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A Message from the Supreme Treasurer

In behalf of myself and my family, I am grateful for your continued confidence in me to serve as your treasurer. It has taken some time to unravel accounting and tax issues as well to hurdle some unforeseen obstacles. I am happy to report that there is light at the end of the tunnel.

I am a graduate of Bernard M Baruch College with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. I have been in public accounting for over forty years the last thirty as the owner of my own firm.

I have been married for forty-two years and have been blessed with two wonderful daughters.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Spring/Summer 2017

(not all dates have been finalized)

Oklahoma Tulsa	April 1 SMA Mead
Maine Bangor	April 27-29 SIG Ward
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	May 5-6 SC Krell
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 9-11 SVC Fierstien
Massachusetts Mansfield	May 12 SC Krell
Florida Miami	May 8-12 SMA Mead
California Fresno	June 16-17 SC Krell
Arizona Tucson	June 9-11 SS Morris
Texas Temple	June 9-11 SC Krell
Alabama Bessemer	June 17 SOG Stamm
New York Ellenville	June 28-30 ST Ast
West Virginia Elkins	TBA SMA Mead

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Supreme Treasurer's Massage

Cont. from the front page

I became a member of the Knights of Pythias at the urging of my wife more than thirty-years ago. At that time I had a young family and was building an accounting practice. Where would I find the time to participate in a fraternal organization?

Little did I realize then the amount of enjoyment attending a lodge meeting would provide. Over the years I became more active in the lodge, participating in a number of altruistic endeavors. That aspect of my life has not changed over the past thirty years.

During the past thirty-years my family and I have developed close relationships with men and their families, whom I would never have known, if not for the Knights of Pythias. For that aspect of this great fraternity, I am incredibly grateful.

I have been fortunate to attend conventions of several other grand domains since being installed as your supreme treasurer. It has been a series of wonderful experiences meeting gentlemen and in some cases their wives as well, who share the principles on which our order was founded. For these opportunities, I am grateful.

The Knights of Pythias is an integral part of my life today and I hope for a good many years to follow.

Fraternally,

Alan J Ast

Alan J. Ast



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

The Annual Reports and Per Capita Tax payments have been pouring into the Supreme Lodge Office, and for that you have our thanks. However, there are many reports that were not received before the March 31 deadline, as outlined in the Supreme Statutes. All Grand Secretaries were reminded, with many replying prior to the end of March, but not all. Brothers, the Supreme Lodge doesn't want to make the filing of the Annual Reports an Annual Fundraiser, we take no pleasure in fining those who are late. There are always extenuating circumstances, but that applies in only one or two instances.

These reports are needed to calculate our numbers, and need to be reported in the Mid-Term Report of the Supreme Secretary.

If you have not filed your Grand Lodge's Annual Report, please do so as soon as possible, the dollars are adding up.

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IN MEMORIAM

James C. Sales, PGC (MO)	01/23/17
Arnold Maitles, PGC (NV)	08/02/17

NEW YORK PYTHIANS SUPPORT PTSD PROGRAM

One local organization helped out another last week, as Yorktown Lodge No. 859 made a \$400 donation to Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 21 to support a PTSD unit at the Montrose facility of the Hudson Valley Veterans Healthcare Center.

The program, called, “Prolonged Exposure” requires veterans to sign up for 45 days in the facility in which they work individually and in group with trained and experienced psychologists and therapists. There is no “magic pill” for PTSD and it is recognized as never being totally cured. What the patient learns, is how to recognize triggers that may cause stress and how to deal with them successfully.

The program has been so successful that there is a yearly “alumni” reception in which graduates share their experiences with those currently in treatment.

The Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 21 has adopted the unit and provides for haircuts, indigent travel, recreation, special events and camaraderie. All of the funds that the chapter collects go directly to helping those veterans on the unit and off. Many of the Chapter 21 members have gone through or are going through the program themselves.

For more information about the program, e-mail YorktownLodge@yahoo.com

The Knights of Pythias made another \$300 donation to the Veterans Committee of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias. That money is used to send packages out to the armed forces. All money was collected through the organization’s “Shake-a Can” Program.



