



Oregon Eastern Star Newsletter



Our Laughing Apples



Words from the Worthy Grand Matron Laura Frye

Traveling is probably one of the greatest enjoyments of the Masonic family. Whether you travel to visit another Chapter or travel to another jurisdiction as a Grand Representative or serve as a Grand Officer crisscrossing the State, the benefits of travel are wonderful.

You get to see different Lodge buildings. Their construction, their decoration, even their different layouts. It is quite fascinating to see how an Organization so tied to traditions can still have so much diversity in their buildings.

Then there are the people. From the first time you enter a new Lodge or Chapter or Court that you've never been to before, you receive a hearty greeting and a warm welcome and it's as if you've walked into the home of a relative you haven't seen in 20 years. They hug, they shake your hand, they ask you how you and your family are doing; and are sincere in doing so.

You recognize a few faces and are introduced to many others. You'll never remember them all the first time you visit. But you start building new friendships and listen to new ideas and share in their stories and adventures.



Words from the Worthy Grand Patron Steven Barkley

Visiting allows us to observe how different Chapters perform ritual. The differences may be subtle, but it is always fun to see how others may interpret the ritual in an "oh so small but different" way.

Traveling also allows you to see different parts of the country and absorb some of the different cultures and to appreciate the diversity that makes our society so enthralling. This expanding of our understanding of society is one of the greatest gifts that Masonic travel gives to each of us.

We hope each and every one of you will take the time to travel and visit as many different Chapters and Jurisdictions as you can. The friendships you build will last a lifetime and the memories will give you a warmth in your heart all the year 'round.

Star Love,

Laura Frye, Worthy Grand Matron
Stephen L Barkley, Worthy Grand Patron





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Calendar of Events

Sat Ap 1st Grand Warder and Grand Esther Reception at 4:00 p.m.

Where: Hillsboro Masonic Lodge at 176 NE 2nd Ave in Hillsboro, OR.

Time: 4:00 start time for dinner. 5:00 for Reception.

RSVP by March 15th.

Menu Includes: Chicken Anaheim, roasted broccoli, herb infused orzo, mixed green salad w/feta cheese, blueberries, Mandarin orange, honey lemon citrus dressing, baguettes w/cream butter & ice cream or sorbet.

Cost for dinner is \$15.00/person. Please make checks payable to "Tualatin Chapter #31"

Mailed to: Marie Chambers at 1958 SE 74th Ave in Hillsboro, OR 97123.

Her ph: 503-310-5629. Her email: chambersmc@yahoo.com

Sun Ap 2nd Grand Ronde Valley Chapter's Friendship Meeting 2:00

Union Masonic Lodge at 607 Main St in Union, OR.

Honoring: Craig Sipp, Sherri Sipp, Hank Stockhoff and Emma Combe.

Finger foods to be served afterwards. Come prepared to participate in drawings, fundraisers, and fun games!

Mon Ap 3rd Josephine #26 HN starting at 7:30 p.m.

Grants Pass Masonic Lodge at 320 NW "E" Street in Grants Pass.

Honoring Katie Hannon, Suzanne Forde, Daryl Forde, Donna Self & Robin, Gilbert.

Thu Ap 6th Creswell Star #96 Honor Night/FN at 7:30 p.m.

Masonic Lodge at 73 C Street in Creswell, Oregon.

Honoring: Karen Beebe (PGM, General Grand ESTARL, Chairperson Benevolent Fund Board), Peggy Levenhagen (Charitable Giving), Gay Kennedy (OES Focus & Grand Rep of Maine in Oregon).

Meeting to start at 7:30 with refreshments afterwards.

Sat Ap 8th Barzillai Chapter #16 Fundraiser High Tea at 3:00 p.m.

Complete 3 course high tea includes: 4 savories: cheddar broccoli soup, chicken salad sandwich, ham & Swiss quiche, Benedictine cucumber sandwich on dill rye. Apricot/orange glazed scones w/clotted cream and jam. 4 sweets: lemon bars, chocolate eclairs, raspberry crumble bars, mini cherry cheesecake.

