winning team.



FFA Advisor Leah Smith with Lacey Johnston and Wendy Hancock

December 18 ~ Damon lodge held their Family Christmas Dinner at the hall. Lodge members prepared the dinner and served 100 people steak, salmon and chicken.



Pendleton family enjoying Family Christmas Dinner at Pythian Hall

Two awards were made at the dinner. Knights Gale and Keith Marshall were recognized for roads built on the lodge's mountain property.

In addition Gary Wilkinson was selected as Pythian of the Year.



Dennis, Brandon, Joy and Laura Caswell shown at recent Knights of Pythias Meeting. Brandon is a Silver Medalist in the World Paralympics

January 18 ~ The lodge gave a Certificate of Excellence to Brandon Caswell, a Silver Medalist in the world Paralympics held in The Netherlands. He was the guest speaker at our Lodge Family night meeting. Many local community people attended the meeting and a social time followed the award.

Editor's Note: Thanks to Scott Hancock for the reports and the pictures. Scott reports that all of the pictures appeared in the Pendleton local paper.

History of Herculena Temple ~ By Kaye Pomerleau, Grand Press Correspondent

Synopsis of the history of Herculena Temple No. 27, compiled by Carrie Broxson, PGC, some time during 1980-81:

Herculena Temple was chartered December 14, 1900, with 19 Sisters and 11 Knights as Charter Members. All the charter members are now deceased. Herculena still has in its possession the original Roster started at the time of the institution. A large crowd, consisting of members and visiting guests, celebrated Herculena's 50th anniversary with a reception and program at the Community building. The history, (compiled by Daisy Still who was initiated January 18, 1910, was read and the program closed with a staff drill. Herculena had a staff comprised of 8 Sisters and 8 Knights. The men wore dark trousers and white shirts with a black bow tie and the Sisters wore long black skirts and white blouses.

In September, 1958, Herculena Temple suffered a devastating fire which started in the business below. The fire

completely wiped out all the possessions and paraphernalia, including the record books and the beautiful old Bible. However, since then, in 22 years that followed, the friendship and goodwill continued among the members. One of our Sisters was elected Queen of Pioneer Days, and she chose the Pythian Sisters for her court.

Herculena supported Campfire Girls, giving camperships, the Red Cross, Kidney and Cancer Funds, and one year gave a nursing scholarship at graduation. Sister Bessie Kindel makes lap robes for the Veterans Hospital and Nursing Homes. She is now on her second hundred.

Herculena has had quite a Mother-Daughter membership over the years. One Sister (now deceased) had five daughters and one granddaughter. One of the daughters belongs to the Mistletoe Temple in Walla Walla.

Note: From Kaye's Grand Temple Journal

From the Desk of Grand Secretary Shelley

As I write this article I currently have half of the Annual reports turned in. Not bad, so hopefully I will get the rest by the time this OPN is published. They are due in my office by February 20 so if you don't have yours in yet, please do so ASAP. MECs, please check with your Secretary to see that this has been done. Sometimes the Secretary has so much to do and she may need help.

District conventions are coming up soon. The first one will be on April 14 in Hillsboro hosted by Fern Temple #46 with Mary McIlvaine serving as DDGC. This convention is usually held the first weekend of April but since Easter is on the 8th this year District #1 convention was moved to a week later. District #2 will be on May 5th in Dallas with Willamette Temple # 45 hosting and Carol Jenkins serving as DDGC. District #3 will not hold a convention this year because Herculena Temple #27 in Milton-Freewater is the only Temple in that District now. This is the tentative schedule so please check with the DDGCs listed above. I'm sure that there will be letters or Invitations from the DDGCs with more information. I look forward to meeting with Sisters from all over the state at these conventions.

My home Temple, Phoenicia Temple #10 recently had our Installation with Grand Chief Sarah Murchison serving as Installing Officer. We had the Installation on Saturday January 20, invited the Knights to attend and served dessert afterward. It was great having a nice crowd at our installation. Judy Murchison was installed as our MEC. Most of our other officers have changed positions. We have a new Secretary, Sarah Murchison and our Treasurer is now Kathlene Lacy, SPSC. We thank both Barbara Christopher and Barbara McKee for their years of dedicated service as our previous desk officers.

Please call (503) 259-9850 if you need any assistance with reports, etc. See you soon.

Shelley



Shelley Corby, GS

Hillsboro Pythians Enjoy Symphony ~ By Don Lacy

For the past five years or so some of the Hillsboro Pythians have been attending the Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra concerts. What a wonderful way to enjoy our time together.