Yorktown Lodge members FS Stew Glass; and CC Jeff Painter (2nd and 3rd from right) presenting a check to Military Order of Purple Heart, Chapter 21 members Gene Lang, John Fratangelo, Dave Novak and Neil S. Gross.

ALSO HAPPENING IN NEW YORK

FDR Lodge #613 hosted a wonderful Three in One Rank & Rathbone Bible today (Sunday, March 19, 2017) at Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1179 in Queens Village (Thank you ATU 1179 President Bennie Caughman). Deputy Supreme Chancellor Craig Shink coordinated the program which saw 17 new members initiated into the Order Knight of Pythias. Special guests included Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell, Supreme Treasurer Sir Alan Ast and Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz. In addition, some three dozen existing Knights attended and Re-Obligated themselves to the order (they'll receive a Certificate from Supreme Lodge.) Welcome to new Pythian Knights -- from Genesis #64: Harris Barber, Jay Freese, Lloyd Lederman, Ed May, Hon. Mark Partnow, Norman Rottenberg, Martin Weinstein and Fred Wolinsky; from FDR #613: Dan Corbett, Bryan Goodovitch, Douglas Pearl, Larry Sokoler, Dave Stein and Joe Zambrana; from Majestic #109: Jack Woo and Kevin York; and from North Shore #824: Jared Getzel. Each new Knight received a certificate, thumb drive with information about the Order, a Knight's pin and Grand Chancellor's calendar book. Thank you to participants in in the special ceremony Corey Bearak, Phil Feigel, Jeffrey Freese, Paul Joseph, Howard Lax, Robert Kaufman, Sir Alan Krell, Arthur Peckerman, Harvey Rosenshein, Craig Shink, Herb Smith, Ira Spiegel, David Stanger, Sir Roger Siegel and Sir Mike Sukenick.

RATHBONE BIBLE CLASS IN OHIO



On February 19, 2017 at Red Star Lodge No. 205 in Springfield, more than 50 Knights and candidates gathered for a 3-Rank Class in honor of Founder's Day. This was also a Rathbone Bible Class and all present were obligated (or re-obligated) on the historic Rathbone Bible. Please join them in welcoming 14 NEW KNIGHTS!: David LeVangie and Nick LeVangie (not pictured); Anthony Johnson; Jacob Eide; Chance Long; Gary Gilliam; Nick Mahaffey; Adam Kehoe; Jim Yates; Jim Gloyd; Dwight Karshner; Mike Starkey; Allen Miner; Grant Hildum. Grand Chancellor, John Morris, Jr., proudly knighted these new members and then everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Judy Pennington and her crew. Many thanks to everyone who attended and took part in the Rank Work! Special thanks to our Grand Chancellor and his Lady Phyllis for going the extra mile to pick up the Rathbone Bible from Indiana.

READ & RIDE CATCHES ON IN IOWA

Big Grove Lodge #226, Oakland Iowa just completed its first foray into using the Supreme Lodge's "READ AND RIDE" Program. On Friday, March 24th, the lodge awarded two bikes and two helmets to some very deserving second-graders.

Although this is a small school district with only about fifty second-graders, the program was received with enthusiasm by the principal, the teachers and the elementary school librarian.

The bicycles and helmets were presented at an awards assembly by local members PGC Jim Eckert and Grand Secretary and DSC Sir Michael Carr. Winners of the prizes were Courtney Kvall and Nathan Smith. The program will be continued again next school year.



MASSACHUSETTS READ & RIDE PROGRAM (WINTER EDITION)

The second winter (school vacation) reading program was held at the Stoughton Public Library for the students in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades living in the Town of Stoughton.



Pictured in the back row (left to right): PC Edmund E. Wetterwald; PC Steven A. Winer, KGS and PGC Richard B. Albert. Front row, (left to right): Olivia Bento; Ava Finno; Liam Sprague; David Belanger; and Julia Henein. Henrique Dos Santos was unavailable for the presentation.

PATRICK HENRY LODGE IN VIRGINIA



Master of Arms Sonny Wilson (left) presenting Chancellor Commander Marvin Thornton with Pythian of the year for Patrick Henry Lodge #82 plaque for 2016.
Patrick Henry Lodge #82 is located in Bassett, Virginia.

