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### LAPTOP COMPUTER DONATED

Cancer Patients in long term isolation at the Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio, will enjoy use of the Laptop Computer, as they deal with treatment plan. It will be helpful with teenagers who are hard to interest in play activities as well as keeping cancer patients in touch with school, friends and family. Past Imperial Regent Hazel West, left, National Humanitarian Chairman for the Nomads of Avrudaka, made formal presentation of the computer, during a banquet at Columbus, in August. Accepting the Computer, Sandra Brittenham, center, serves as Family and Volunteer Services Coordinator with the Hermatology/Oncology Unit. Most Gracious Maharani Sheila Boren, right, undertook sponsorship of this project by the Nomads.



### EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP INSTALLED

A Dream Come True . . . as Ruth Simmons Rodgers, center, was installed to position of Most Gracious Maharani of the Nomads of Avrudaka during impressive Ritualistic Ceremonies at Columbus, Ohio, in August. Her husband, Charles Rodgers, left, is serving as Maharajah. Residents of New Castle, Indiana, they have been associated with the Nomads Fraternal Order since childhood days. Ruth's father, Robert (Bob) Simmons served as Imperial Treasurer from 1947-1957; her mother, Lena (Simmons) DeWitt was installed to position of Most Gracious Maharani, twenty years ago. They will serve a two-year term of leadership. Seated, right, new-term Imperial Prince, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, Arthur Bonnot, a resident of Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

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## PYTHIAN PROSE

by GEORGE FOX, PGC  
*Texas Grand Secretary*

For seventy five years, Texas Lodge #1, Houston, had on display what I believe to be a rare historic document. Texas Lodge preserved this Pythian prize, which has been passed on to the Grand Lodge of Texas. Framed and covered by glass, it is in excellent condition. For a time, I thought it had vanished and might be lost forever, but it has turned up in a member's attic, placed there for safekeeping.

This display, called a "photogravure", is in three panels. The center section shows part of the minutes from the first meeting of Washington Lodge #1, signed by the thirteen original members. Below, is a picture of Edward Dunn, one of the early Supreme Chancellors.

The section on the left bears a fine picture of the original five members who met on February 15th, 1864, to discuss the founding of a lodge. Their names are under the picture. I have never seen this picture before, it does not appear in any book I have seen. Below the picture is a photo of a leather pouch containing the Rathbone Bible.

The panel on the right contains a picture of Temperance Hall, the site of the first meeting, fully decked out with flags and banners for some special occasion. members of the Uniform Rank are shown standing in front of the building and various Pythian emblems are part of the decorations. I suspect the occasion was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Order.

This photogravure was put together and printed by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. In 1920, the Supreme Lodge Convention gave that Grand Lodge a license to print and sell the item for a period of twenty-five years. There are things here that would surely be lost without its existence. I have never heard anyone speak of such a display, nor have I seen one in the office of the Supreme Lodge.

For all my limited exposure, we may be dealing with a one of a kind thing or maybe there are copies of it in every lodge hall I have not visited, I don't know. This is an appeal for information. If you have seen such a poster please let me know. Drop me a line at PO Box 7272, Ft. Worth, Texas 76111, and help to add to my Pythian education.

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## PYTHIANS HOST WEEKEND EVENT

New Mexico — Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters hosted a weekend of relaxation and fun as they gathered at the Waterton Canyon campgrounds in the Magdalena Mountains. They came in campers and motor homes with their families for the weekend stay.

Activities included a picnic lunch as the Knights barbequed hamburgers and hot dogs, while Pythian Sisters filled tables with food for all 50+ who were in attendance.

All reported a "good time was enjoyed by all" at the yearly gathering where members get together to visit and plan events for the year ahead.

## FRIENDSHIP NIGHT

Ohio — Faithful Temple #250, Swanton, was hostess to Friendship Night for District 6 on June 12 in Swanton. This was held starting with a potluck and entertainment by Josh Kontak of Waterville, a very talented upcoming high school sophomore, who sang many "Oldies". It was also a day to honor eight 25 + year members and one 50 year member, although all were not present.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE TEAM LEADERSHIP FOR NEBRASKA

Nebraska — The spring sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened in Lincoln; members were welcomed by Lincoln Visitor Bureau Representative Dan Bloutz.

Visiting the Knights session were Supreme Chancellor Edwin E. Altman and Past Grand Chancellor Stanton Kallies. Honored visitors of the Sisters were Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker; Supreme Guard Audrey Wheat and PC Colleen Schneider of Iowa.