We first learned of the orchestra's existence in the fall of 2001, because that is when it organized. Some players with the Portland Symphony Orchestra did not enjoy the long ride to Reed College for rehearsals

so they came up with the idea for a Hillsboro Symphony in the summer of 2001. The founders were Mike Graves, Morgan Brown and Barbara Hanson. They recruited some other players and Maestro Stefan Minde to give it a try, and thus Hillsboro Symphony Orchestra was born, first performing at Hilhi.

The orchestra itself and the programs continue to improve every year. Maestro Minde retired in 2003 and Associate Conductor Sharon Northe took the baton. The

Programs usually highlight a series of music from a certain region or specialty such as "Mediterranean Melodies" or "Russian Rhapsodies," which was the fall symphony.

The next symphony will be **8:00 P.M., Friday, March 16**, at Liberty High School (on Wagon Way, off Cornelius Pass Road, just north of Sunset Highway.) The theme for Winter Symphony is "Musical Gifts." Each symphony includes one segment where a portion of the symphony orchestra highlights its special quality. Fall Symphony featured the wind instruments; Winter Symphony will feature the brass in Saint-Saens "Marche Militaire." Other works of the program will be: Hyden's "Clock Symphony," Wagner's "Introduction to Lohngren," "Belle of the Ball" by L. Anderson and Bach's "Fugue in G Minor."

If you want a wonderful night out, join your Pythian friends for a delightful evening at a most modest cost. Prices are only \$5 for seniors or students and \$7 for adult.

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to the Oregon Pythian News these past two years.

Without your interest, contributions of articles and pictures, editing, and overall general

support the OPN would be less than it is.

All of You Are Appreciated!

Keep the information and pictures coming!

Former GC's Make Donation to Doernbecher Child Life Center

Past Grand Chiefs Julie Lozano and Marilyn Stevens had the pleasure of presenting 3 checks totaling \$7,000, to Sharon Smallwood of the Child Life Department of Doernbecher Hospital.

These checks represent the Grand Chief Project Funds raised by Donna Beninger, Julie Lozano and Marilyn Stevens.

Ms. Smallwood was delighted to accept the checks and explained that funding for this department is always "at risk". I encourage you to generously support Grand Chief Sarah Murchison's efforts to raise money for this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Stevens, Past Grand Chief



Sharon Smallwood of the Child Life Department of Doernbecher's Hospital accepting 3 checks from PGC Julie Lozano.

Grand Vice Chancellor Calls for Youth Activities ~ By Mark Erickson

Mark Erickson, the Grand Vice Chancellor for the Grand Domain of Oregon, is calling on the lodges to improve upon and solidify their Youth Activity programs. Many lodges have solid youth activity programs and are quite proud of them. Other lodges are lacking in following through on their youth activity programs and must hurry to participate.



The lodges, I believe, must be involved in a program with the youth of their community, which involves them inviting the youth into the lodge hall and working with

them to build a bridge between them and the lodge. This should be done not only to gain members at some time in the future, but also to allay fears and rumors about that "secret society" down the street.

The lodges should try to gain the trust of the youth and community with the use of youth programs. With that trust, the lodges should feel more comfortable to working with the community and then asking members of the community to join them in working with the youth.

Herculena Happenings ~ By Vesta Poteete, PSR

Here is a brief summary of what Herculena # 27 is doing. We had our installation on January 22 we had 12 Sisters present. We had a beautiful installation. Jean McWilliams PSR was Installing Officer. Linda Reyburn PSR was Senior and Vesta Poteete PSR was Manager. Our new officers for the year are Past Chief Jean McWilliams, MEC Vesta Poteete, Excellent Senior Janette Black, Excellent Junior Dorothy Hinton, Manager Tanya Bancroft, Secretary Linda Reyburn, Treasurer Sharon Johnson, Protector Harriett Johnson, Guard Raelynn Griffith, Musician Eve Foltz and Kristen Griffith. We had a lovely meeting and this was the first time some of our members had seen a full installation so it was very nice. We discussed our plans for the coming year and have made plans for some fun events.

Herculena Temple celebrated Christmas with a party at Sharon Johnson's home where we had a gift exchange and a wonderful dinner of prime rib cooked by Sister Sharon and the other Sisters brought salads and dessert. Husbands and friends were invited. We had 24 present.

At our meeting in January we discussed our raffle for next year and it was decided that we would again do a doll and basket. We were so sorry our sisters from Elgin could not be at our Christmas party or the meeting in January but due to the bad roads they were unable to attend. We really missed them.

I am also sorry to report that our dear Sister Emma Stitch passed away this morning at the young age of 95 and a half years. We will all miss her very much. She never missed a meeting and was there for every craft, work day or anything that we had going. She will be very much missed. She had been a Pythian Sister for over 60 years.

