



OREGON PYTHIANS

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Our news to keep everyone informed about current events and messages.

- **Our Organization consists of Knights and Sisters.**
- **Knighthly News**
Knighthly news includes our latest information pertinent to our organization. Latest words from Grand Council and all the news that apply to the Grand Domain of Oregon.
- **Our Declaration of Principles**
Please visit our Declaration of principles page to learn more about our Fraternal organization beliefs. Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence are what we are all about.
- **We are a non-profit organization**
Our purpose is to promote goodwill between men to help strengthen mankind for the future. You can find more details about our organizational structure, where our lodges are located and how to contact us.

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Knighthly News

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20 December 2021

Gaston Lodge Food and Toy drive



GASTON LODGE # 104 - OREGON FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

The Gaston Lodge #104 just completed their annual Toy and Food drive with a Christmas themed dinner. We had the food drive in two parts this year. Members gave food for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. The food was given to the Gaston Food Bank on Nov 20, 2021, and again on Dec 19.

The toys were donated over the last month by our members. In the past years, we gave the toys to the Gaston Fire Department to be distributed. Due to Covid they weren't able to collect toys this year. The teachers at the Gaston School District had a giving tree, and needed a few more toys, so we gave all the toys to them to be distributed in the Gaston area.

Great job Gaston Knights !!!!!!!

This was a great way to end the year for our Lodge.



Picture left to right; Bill Sneathens CC , Don Allen PGC , Stan Shope Trustee , Ed Yates PGC GS , Terry Clark Trustee


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From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Don W. Brown, RGS

As we come to the end of yet another year, let us reflect on what was a very unusual year. A convention that was a total loss. A convention without our beloved rituals, where we missed greatly. But a convention well done by our convention.

We are still having to contend with covid and health officials who are still trying to control everyone. Talk with your doctor about the vaccine that is available and continue to practice good health when at home and when out in public. We will all get past this.

I hope everyone is having a good holiday season and that you are looking forward to the year ahead of us.
Love and peace

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23 November 2021

Supreme Chancellor Message



Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias
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November 22, 2021

As we once again approach the Holiday Season, and once again gather with our families, let us not forget those who are no longer with us and pause to remember them in our prayers. Let us not forget those who are sick or bereaved and reach out to them with good wishes and good health. Let us not forget those who are less fortunate than we are and help them when we can. Let us not forget those who made the sacrifices so that we could enjoy this time of year.

To all the Pythian Families, no matter where you are in the world, no matter who you are, no matter what religion you are, no matter what you believe, we are all Pythian Brothers and Sisters.

Wishing you a Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday season, and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Happy Holidays to all.

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Supreme Chancellor

28 October 2021

Supreme Chancellor Message



October 28, 2021

On this veteran day, November 11, let us give thanks to all those veterans who have served in our military and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy today. Some gave all, all gave some, but all gave to what we cherish as freedom. When you see someone in uniform or one you know to be a veteran, thank them for their service, let them know you are thankful for the freedom that we are afforded by their sacrifice.

From all the Pythian Families, THANK YOU for your service.

Fraternally,
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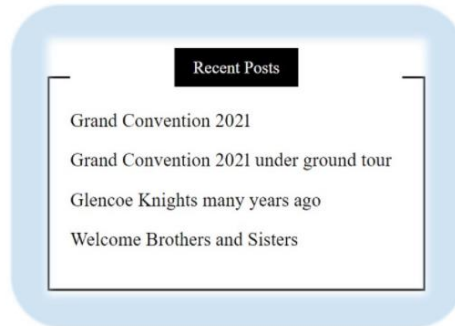
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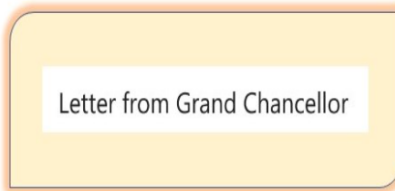
New Posts in our blog



Please visit our blog at OregonPythian.org

22 October 2021

Letter from Grand Chancellor



Fellow Knights,

I am so honored to be your Grand Chancellor and I hope that while I am this office I can enhance your time as a Knight in this organization. I am looking forward to getting to know you by doing the Grand Visitations to all of the lodges with my officers in the next several months and see how your Lodge's are doing and see if you need any help. It was a great pleasure for Damon Lodge #4 to host our 2021 Grand Convention and I appreciate all of you that attended this year. Next year Glencoe Lodge will be hosting our 2022 Convention and I believe that the Sisters will be joining us for the Friday night memorial service and the Saturday Banquet.

Your Grand Chancellor,
Ray Cable


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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Don F. Brown, RGS*

It looks like there is good news on the horizon for our brethren and Sisters in Canada. I would like to welcome them back as they will be able to join us on the side of the border. We have missed you greatly.