A joint banquet was held with Grand Chief Virginia Craft introducing her officers and Grand Chancellor Dick Meyer introduced his officers. All were also honored with talks from Supreme Chief Mary Parker and Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman. Entertainment was a "Lemonade Comedy".

Installed into offices of the Grand Lodge were: Leonard Dahlgren; grand chancellor; Edward Vocasek, grand vice chancellor; John Dahlgren grand prelate; William Vocasek, grand secretary; William Holton, grand treasurer; Allen McClure, grand master of arms; Robert Vocasek, grand inner guard; and Wendell Domina, grand outer guard.

Installed into the offices of the Pythian Sisters were: Virginia Craft, past grand chief; Tharon Dahlgren, grand chief; Barb Blunt, grand senior; Pauline Homolka, grand junior; Pegge Hormandl, grand manager; Dorothy

# OUR PYTHIAN HISTORY —

... Let Us Remember



VICKNESS

by STEPHEN VICKNESS, *Supreme Vice Chancellor*

I have just received some old publications of the founding of our Order, its institution, teachings, and early history.

One of the books I have been reading is titled Pythian History by PSR Wm. D. Kennedy. The first page is entitled Pythian History, containing the life, death and burial of the founder of the order, Justus H. Rathbone; the Birth and Progress of the Order, the Creation of the Supreme Lodge; the Creation of the Supreme Tribunal and its sittings.

Of special interest to me was the following: "Together with the story of the introduction of the Order into ALL the States, Districts and Territories in the United States of America, on the North American continent, the Provinces, Districts and Territories of the Dominion of Canada, the Republic of Mexico; the island of Cuba; the Hawaiian islands and the Philippines". Published in Chicago, by the Pythian History Publishing Company, 1904.

Our first Supreme Chancellor was Samuel Read, born in Mount Holly, New Jersey January 26, 1815. There he died, of heart failure, August 31, 1888. He had lived nearly all of his life in Mount Holly. Although his grandfather and father had been prominent in the profession of law in New Jersey, he learned the trade of Bricklayer. For several years he

followed that business, both in New York and Charleston. At the institution of New Jersey Lodge #1, at Mount Holly, December 12, 1867 he was made a Knight. He became the first Worthy Chancellor of his lodge, and the first Grand Chancellor of New Jersey. The history of the first four years of the Supreme Lodge, and the results accomplished from 1868 to 1872, from the story of his official life, for after that, he ceased to be a factor in its affairs.

The chapter goes on to give in detail the workings of the first Supreme Lodge. Yes, even then there were controversies aplenty. However, what it does teach us, is that there was also a large commitment by ALL Pythians to build our Order, AND, not just the United States and Canada! I will continue to read this book in detail, for I wonder, in the time of no radio, television, long distance telephone service, jet airplanes, luxury ships, how did we manage to grow our Order to the numbers included in this book by Domains?

If there might be any Pythians out there who would be interested in their Domains history, back from the beginning, through 1904, please feel free to drop me a line. I will be most happy to share any and all information with you. Most importantly, in this age of multi media communication, what must we do to increase the ranks of our Order?

What have you done today to help make our order a better Fraternity? What will you do to help us attain our goal, a better community, a better world, a better tomorrow, for all of us and most importantly, our children, the future of our Order AND our World.



Grand Chancellor Leonard Dahlgren and his wife, Grand Chief Tharon Dahlgren of Lincoln.

Vocasek, grand secretary; Adela Smisek, grand treasurer; Rose Vyhnalek, grand protector and Beverly Hall, grand guard.

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# GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS

by DOROTHY HUGHES  
*Supreme Treasurer*

We live in a time when we sometimes think our world has become cold and indifferent to the needs of others. But LOVE has never gone out of style; EQUALITY to those around us makes the world more pleasant; and FIDELITY to those things that are right and good are things that keep the world moving. These principles are a solid foundation for life today as it was when our order was founded.

If we offer a friendly outstretched hand to our sisters and brothers and work together it will make our Order a thing of beauty.

Membership is something we all need to work on to keep our order growing. We all know that nothing would be accomplished if there were not those who were willing to venture out.

It is not easy to get people to take the time to listen but let's keep telling the Pythian Story over and over to our friends and acquaintances and get them interested.

Show them our enthusiasm for the order and ask them to join. But don't stop there, after we get new members we need to keep their interest. Sit with them at meetings, get them on committees and visitations. Keep them active. Show a real interest in them and be ready to try new ideas that they may have.



You never know, their ideas might work.

Each of us has had the potential to make our order everything we want it to be in our lives. Our founders and leaders faced obstacles and overcame them. Now we must accept the challenge and go forward or we will go backward. There is no standing still.