PYTHIAN NEWS OCT 16 TO FEB 17 - PATRICK HENRY LODGE #82

South Eastern Pythian Association (SEPA) held their fall meeting in Spartanburg, SC in September. Supreme Rep./Imperial Basha Mike Thornton and wife Yvonne attended. SEPA will meet again, March 31- April 2 in Pigeon Forge TN.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Virginia held its annual convention in Fredricksburg in October. Many Pythians from Martinsville attended. Bill Edwards of Beach Lodge 169 was elected Grand Chancellor.

In December, the Lodge donated \$100 to Christmas cheer in honor of Ben and Virginia Phillips. It also donated \$100 to Big Birds toy run and another \$100 to the Pregnancy Care Center. On December 11 they held their annual Christmas party and had a drawing for \$100 from names put in the box for attendance.

The Lodge had its final event of 2016 on New Year's Eve. They invited their spouses and friends and rang in the New Year at the Lodge. It was mentioned at their last meeting of 2016 that they had 7 members pass away. They were, Billy Cruise, Ralph Draper, Elton Gilley, Tommy Williams, Larry Roach and Owen Rose, Sr. It was also noted that they initiated 12 new members, so they are still adding to our numbers.

In January, they installed their new officers for 2017. They are: Chancellor Commander-Marvin Thornton, Vice Chancellor Andy Foley, Prelate Wayne Bennett, Treasurer Tommy Fain, Sec/Financial Sec-Steve Chitwood, Master of Works-James Ashworth, Master of Arms-Sonny Wilson, Inner Guard Eric Dollarhite and Outer Guard Skylar Layman. Our new Grand Lodge Reps will be Mickey Altizer and James Ashworth.

In February, they went to visit fraternally with Osceola- Roanoke Lodge 47 and had 11 people travel up for the visit. We had a fellowship meal before the meeting and had the pleasure of having a long-time member from Roanoke Robert O. Gray attend. Also in February, the GC had his official visit to Patrick Henry Lodge #82. He was joined by his Grand Vice Chancellor Howard Tabor and Grand Prelate Zeke Reynolds who traveled with him from Virginia Beach. Four members from Danville also attended the meeting. There were 23 in attendance. District Deputy Grand Chancellor Dwayne Beam also held his meeting. We had a Super Bowl party and it was well attended.

Rajah Temple 195, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan has been collecting food at Pythian meetings to donate to local food banks. Any member who brings a can of food or Non-Perishable item will get an extra ticket put in for our \$100 attendance drawing in December. We have made several donations of boxes to One Accord Baptist Church food bank and are also collecting money to help with expenses.

Pythian of the month for November 16 was Sonny Wilson, December Andy Foley, January 17 was Steve Marquardt and February 17 was Andy Foley.

PATRICK HENRY LODGE #82



Left to Right: front MA Sonny Wilson; Sec/Fin Sec Steve Chitwood;
Treas. Tommy Fain; Prelate Wayne Bennett;
Back row: VC Andy Foley; CC Marvin Thornton; and IG Eric Dollarhite

PATRICK HENRY LODGE #82



Left to Right: Supreme Rep/Imperial Basha Mike Thornton; Anna Semonco of Ronald McDonald House (Roanoke); and Chancellor Commander Marvin Thornton.



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Number in Room	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6	Tues 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10	Sat 8/11
1	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199
2	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199
3	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229
4	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259

Room Reservations (Mark Number in Room Choice & Nights staying at Hotel)

Number in Room	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sum 8/5	Mon 8/6	Tues 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10	Sat 8/11

TOURS & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Sun 8/5	9:30am-1:00pm	Trip to National September 11 Memorial & Museum	\$45.00		
Sun 8/5	6:00pm-7:00pm	Cocktail Hour at Ballroom Area	Cash Bar	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Sun 8/5	7:00pm-11:00pm	Banquet in Honor Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2016-2018	\$65.00		
Mon 8/6	5:30pm-11:00pm	World Yacht Dinner Cruise Around Manhattan	\$75.00		

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Hotel Room Rates Chosen	
X Number of Nights	
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COST OF TOURS & EVENTS

Cost of Tours & Events	
X Number of People	
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