I have enjoyed the recent visitations to New York, North Carolina, and Florida. The Grand Chancellors in those Jurisdictions showed great leadership as how they handled all the aspects of the conventions with discernment and in great form. They all have good care of officers in their domains, and I look for good things in the coming season. I also enjoyed my visitation to Grand Lodge 686 in New York. Great meeting all the brethren and drinking those scones.

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Grand Lodge Conventions
What we know of this writing

2021

Arizona	December 4-5
Tucson	BIG Knudson
California	December 22-23
La Palma	SP Stamm

2022

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Lafayette	
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Harrisburg	SC 1364
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SUMMER/FALL 2021



*From the Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Bruce W. Brown, KPS*

I would like to thank all of my brothers for allowing me the honor of serving as Supreme Chancellor for the next year. While it will be a short term, I ask for it to be a productive one. We have some new officers this term, so let's make them welcome when they come to visit your chapters. I know you will as you always have.

It has been a long term for Joel and I would like to thank him for his leadership and prayers during these trying times. I look forward to him being on board this next year and continuing to serve our order in the coming years.

The news out of the Philippines is very encouraging and we all hope that we will soon have several lodge there. I encourage everyone to look for opportunities to start new lodges and recruit old ones.

Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

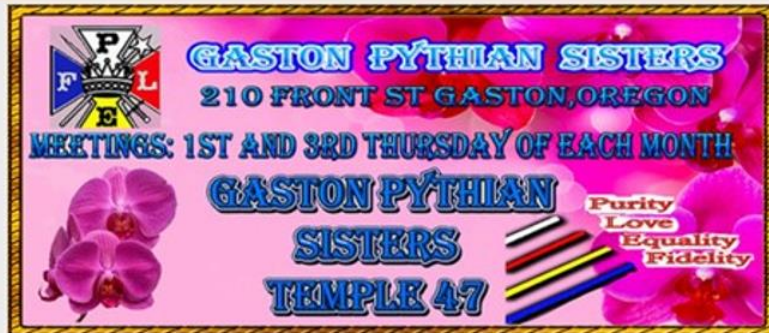
What we know as of this writing

New Jersey Morris Township	September 12 PSC Facilities
Michigan Lansing	September 16-18
Washington Yakima	September 17-19 SVC Mead
New York Howard Beach	September 22-23 SC Brown
New Mexico Albuquerque	October 1-2 SP Stamm
North Carolina Myrtle Beach, SC	October 1-2 SC Brown
Florida Boca Raton	October 7-8 SC Brown
Missouri	October 7-9
Oregon Pendleton	October 15-17 SP Stamm
California La Palma	SP Stamm

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9 September 2021

Wapato Sisters have a Web site presence



Visit us at [Pythian Sisters Temple # 47 Home - Gaston Knights \(gaston-knights.com\)](http://Pythian Sisters Temple # 47 Home - Gaston Knights (gaston-knights.com))

4 September 2021

Call to Convention



Call to Annual Convention

Official Call to the One Hundred Thirty-Six Annual Sessions, Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Oregon

Newberg, Oregon August 20th, 2021
To all Subordinate Lodges, Past Grand Chancellors, Grand Representatives, Grand Officers and others interested.

Greetings: In accordance with the provisions of the Grand Constitution and Statutes, the One Hundred Thirty Sixth Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Oregon will convene in legislative session at 11:00 AM on the morning of October 16th, 2021, at Damon Lodge #4 located in Pendleton, Oregon, said location having been chosen by the Grand Council.

Grand Lodge will convene in open session immediately after conferring of the Grand Lodge Rank, and every Pythian Knight in possession of the current semi-annual password is permitted to sit in the designated area of the hall during the Grand Lodge session when so evidenced by a notice at the outer door.
Chapters to Grand Lodge will need to have attained the Grand Lodge Rank. This rank will be conferred upon all Past Chancellors in good standing in their respective lodges, who submit a Past Chancellor Certificate, at 11:00 AM, October 16th.

VOICE and VOTE in the Grand Lodge is accessible only to those as defined in Article II, Section 3 of the Grand Constitution. Those members of the Grand Lodge without voice and vote will be seated in a section of the Convention Hall designated for visiting members. (All members come in respect to us and participation is always welcome.)

New members to Grand Lodge: Ask and bring a new member to our Grand Convention. We are looking for new ideas and involvement and what better way than to draw upon the talents of our new membership. It is our continuing goal to grow the order through membership involvement and to increase the communication back to our subordinate lodges.