Herculena Temple gives a Scholarship every year to a graduating Senior at Mac Hi or also any graduating Senior that has a mother or grandmother that is a Pythian or if the senior is a Pythian. This year it was awarded to Lysie Timmons who was a Senior at Mac Hi. Her grandmother is our member Dorothy Hinton. Our scholarship is for \$200.

Of Interest ~ By Wylie Nichols, PSR, District Deputy Grand Chancellor

A new approach to Grand Lodge visits and officer installation was conducted in the greater Portland area, since the close of Grand Convention.

Ivanhoe and Hermes Lodges combined their visits at Hermes Castle Hall. The Grand Chancellor made the "Official" visit, followed by installation of officers. Camaraderie and pizza was enjoyed by all.

Glencoe, Phoenix, and Gaston lodges combined to start with a catered dinner at the Gaston Castle Hall. The dinner was followed by the lodge opening in ritualistic form. The Grand Lodge Official visit was conducted. The Grand Chancellor presented his project for the term and then an installation of officers for all was performed.

Thank you, to the host lodges for the great hospitality and welcoming all of us!

Initiation of applicants was recently conducted by Diana and Hermes Lodges.

Damon and Glencoe have candidates to be initiated soon; a challenge for the other lodges?

Some lodges in the Oregon Domain are flourishing; I highlight their endeavors and successes! Other lodges are struggling, fighting ongoing demons of attrition and the inability to recruit new knights

Friendship is a common ground!

I see the building of friendships through camaraderie in active lodges and the endurance of friendship in less active lodges. Our founding Knights made Friendship a principle of the order. It is a value and abounds throughout our May through December membership. Through our disciplines we learn to express friendship to fellow Pythians and to all people. I have witnessed this caring, compassionate phenomenon; it is a value ~ a true value!

Pomerleau Visits Canadian Temple

The last 3+ weeks in January I visited with my daughter, Cathy, and my two grandsons, Jesse and Nathan, in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. On the third Saturday, i.e. January 20th, I attended the Royal Temple #13 meeting at 10:00 a.m., at the invitation of Sharon Baker, PSR. This is the same Temple in which I was initiated originally in about 1961 or '62. Sister Sharon introduced me to all the officers and I was welcomed with open arms. The officers performed a faultless officers' march and I was introduced at the altar, given Grand Honors, and presented with a lovely souvenir spoon to add to my collection. Betty Webb, serving as Guard, is the Grand Chief of the Prairie Provinces, namely, Alberta & Saskatchewan, and her Grand Temple session will be held May 4-6th, 2007, at the Cedar Park Hotel in

Edmonton. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that 6 of the Royal Temple #13 officers are also Grand Officers, namely, Betty Webb, GC, Phyllis King, GS, Joan Way, GM, Sharon Baker, Gr. Sec., Jean Way, GT, and Kathy Serediak, GP. After the meeting, Cathy and I were invited to join them for a very delicious luncheon of various sandwiches, salads, pickles, etc., and topped off with cookies and pastries. This was a most enjoyable and memorable visit, which I shall hold dear to my heart.



By Kaye Pomerleau, PSR, GPC

District Deputy Report ~ Jerry Girard, District Deputy Grand Chancellor

Since the start of the year I have traveled to the various Lodges in my district to install the Officers for the coming year. While at both Hermes #56 and Talisman #31 I had the pleasure of meeting several young men who were applying for membership to these Lodges.

Hermes #56 has since held the rank work for some of the young men.

On the 18th of February, I traveled to Talisman #31 in Grants Pass, where with the help of Wylie Nichols, I installed the attending officers of the lodge for the coming year. Unfortunately, the Chancellor Commander Duane Johnson was recovering from an illness and was not able

to attend and be installed. We wish him a speedy recovery.

At the same time we initiated three young men from Grants Pass into the Lodge and received interest from three more men seeking to enter the Order. I welcome these new members and look forward to seeing them grow with Talisman.

The District Convention this year will be held on Saturday, May 5th. More will be coming out about this year's District Convention in the coming weeks. We hope to put on rank work for additional new members at this year's convention. .

Aurora Initiates 3 More New Members ~ By Mark Erickson, GVC

Hermes Lodge, showing some signs of growth, initiated 3 new members on Sunday, January 28, 2007. They invited three members of Glencoe Lodge to help them initiate these members. Mark Erickson, Jan Burns and Russ Sheldon of Glencoe were there to help the members of Hermes do the initiation.

I had been invited to attend the regular meeting of Hermes in November and found out that they had at least three who would like to be initiated. After some negotiation with the Grand Chancellor and District Deputy Grand Chancellor, I graciously received permission to help the lodge with their initiation. I wish to thank both Charles VanDomelen and Jerry Girard for their permission and assistance.

