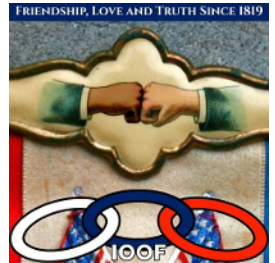


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# Odds & Ends Community Newsletter

November, 2018



Thomas Wildey, Founder of American Odd Fellowship

On April 26, 1819, Thomas Wildey went to the Seven Stars Tavern in Baltimore, Maryland, to see if anyone would answer the personal ad he had placed in the local newspaper. He wasn't looking for a date, though – he was hoping to start a lodge.

Wildey had left England in 1817, and immigrated to the United States. He was hoping to find an exciting and prosperous new life; instead, he found himself lonely and stranded in Baltimore, a city suffering from massive unemployment and a yellow fever epidemic. He also found himself an outcast. The War of 1812 still fresh in their minds, Americans had little love or use for Brits. In the hope of relieving his loneliness and the ills plaguing his new home city, Wildey set out to establish in America the British fraternity known as the Oddfellows.

## Community Action Spotlight

### Odd in the USA

#### Celebrating 200 years of Odd Fellowship in America

Wildey had joined the Oddfellows in 1804 at the age of twenty one. There were plenty of fraternities in England, but Wildey was drawn to the Oddfellows because of their focus on caring for orphans. Wildey was himself an orphan, his parents having died when he was five.

Once a member, Wildey moved quickly through the ranks. In the class-driven world of English society at that time, he found it very strange when he, a maker of coach springs, was elected to lead a lodge composed of men from every class. It was even stranger to see members of the upper class rolling up their sleeves to work side by side with their fraternal brothers of lower social standing, in order to relieve the suffering of the sick and distressed in London.

Seeing the same ills and suffering in Baltimore as he had in London, Wildey felt that America needed the charity of the Odd Fellows. In a time before government-run social services and unions, membership in the Odd Fellows provided security and benefits not otherwise

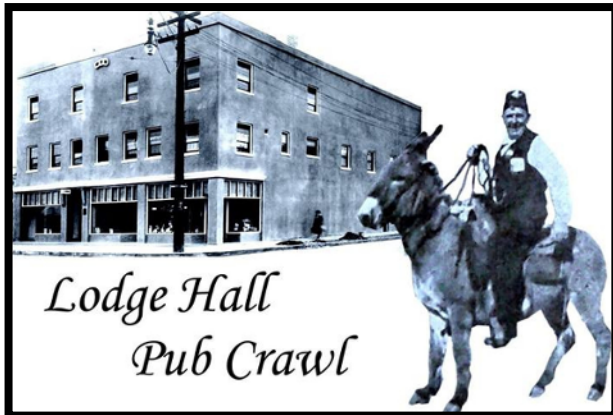
available. When an Odd Fellow was sick or injured, the lodge paid their wages. When an Odd Fellow died, the lodge would provide their burial, and took care of the survivors they left behind.

So Wildey placed his ad:



John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatham, and Richard Rushworth all responded to the ad. Together they self-instituted Washington Lodge #1.

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Celebrate 200 years of Odd Fellowship in America by taking a luxury bus tour, featuring Odd Fellows history, trivia, and prizes.

Did you know that the Independent Order of Odd Fellows was founded on April 26, 1819, at the Seven Stars Tavern in Baltimore, Maryland? From a pub it all began, and to the pubs we shall return!

On April 26, 2019, the exact bicentennial of the founding of the I.O.O.F., we will board a luxury coach to explore the old Odd Fellows halls of Portland, Oregon. The trip will begin at Peninsula Lodge and wind its way around town, stopping for a drink and a tour at several lodge halls that are now bars. Fun facts will be shared along the way, such as which Portland lodge was founded by police officers, what Odd Fellows fun group performed for Teddy Roosevelt, and which Noble Grand was arrested for "wandering the streets without a hat."

We'll finish the tour with a visit to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, then head back to Peninsula for a trivia contest to see how much everyone learned on the trip. Collector's edition prizes will be awarded to the winners, and we'll cap it all off by singing Happy Birthday to the Odd Fellows, and eating delicious gourmet cake.

Tickets available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/lodgepubcrawl>

## Odd in the USA

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Odd Fellowship spread rapidly, and on January 15, 1825, lodges from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, New York, and Maryland joined together to form the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Although legitimate in their own eyes, Odd Fellows in the United States were not recognized by the lodges in other countries until May 15, 1826, when the American branch received a charter from the Independent Order of Oddfellows Manchester Unity. In 1843, the American branch separated from Manchester Unity, and became the Independent Order of Odd Fellows (IOOF).

Thomas Wildey passed away in 1861 at the age of 79. To his joy, he lived to see Odd Fellowship in the United States grow from five strangers in the Seven Stars Tavern, to a nationwide fraternity with over 200,000 members.

On the weekend of April 26, 2019, Peninsula Lodge will be celebrating the two hundred year anniversary of Thomas Wildey founding American Odd Fellowship at the Seven Star Tavern. We will begin on Friday, April 26, with a Lodge Hall Pub Crawl (see left), on the 27th we will have the Fifth Annual Odd Ball. On April 28th, we will have an open house featuring exhibits on the history of Odd Fellowship in Oregon.