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/s/ Scott Swenlund, Grand Chancellor



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26 July 2021

Big Events in Gaston



CORNHOLE
TOURNAMENT

PRESENTED BY:

PYTHIAN SISTERS
TEMPLE #47

Thursday, August 26, 2021
Brown Park - Gaston
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*A Kick Off to Women's
Summer Weekend!* 

2 Person Teams Single-Elimination Competition
Adults (ages 12+), Youth (ages 7-12)
Registration: <https://bit.ly/gastoncornhole>

CASH AWARDS:
Winning adult team \$100; 2nd place adult team \$25
Winning youth team \$25 Gift Card

MUSIC!
BEER GARDEN! **FOOD!**

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STEAK DINNER - \$25

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10 oz. Ribeye Steak |
Baked Potato |
Corn on the Cob |
Salad | Roll | Beverage

Hot Dog | Chips |
Beverage

**Friday, August 27, 2021
Brown Park - Gaston
In Conjunction with the Wapato Showdown**

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From the Desk of Supreme Chancellor Joel D. Fierstein, KGS

By way of my final message as Supreme Chancellor, this term has seen many advances even with the Covid pandemic and its losses, suffering, change, and restrictions, and now, many activities are coming to life. Personally, it has been a great and gratifying time with some challenges, obstacles, pitfalls, and regrets along the way. Creating excitement and the opening of a lodge in Manila, other new lodges, a Membership Plus, a dialogue with the other Pythian Order, and the much-awaited Supreme Lodge convention.

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Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

What we know as of this writing

West Virginia	July 8-9
Shippoon	SVC Boone
Indiana	July 15-17
Lafayette	SS Morris
Pennsylvania	August 31
Dunmore	DSC Charles Seavitz III


Supreme Lodge Convention
August 28 - 29, 2021
Newark, New Jersey

Ohio	September 2-4
Fairborn	SP Stamm
Iowa	September 10-11
One Moon	
Maryland	September 11
Cliffsideburg	
New Jersey	September 12
Monroe Township	PSC Fierstein
Michigan	September 16-18
Lansing	
Washington	September 17-19
Yakima	
Illinois	September 18
Marion	
New York	September 22-23
Pleasant Beach	SVC Mead

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31 May 2021

Memorial Day message



Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias
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Pythians,

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Memorial Day is special among our holidays as it memorializes those who perished in Wars from the 1860's to Afghanistan. So, pause when you see a poppy, have a picnic, barbecue, the 500 as the unofficial start of summer. Their sacrifice was for the defense of country.

As we struggle with overcoming the pandemic, its costs in terms of health and lives and employment, be mindful of health, safety, our own and that of others while seeking recovery.

Stay safe and be cautious. With all, take time during Memorial Day to salute the many fallen heroes.

Fraternally,
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Friends working together for a better community!



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Allen S. Morris, Supreme Secretary
Alan J. Ast, Supreme Treasurer
Mark Ward, Supreme Master at Arms

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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Joe D. Jernigan, RJS*

True to Our Principles

As we struggle to overcome what the coronavirus pandemic has brought to our world, true to our history and principles, Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence and Community Service, the commitment and guidance, President Abraham Lincoln wished our founders with, seeking to end the bitter divisions of the 1811-1863 war to save the union. This message viable to the present with society quite polarized. Fraternity F. A. B and promoting Community Service are important to keep in mind as we become more active. Health, safety concerns, and a vaccinated population are paramount as we go forward.

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Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

What we know as of this writing

Massachusetts	May 20-21
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**Supreme Council Meeting
June 5, 2021
Newark, New Jersey**

Tennessee	June 4-6
Pigeon Forge	SKS Starnes
Texas	June 11
Mineral Wells	DSC Tim Hood
Indiana	July 15-17
Lafayette	23J Moore
Pennsylvania	August 21
Durham	DSC Charles Swartz III

**Supreme Lodge Convention
August 26 - 31, 2021
Newark, New Jersey**

Ohio	September 2-4
Eastern	
Iowa	September 10-11
Des Moines	
New Jersey	September 12
Morris Township	
Michigan	September 16-18
Lansing	

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16 April 2021

Gaston Initiation and Talisman Restoration

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Over the last several years Talisman lodge located in Grants Pass Oregon, has fallen in disrepair, and losing membership. Oregon's Grand Chancellor Scott Swartout chose the rebuilding of Talisman's membership and repairing the lodge building as his Grand Chancellor's project. Scott assembled a team of knights from several lodges throughout Oregon to evaluate the building and identify the issues and formulate a plan to repair the problems found.

They found the roof leaking in both meeting rooms; attic vent screens missing, and electrical issues. The pump that supplied water from the lodge's well needed replace, and the septic system's drain field needed repaired.

The lodge members being young but active within the lodge didn't have the long-term leadership to rely on for help with the everyday activities, Scott enlisted several knights from seven other lodges to become dual members of Talisman lodge and willing to attend business meeting and help restore the lodge back to what it once was. Since all the dual members are over 200 miles away, it was decided to hold the monthly business meeting remotely with the local members. Plans were made to meet at the lodge every 3 months for a 3 to 4-day work party followed by an in-person business meeting.