Catered by Carol Addison Lippert.

Cost: \$20/person. Wear your fanciest hat or not. Join us for fun, favors & great food.

RSVP to Mary Gilliland by April 1st. Must pre-pay. Checks "Barzillai Ch #16" and mail to Mary Gilliland at 5101 NE 121st Ave #114 in Vancouver, WA 98682. Her phone: 360-609-7175 call or text. Place of tea: Masonic Temple at 431 W 1st in Albany, OR This is to follow Barzillai's regular Stated Meeting.

Mon Ap 10th Deadline for Hands Across the Border" (see May 6th)

Mon Apr 10th Esther Chapter HN/FN at 7:30 p.m.

Masonic Temple at 2192 Main Street in Baker City

Honoring: Florence Roark, Sherry Loennig and Linda Snyder.





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Tues Ap 11th Central Oregon #23 FN/HN with potluck provided by Chapter prior
Prineville Masonic Hall at 132 NW Third Street in Prineville

Potluck dinner to begin at 5:45 provided by Chapter. Stated Meeting to start at 7:00 p.m.
Honoring: Sherril Wallace, John Heddle, Sarah Kryla, Sharon Cooke, Martin Anderson

Sat Ap 15th Gr Treasurer and Gr Martha Reception at Noon
Prineville Masonic Lodge at 124 West 3rd Street in Prineville.

Taco Bar lunch at noon. Cost \$16/person.

Reception at 1:30. RSVP by April 5th to: Ellen Avery. Everyone will need to make reservations to: ellen.avery@outlook.com or call 541-548-8465.

Checks payable to "Redmond Chapter #109" and mail to Ellen Avery at 806 NW Fir Redmond, OR 97756.

Weds Ap 19th Tigard Orenomah FN/HN at 7:30 p.m.

Honoring: Donna Bly, Janet Forbes, Kathy Trip, Stephanie Stadjuhar, Dorothy Lewis, Ruth Hughes, Jennifer Wiseman, Bonnie Hambleton, Shirley Stanfill, Della Rolfe, Larry Trip and Cleve Rolfe.

Sat Ap 22nd BINGO Night at Evergreen Chapter 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.
145 Arthur Street in Woodburn, OR.

Great Prizes! "Come join us for dinner and BINGO.
All proceeds to PAVE."

Sat May 6th "Hands Across the Border" in Coeur d'Alene

Coeur d'Alene Shrine Club at 1250 W. Lancaster, Hayden, Idaho.

Dinner Reservation sent to Val Stockhoff by **April 10th**. Payable "Val Stockhoff"
Mail to her at 58338 Hwy 237 in Union, OR 97883. Ph: 541-975-9495. \$30 each

Fri May 12th Celebration of Life for Loren Schrock at 2:00 p.m.
Salem Scottish Rite at 4090 Commercial St in Salem.

There will be refreshments after to continue the celebration of our community.

Questions? Contact RickHammel at 541-220-9778 or email: rhammel@oregonfreemasonry.com
Donations can be sent to Oregon Masonic Cemetery Association, OES Cancer Research or OES PAVE.

Sat May 20th Reception for AGM Stephanie Beall & AGP Dick Varner, PGP
Shadow Hills Country Club at 92512 River Road in Junction City, OR.

Noon Lunch followed by Reception. Lunch includes: chicken piccata, seasoned vegetables, Salad and dessert. Cost: \$26/person.
Checks to "Gloria Varner" and mailed to her at: 3752 Robbie Street in Eugene, OR 97404. EVERYONE must make a reservation – even if you are not coming for the lunch part. Reservation to be made and mailed in prior to May 10th.

Sat June 10th High Tea to benefit "Regenerative Medicine" to be held at Lents Lodge

Information to come later. This will be a "Carol Addison" catered event, so be prepared to be wowed!





