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GASTON LODGE TOY DRIVE

The Gaston Lodge has been collecting toys for the last month for needy families, The Lodge donated \$ 200.00, and we collected \$218.00 from members to go and buy more toys along with our collection. The toys go to the Gaston Fire Department to be given to local families in need.

GREAT JOB GASTON



LEFT TO RIGHT: WARREN JOHNSON, JORDAN DELAY, TED CLAUSSEN, OJ DELAY, ED YATES, TERRY CLARK, AND DON ALLEN.

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SEASON GREETINGS FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR

It has been a very good year for the Pythians. We have opened a new Lodge in Roseburg, and a new Temple in Gaston. Both are doing well with lots of young members. Congratulations to both, let's give them all the support they need to become outstanding Lodge and Temple. Delphos Lodge (Forest Grove) is increasing in membership and becoming more active. They have done some repairs on their building, by installed a chairlift on their stairs. We had a great Pythian Fun Days in Silverton with about 60 in attendance, with a great visit to the Oregon Gardens.

We have a lot to look forward to in 2019. Our Grand visits start in January, Pythian Fun Days on July 17 thru 21, 2019 to ride the jet boats up the Rogue River, and our convention in Wilsonville in October.

TO ALL MY PYTHIAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR
DON ALLEN GCC

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GASTON'S FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 15, 2018, the Gaston Pythians hosted their first Annual Christmas Dinner at the Gaston Lodge. We had about 26 Sisters and 36 Knights along with their family members in attendance. It was a great turn out for our first try. The Sisters cooked the hams, and the Knights cooked the turkeys. A potluck dinner (covered dish) was served, with enough food to feed an army. The food tasted great, and of course, the Knights carved the meat and cleaned up with the help from Connie.

Make your plans now for next year. Our dinner will be on December 14, 2019, at 6:00 pm.
Make your RSVP to Don Allen.

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Helmet Lodge #33 had the Christmas Saturday afternoon. Ham, turkey, and all the trimmings. 31 knights, their wives, and friends had a great time and we all ate too much.



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SCOUTING FOR FOOD

On Saturday, December 1, 2018, Boy Scout Troop 168 and Cub Scout Pack 168 took part in Scouting for Food. This is a National Scout program to collect food for the needy. Scout Leader Spencer Hansen and Cub Master Mike Rosenberg lead 2 Scouts and 9 Cub Scouts for 2 hours walking house to house in Gaston collecting food for the Gaston Food Bank. After the collection, we delivered 350 pounds of food to the Food Bank.

The boys were very proud of their accomplishment, and the lessons well learned by these young men, but not as proud as Grandpa Don of his 2 grandkids Ayden and Dylan. It was a great day for the Scouts that Gaston Oregon sponsors,



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ROSEBURG KNIGHTS

On November 18, 2018, Ten Knights from 6 different Lodges traveled to Roseburg Alpha Lodge #47 to perform a 3 in 1 ceremony for our new Lodge. It was a great day for Oregon Pythians. We knighted 15 men from Roseburg and one from Gaston Lodge #104. I would like to congratulate all our new Knights into the Pythian Order and thank all the knights that traveled the 7-hour round trip to help our newest lodge.

The Knights that when out of their way to help is one of the things that makes the Pythians Great.



from left to right

Back row Tim Rasmussen, Steve Shiels, Darrel Foster, Andrew Clark, Mike Malone, Nick McKee, Brian Cress, Colton Thomas, Aaron Justice

Front Row Danny Thomas, Kory Struthers, Aaron Atkins, Steve Stockton, Luke Mulvaney, Donovan Finn, Pete Castio, Christopher Wood

Don Allen GCC

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FOREST GROVE OREGON'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT'S PARADE

2018

The Oregon Knights of Pythias had a float in this year's parade. We met at 1230 pm in the Forest Grove KP Hall parking lot to decorate our float, with lights, Christmas trees, Knights of Pythias banner and Gaston's newest knight we had a great time doing this with a lot of laughs. Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, and Pendleton Lodges had members present.