### Notice Save These Dates!

Friday, April 26 –  
Lodge Hall Pub Crawl

Saturday, April 27 –  
Muscovite Degree, and  
Fifth Annual Odd Ball

Sunday, April 28 –  
History of Odd Fellowship  
in Portland Open House

# Odd Fellows Donate Grave Plots



Officer Madison Ceaser of the Portland Police Crisis Response Team, signs paperwork with Gary J. Kniss PGM to transfer ownership of the grave plots.

On October 3, 1881, the Odd Fellows purchased six grave plots at the Lone Fir cemetery in Portland Oregon. In keeping with the tenet to bury the dead, two of the graves were used by the Odd Fellows to bury members who died in destitute conditions. The other four grave plots sat unused until they were eventually forgotten.

The Lone Fir Cemetery, like all pioneer cemeteries in Portland, is now run by the Metro regional government. Metro contacted the Grand Lodge of Oregon and asked what the Odd Fellows wanted to do with these

long-forgotten grave plots. After examining many different possibilities, the Executive Committee voted unanimously to donate the plots to the Portland Police Crisis Response Team (CRT).

The Crisis Response Team provides immediate and long-term assistance to families impacted by traumatic events and violent crimes. Many of these families, dealing with the sudden and traumatic death of a loved one, are unable to cover the high costs of a funeral and burial. With the donation of these four plots, the Crisis Response Team will be

able to help suffering families give their loved ones a proper burial.

## Neighborhood Association board meetings for November

### Portsmouth

Nov. 6, at 6:30 pm

Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge  
4830 N. Lombard Street

### University Park

Nov. 12, at 7:00 pm

Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran  
7119 N. Portsmouth Ave.



# Halloween at Peninsula Odd Fellows

## A Carnival for Kids ...

On October 27, 2018, Peninsula Lodge held its Eighth Annual Halloween Carnival to raise money for schools. The carnival set an all-time fundraising record. As a result, local Parent Teacher Associations will receive \$12 this year for every child that attended from their school.

Four Portland police officers helped out at the carnival, handing out "swag bags", running games, playing board games, giving the kids tours of their patrol cars, and posing for photos.

Putting in double duty were the actors of Torchsong Entertainment. Dressed as Disney villains, they entertained the children at the carnival, then stayed until midnight to perform in their Halloween Rock



## ... A Rock & Roll Cabaret for Adults



*Cabaret, Villains & Vixens.*

In its fourth year, *Villains & Vixens* is becoming a Halloween tradition for many Portlanders. The show features a seemingly endless cast of monsters, witches, ghosts and goblins telling campy jokes and singing villainous parodies of popular songs.

Torchsong is one of three theater companies that call Peninsula Lodge their home. In addition to their adult-oriented musicals and cabarets, they also produce two very popular events for children, *The Very Potter Party*, and *Christmas in a Galaxy Far, Far Away*. To learn more about these and other upcoming events, visit our website: [www.KeepPortlandOdd.com](http://www.KeepPortlandOdd.com)

# Christmas in a Galaxy Far, Far Away



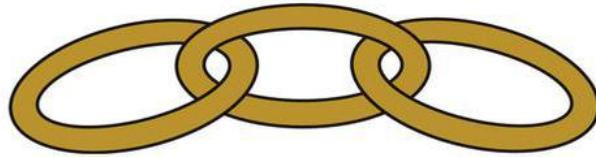
Join Torchsong Entertainment and Peninsula Odd Fellows for a very special all-ages party, celebrating the holiday season in true intergalactic style!

## WHAT FUN AWAITS YOU?

- Get your picture taken with Vader Claus and tell him what you'd like for Sithmas
- Enjoy holiday treats like Aunt Beru's Blue Eggnog or Peppermint Hoth Chocolate
- Listen to unique twists on your favorite Christmas stories, like "The Night Before Sithmas" sung by the Torchsong vocalists
- Create your own intergalactic crafts fit for a Jedi
- Purchase unique gifts from Christmas and Star Wars vendors
- Come dressed in your Christmas PJs or as your favorite character, and enter our kids costume contest

**Saturday, December 15, 2018 | 12 PM – 3 PM**

**Historic Peninsula Odd Fellows Building: 4834 N. Lombard St.**



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# Muscovites Perform Degree as Fundraiser for Music Education



On Saturday October 6th, members of Samaritan Lodge No. 2 in Milwaukie, Peninsula Lodge No. 128 in Portland, and Tillamook Lodge No. 94 performed the Muscovite degree at the Bay City Rebekah Lodge, as a fundraiser for music education in Tillamook.

The Muscovite Degree is an interactive comedy that confers on the audience membership in a

secret society that does not exist. You do not have to be a member of the Odd Fellows to join the Muscovites.

The Noble Order of Muscovites is not an actual order, in that there are no governing bodies, no dues, and no meetings. The degree is performed in order to bring people together, have fun, and raise money for charity.

The Muscovite degree has been an Odd Fellows tradition since 1894, and it is a huge hit with the younger generation today.

The fun in Tillamook and Bay City included a steak and oyster feed, the Muscovite Degree, and a sunset bonfire on the beach. Pelican Brewing helped sponsor the event. All who came had an incredible time!

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