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What is Happening in your Chapter

Tigard Orenomah #174 has been busy collecting for our local food bank in Sherwood. We meet twice a month, and on our second meeting we bring in “Kid Food” for the back-packs for kids program for local school children. At our March 15th, Grand Visitation, meeting we managed to bring in enough food to fill two full shopping carts for delivery to the food bank, (see photo). We may have a small Chapter room, but we have big hearts, as well as a lot of fun. We meet on first and third Wednesdays, so if you’re in the Sherwood area, drop in around 7:30 and see what we’re all about.



Star Love,

Della Rolfe, Worthy Matron

Victoria had the honor of giving Marge Newkirk her 70-year Eastern Star pin. She joins Brother Loren as we gave him his 70-year pin last May. It is quite an honor to be in Victoria Chapter with these two exemplary people.

It was great to be able to honor Marge on our Soup for Cancer fundraising night. Our WGM & WGP celebrated with us as it was also our Grand Visitation.





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In Your own Words Shared Words from OES Members

March 31, 2023

I sat down and wrote a letter the other day. I didn't send an email or a text. I didn't perform a video conference. I didn't type it up in a computer and hit print. Just me, pen and paper. I wrote to my sister. I told her about my day. About the things that had gone well and about the challenges I had faced. I shared with her some memories of our family that had crossed my mind in recent times. I asked how her children and grandchildren were doing. I shared with her about some of the things we had been doing while we still are isolated and waiting for our turn to receive our vaccination.

My sister wrote me back. Pen and paper. Her familiar handwriting. She remarked how wonderful it was to go out to her mailbox and see the envelope from me and how much she enjoyed holding my letter in her hands as she read the words I had laid down. She told me it helped her feel closer to me to be able to hold the same paper I had touched and held as I wrote to her.

Now, my sister and I telephone each other regularly and comment on each other's posts in Facebook and all of these others. But the letter was something she could sit down with a cup and a cozy blanket and spend a quiet moment with.

This made me realize that in our life of instant gratification of text and instant message and Zoom calls, that there is still a need for a slower pace of life. To take time, with paper and pencil, to write a letter to someone and share thoughts and feelings and that ability to connect in a more personal way; through a hand-written letter. So, as you hurry through the coming week, take a moment and share a memory or a laugh with someone. That trip to the mailbox and the excitement in finding a note penned by you may make a profound difference in their life, even if only for a moment.

God Bless

Stephen Barkley, Worthy Grand Patron





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Travels with Steve Barkley and the BARKlette's

The Pave Committee, also known as, Steve Barkley and the BARKlette's have been traveling the state promoting OES Service Dogs. We get together via lunch meetings at Shari's or via Zoom, on a monthly basis, trying to make this year the best fundraising year ever for PAVE.



The BARKlette's have been attending as many PAVE fundraisers as we could, playing Bunco and Bingo or selling raffle tickets for the big 55" flatscreen TV. Please read Lynn Rose's article on the amount we made at Daphne Chapter's Bunco party. You will be amazed!!!!

We have also been travelling to Grand Officer receptions and Grand Visitations singing our song and performing our skit to get our members ready for Tuesday nights "Fun Night" at Grand Chapter. Our next performance will be in Prineville on April 15th. Hope to see you there. Cruella Deville just might make an appearance.



There are still two chapters who are having PAVE fundraisers and the Pave committee plans to be there. Evergreen Chapter on April 22nd and Newberg Chapter on April 30th.

Let's end this Laughing Apples Year with a big "Woof" and a large donation to PAVE. We would like to thank Kris Torrey and Gunner for making a lot of our

Pave events this year to support us and PAVE.

So remember, "Me and you and a dog named Zinc, traveling and asking for your help. Me and you and a dog named Zinc, we are your Paws Assisting Vets." See you in Pendleton so we can reap "The Harvest" of all our hard work this year.

Your Pave Committee:



Steve Barkley and the BARKlette's, Lynn Rose, Lynette Lesire and Linda Barkley
With honorary members Anna Barclay and Dar Locati.