During the work parties, members removed all the wallboard and debris along with the carpet. Another group inspected the roof, found damaged roofing causing the leaks and repaired the areas, they were able to install screens in the 8 attic vents to keep the owls out. Another team

cleaned out an onsite storage building and helped remove the deconstruction material and acquired miscellaneous items, at the end of the day, we were able to fill a 30-yard dumpster and 5 pickup loads of items for donations. Work continued with preparing the ceiling joist for sheetrock, added more wiring for lighting, ceiling fan and wall outlets and switches. Sheetrock was installed, and ready for taping, texturing and painting. Several members kept busy trimming back the trees, shrubs, and debris from around the property. At the last work weekend as we were cleaning up the property, we had several neighborhood members stop by inquiring about the lodge and Knights of Pythias. We explained what the Knights are, how we're involved within our communities. Three of the neighbors were impressed with our community involvement the work conducted at the lodge along with asked for an application for membership. So far, we received 1 application back for review.



21 March 2021

Holiday words from Supreme



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March 21, 2021

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Pythian Fun Day 2021

This year it is July 14th-18th



The Knights announced that the Fun Day in 2021 would be held at the Grande Springs Resort just outside of La Grande. Over the hill from La Grande is Baker City. Sites to see in Baker City include the Baker Heritage Museum with its impressive displays related to the gold mining history of the area. The Pythian Castle Hall may be available for a tour. This building is made from stone as are many of the historic buildings in Baker City. Baker City may have started for gold mining but it was built to stay. Just outside of Baker City is an Oregon Trail Interpretive Center. It has hiking trails that go down the same hill that the pioneers travelled. There are still parts of the original trail to be seen. It is truly the best Interpretive Center that I have seen! In the mountains just outside of Baker City is Sumpter, an early gold mining town. One of the main mining methods for the Sumpter area was dredging. Miles of tailing piles can still be seen. The dredge is still available to be viewed. Many Pythians and friends had a chance to see the dredge and ride the Sumpter Valley Railroad on the Pythian Day held in Baker City in 2011. One site to see on the La Grande side of the hills includes the Eagle Cap Excursion Train. It starts in Elgin and winds through the beautiful canyons to beautiful Wallowa Valley. Wallowa Valley was the homeland of Chief Joseph. Traveling by car to see Wallowa Lake and Eagle Cap Mountains would be a full day trip from La Grande. There is a tram that rises 3,700 feet and provides an expansive view of the Eagle Cap Wilderness. This area is considered the "Little Switzerland" of Oregon. Elgin also has an Opera House that was built in 1912. It has been beautifully restored and considered to be acoustically perfect. Plays and musicals can be seen here several times a year. This was just a movie theatre when I was growing up but since has been beautifully restored. And I should mention that the RV park is part of the Hot Lake Springs Resort. The building has had many functions through the years, including spa, nursing home and mental hospital. It is now a bed and breakfast and history center. There is also access to the soaking tubs that made Hot Lake a primary stop from the 1860's to the turn of the century. Article submitted by PSR Risa Riggen This article has been re-formatted for the OregonPythian.org website.


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*From the
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We are living in an anxious, challenging, and stressful time, but no optimism for ourselves, the country, and the Order. Despite the terrible toll from the COVID pandemic, the optimism comes from the population that has been vaccinated. Rates of infections and deaths are declining daily, and the Order has seen new lodges, new members, another lodge in Georgia, and tremendous potential in Manila. We reach them to Italy. WYOM? We were last in the Philippines in the early 1960's. There has been great leadership in Membership provided by SLD Dan Starnes, SVC Bruce Brown, and Finance Chair Dennis Adams. So, how we continue.

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Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

What we know as of this writing

South Carolina	March 13
Illinois	SVC Brown
Maine	April 24
Goldboro	
Massachusetts	May 20-21
Pleebury	June 4-6
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Grand Lodge Official Visit's

Official Visits: Tentative As of 1/21/2021

- Alpha, Roseburg, February 2, 2021 6:00pm meet and greet 7:00pm meeting
- Hermes, Aurora, February 3, 2021 6:00pm
- Gaston, Gaston, February 17, 2021 7:00pm
- Delphos, Forest Grove, March, 4, 2021 6:30pm
- Damon, Pendleton, Monday, March 8, 6pm Dinner
- Talisman, Grants Pass, Sunday, March 14
- Phoenix, Hillsboro, Monday April 12
- Ivanhoe, Portland, Tuesday April 13
- Glencoe, North Plains, Wednesday April 14

Thanks,
Charlie – Secretary, PGC
Grand Lodge of Oregon