That afternoon, we started the initiation at about 2. We swiftly opened lodge, voted the members in and proceeded to initiate them. The three new members are Todd Engle, Josh Goldsby and Charles Snell. With the 5

members that were knighted last spring, that is a gain of 8 members. Hopefully, this creates enough knights at Hermes so that they can put on the initiation again by themselves.

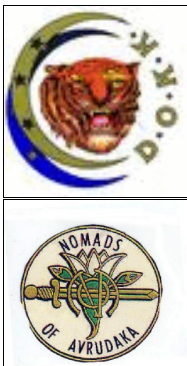
Todd Engle, one of the new members, is a Health Services Administrator and loves horticulture and music. He grew up in the Woodburn area and the Willamette Valley. He is married and has two daughters.

Charles Snell was born in Silverton and has lived in Oregon all his life. He hunts, fishes, plays sports and video games.

Josh Goldsby is nineteen years old and is currently working for Hermes member Rich Adair and is continuing his education.

We finished up about 4 pm and Hermes Lodge thanked the visiting members for coming and helping with initiation.

Far Western DOKK/Nomad Far Western Convention ~ June 8-10 at Newport



Oregon Nomads & Dokeys will host this year's Far Western convention. The convention will be held June 8-10 in Newport, Oregon at the Hallmark Inn.

The weekend will start on Friday with a hospitality room where all can join in fellowship. We'll have a short meeting Saturday morning followed by lunch, then an offsite tour of the Newport Aquarium. Upon returning to the hotel we will have our annual banquet.

Sunday morning we will hold elections and our installation of officers. A light lunch will be served, then everyone can enjoy some time on the beach or exploring the interesting city of Newport and environs before heading home.

Watch your mail and/or email for details and registration information. We'll also post the information on the Oregon Pythians website: www.oregonpythians.org

For more information contact

Irene Clink at 503-357-8429.

Ann Ross ~ Helmetta Temple MEC

I was born in Stillwater Oklahoma and moved around most of my young life. I met CW Ross in 1955. Three months later we were married in Kermit, Texas on February 23, 1956.

Our first 2 children were born in Thousand Oaks, California and the next one in Roseburg, Oregon. The last one of the family was born in Grants Pass, Oregon.

I joined the Pythian Sisters when our youngest son was still in diapers. I was active with Easter seals speech and hearing clinic in Grants Pass. Worked with developmentally delayed kids at the high school level for many years. I was involved in baseball, softball, basketball, football, 4H, and a AAU Boxing judge for several years,



Ann Ross, MEC

and hospital volunteer.

Our family enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and all kinds of sports. Some of my favorite hobbies are crafts, sewing and painting.

I have had 1 husband, 4 children, and 10 grandchildren. I went through the chairs at Thermopylae Temple then moved to Helmetta Temple. I've been MEC a few times, District Deputy Grand Chief twice, Grand Chief and Supreme Representative. I am an active Real Estate Broker. I am old and want to retire and just play, play, play.

Some day I guess!

Ann Ross's favorite quote:
"Today is a gift. Enjoy yourself"

Grand Chief's Project: Doernbecher's Child Life Department

In their own words, Child Life therapists at Doernbecher Children's Hospital use play, recreation, education, self-expression, and child development research to promote psychological well being and healthy growth of children, adolescents, and their families.

By educating children about what will happen, Child Life Specialists take away much of their fear, stress and anxiety. This helps normalize an otherwise abnormal time.

Child Life Therapy strives to accomplish this goal through a variety of ways:

- * Pre-procedural teaching
- * Medical play therapy
- * Playroom and arts and crafts activities
- * Socializing
- * Distraction during procedures
- * Special events and entertainment

Professionally trained Child Life Specialists have the expertise to answer children's questions according to their developmental level. From little ones to teenagers, and their siblings are included as well. Child Life Specialists determine what is typically most stressful for each child, in order to determine what level of explanation is appropriate and how far in advance the child can process that information. The Child Life Specialists help parents learn how to alleviate stress for the whole family.

Not only does this Department help families, but they also train hospital staff to help the medical team better understand how to help children through the difficulties of a hospital stay. Topics include how to position children for comfort during procedures and how to explain hospital routines by using language that children can understand and learn from.

A Child Life Specialist must have a degree in child development, human development, early childhood education, psychology, or a related field. He or she must complete internship and practicum study and then pass a



Group Activities at Child Life Department

national exam for professional certification established by the Child Life Council. **More about the Council can be found at their website: <http://www.childlife.org>**

The goal of Child Life Therapy is to promote the developmental, emotional, and social well-being of pediatric patients and their siblings while they are in a health care setting.

Let's help them! Let's all dig down deep for the Child Life Therapy Department at Doernbecher Children's Hospital!

Thank you for your generous support,

Sarah Murchison
Grand Chief

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