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Daphne Chapter Bunco for Pave

Daphne Chapter's 12th annual bunco party for PAVE was the biggest success ever! I know Daphne says that every year but this year was the best for several reasons which I will list below. Thank you to everyone who came to play, bid on auction items, donated money, helped with taking money, helped with cleaning up and tearing down afterwards, and for spreading the word and inviting others. Every contribution helped to make this party a BIG success!

On game day we had 40 players and a few spare people to fill in if needed. We were fortunate to have an active PAVE team present. Kris and his K9 partner, Gunner, came to support us. Thank you, Kris, for allowing people to pet Gunner. We all know better than to pet a working service dog yet we have a hard time keeping our hands off.

There were 9 dogs present. Again this is the largest group of dogs present ever. We had a fully trained service dog, Gunner the PAVE dog (camo vest), 2 pet therapy dogs Zinc from Dove Lewis PACTT Program (gray vest) and Lourdes from Pet Partners (yellow vest), and 5 GDB puppies in training (green vest) and senior dog Maizie a retired pet therapy dog (no vest). Maizie has attended all of our bunco parties. She was excited to see everyone and thanks each person who stopped by to say hi or bring her a treat.

At the last minute, several items such as 7 bottles of expensive wine, a new Weber 22" grill, Fused plates created by Katrina, dog basket full of toys, etc, and a few other items were donated. The silent auction brought in \$400.

Once again we put out the donation doghouse which was stuffed. By the end of the night over \$7,200 was raised for PAVE!!! I am totally amazed that so much could be raised for PAVE in just a few hours of socializing and having fun.

WOW!!! I can't even think of words to express my appreciation (or PUP-appreciation as Zinc would say) of your generosity to PAVE. Obviously you realize how important it is to support PAVE's mission to provide service dogs to deserving Veterans. PAVE and organizations like them are not only improving the lives of Veterans but they are likely saving lives of Veterans and that is thanks to your donations.

Lynn and Zinc
Daphne Chapter #139



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OES Charities Year to Date

PAVE: \$21,095.00

CANCER RESEARCH: \$18,448.00

YOUTH PROGRAMS: \$1,782.00

- International Order of Job's Daughters
- International Order of Rainbow for Girls
- The Order of DeMolay

SCOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- ESTARAL: \$877.00
- Dorothy M. Doing Endowment: \$189.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- ALS: \$183.00
- Shrine Patient Transportation: \$1006.00
- Heart Fund: \$3031.00
- Alzheimer's Research: \$83.00
- Diabetis Contributions: \$140.00

MASONIC AID:

- Home Endowment: \$266.53
- MESH Outreach: \$180.50

FAITH

- Christmas Donations: #1333.00
- Other: \$352.00

Miscellaneous

- International Headquarters Fund: \$260.00
- Regenerative Medicine: \$117.00
- Benevolent Fund: \$160.00





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2022 Winner QUEENIE
Ann Austin Gervais Chapter

2nd Annual PUParazzi for PAVE



It's back! PUParazzi is back! Have you ever thought your pet is a PUP STAR or should be a model? (We all can say yes)

Show your OES friends what a super star you pet is and support PAVE at the same time. Last year we had 24 entries of dogs, cats, a mule and a cow.

Join Zinc in creating the second annual PUParazzi for PAVE section in the 2023 OES Yearbook by submitting a photo of your fur-baby.

Rules:

- Send digital photo to L_ROSE2000@yahoo.com with pet's name
- Send \$10 per photo to Lynn Rose, 7105 SE Plum Dr, Milwaukie, OR 97222. Make checks payable to Grand Chapter of OR, memo: PUParazzi for PAVE.
- Enter as many photos as you like. All proceeds go to PAVE.
- Submit entry and payment by: MAY 27, 2023

AND WAIT, THERE IS MORE

At Grand Chapter a contest will be held displaying the photos and asking you to vote for your favorite. Votes will be \$1 each or whatever amount you want to give. Vote as many times as you wish as all proceeds will go to PAVE. The photo with the most money will be the winner. Voting ends Tuesday at 4 pm.

Winner gets:

- Bragging rights
- A free OES yearbook
- Your pet featured in the OES Newsletter
- ????? Surprise Gift