The weather was great because we had no rain for the parade, but was very cold, we had 10 Knights, 1 wife, 3 sons, 2 grandkids, and 1 dog. We passed out candy and flyers to the spectators along the parade route.

Again, we got our name out into the community, and we had a lot of comments that it was nice to see our Lodge active in the community.



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GASTON OREGON'S NEW KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR!

We had borrowed Pendleton's Knight all summer for parades and was getting used having one in our Lodge. So, when we had to return it to Pendleton, we decided we needed one in Gaston. Thanks to Clinton Nelson, we found one in South Carolina. We had it trucked out to Gaston, it seemed like it took forever to arrive, but the wait was worth it.

We just need to come up with a name and to get it shined up.



DON ALLEN GCC

8 Nov. 18

Please see the forwarded notice from Glencoe Lodge Secretary Russ Sheldon.

Brother Knights,

It is with great sadness that I announce the passing of Brother Michael Basile. While I do not have any definitive detail about his death, Michael passed on Tuesday morning (yesterday) and will most certainly be missed. He was a Past Chancellor Commander of Glencoe Lodge No. 22 and an avid member, and supporter of our community and participant in many volunteer endeavors within our community over the years'. Michael was the first Knight who encouraged me to consider joining the lodge back in the late nineties and for this I am grateful. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Basile family (Maria, Eric, Luke & Eva) during this sorrowful time. May they all be blessed with the riches of God's grace.

When we learn of additional details regarding memorial services, I will pass this on to the membership.

I leave you with the following thought ... "The timing of death like the ending of a story gives a changed meaning to what preceded it" -Marion Catherine Bateson.

Fraternally,

Russ Sheldon

*On October 22, 2018 at 10:38 AM Charlie VanDomelen
<charlie.vandomelen@gmail.com> wrote:*

Lodge Secretaries,

*At Grand Convention one agenda item was the support of the Oregon Pythian News (OPN). A motion was made and seconded to discontinue support of the OPN, and use the Oregon Pythian website for information, of Grand Lodge, Subordinate lodges, activities and announcements. After much discussion and vote, the motion carried. What I need from each Lodge is a confirmed E-mail address of each member of your lodges, so when an article is posted on the website an announcement can sent to all members. **Please have your lists back to me by 12/01/18.***

Oregon Grand Lodge 2018-Wilsonville, Oregon

The 2018 addition of the Oregon Pythians' Grand Convention was held at Wilsonville, Oregon, on October 19 – 21st. Leadership was the order of the day as the program unfolded and new members, new lodges and new sisters were introduced to the delegation. A true spirit of cooperation prevailed as lodges shared methods and stories of the successes of the past year with the delegates.

The combined convention saw Sisters and Pythian brothers meeting side by side and enjoying meals together. A sharing of ideas and learning about the new directions being promoted by Supreme Chancellor Joel Feinstein kept the sessions interesting as well as engaging. The focus on safety across the nation gives each lodge a new challenge to promote and implement.

Our membership presented ideas for success which sparked interest and promoted dialogue between members. The read and ride program was of great interest with several lodges committing to its promotion.

Supreme Master at Arms Mark Ward brought inspiration and insight into the operation of our Grand Lodge and the subordinate lodges that make up our state association. His guidance will serve us well in the year to come.

The election of officers resulted in the following:

Grand Chancellor Don Allen

Grand Vice Chancellor Scott Swartout

Grand Prelate Ray Cable

Grand Secretary Charlie Van Domlin

Grand Treasure Ed Yates

Grand Master at Arms Bill Peal

*See picture above

Oregon's Newest Lodge.

A reboot of an inactive lodge brings new life to the Roseburg Lodge Alpha #47. These new brothers had their charter returned to life as it was restored and presented to them on May 22, 2018. On that date, Grand Chancellor Don Allen obligated ten new members and declared Alpha Lodge #47 officially open for business. Pictured here are: Brandon Brumback, Chris Wood, Aaron Justice, Nick McKay

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