## SPECIAL AWARDS NIGHT SALUTE TO MEMBERS WITH SERVICE YEARS

New Hampshire — Minerva Temple #40 of Warren, honored the members with over 15 years of continuous membership with an awards night preceded by a buffet supper. More than 50 Pythians and friends attended this night of celebration. The hall was decorated in red, yellow, blue and white and each honored guest was presented with a red and white corsage by the committee.

The awards were presented by Joyce Wright, Supreme Junior. Those receiving awards were: Lauralee Kennedy and Pam Speed for 15 years; Sheila Asselin, Marie Spencer, Marlene Wright for 25 years, Doris Kaminski for 30 years; Leona Foote for 40 years; Jane Belyea and Avis Cushing for 45 years; and Gladys Marson, Eleanor Dunphy, Helen Evans, May Heath, Dot Jessemann, Bertha Kezar, Judy Pease, Barbara Pike, Esther Whitcher and Margaret Whitcher for 50 years.

Entertainment was provided by PC Janice Sackett who appeared as the Minnie Pearl of Warren. The entire evening was recorded on video by the Warren Historical Society.

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## PYTHIANS RECEIVE PUBLIC RECOGNITION



From left, Joseph Freiman, Grand Vice Chancellor; Fred Parola, Nassau County Comptroller; Sir William D. Rubin, Grand Chancellor; Thomas Gulotta, Nassau County Executive; Sir Joel Bergenfeld, Grand Prelate; Charles O'Shea, New York State Assemblyman; Sir Milton Schultz, Supreme Representative; Herb Gold, PDGC Chairman Public Relations.

Hon. Thomas Gulotta at a ceremony held at Eisenhower Park on July 19, prior to the performance of the show Music Man.

Grand Chancellor State of New York, Bill Rubin represented our Fraternal Order in extending our sincere appreciation to our Nassau County Executive for this distinction afforded us each year. His continuous support to our order and his dedication and most worthy efforts towards improving the way of life for the citizens of our county make his a true Pythian representing our credo of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

New York — The Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias consisting of many lodges throughout Nassau County and Grand Lodge State of New York, were honored to be recognized by Nassau County Executive,

## NEW PROJECTS KEEP TEMPLE MEMBERS BUSY

Florida — Deland Temple #30 Sisters are busy with a new project. They are helping the Abuse Children, by giving them coupons, clothing, etc. They are making pillows for the American Cancer Society Reach To Discovery Cancer Patients. They get together after their Temple meeting and stuff the pillows, that the Sisters have cut out. This is their way of getting the Sisters involved in helping someone that has Cancer.



The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias

## A Proclamation

WHEREAS, None but members of the Order Knights of Pythias are eligible to receive the Temple Degree of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, which was founded in 1914 and was accorded official recognition as an auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias, and

WHEREAS, the teaching of the Dramatic Order, as portrayed in its beautiful and dramatic ritualistic ceremonies, seek to impress the Initiate with the great responsibility which is his, to practice in his daily life the sublime teachings of the Pythian order to which every Votary of the Dramatic order has pledged his honor and fidelity, and

WHEREAS, Pythians who are Votaries of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan have contributed much toward the continued activity of their subordinate and Grand lodges and to the affairs of the Supreme Lodge, in which body many "Dokkeys" are to be found, thus proving their unceasing love and loyalty to the Parent Order, and

WHEREAS, working together in cooperative participation, with common goals, will produce results that will benefit the entire Pythian Order, and

WHEREAS, this Order is steeped in history, high in ideals, rich in tradition, and initiative in seeking fulfillment of Pythian objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edwin E. Altman, Supreme Chancellor of the Order Knights of Pythias, do hereby proclaim that

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shall be known and observed throughout the Supreme Domain as

### D. O. K. K. MONTH

I commend to the officers and members of the Order Knights of Pythias, in every subordinate lodge thereof, the noble teachings of the Dramatic Order, the beauty of its ritual and its worthwhile Objectives — Student Loans (repayable without interest) and the Humanitarian Program which has already done so much and continues to seek ways to do more in the alleviation of Human Suffering.

I do hereby direct that each Subordinate Lodge Secretary of the order Knights of Pythias do forward the name and address of each newly initiated Pythian Brother to the nearest Temple of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan immediately on his initiation, with the hope that the Pythian member will become an interested and active Votary, to enjoy the association and service afforded by the Dramatic Order.

Given under my hand and the great Seal of the Supreme Lodge this 4th day of September, in the year 1997, and the Pythian Period CXXXIV.

ATTEST:

*s/ Alfred A. Saltzman*  
Supreme Secretary



*s/ Edwin E. Altman*  
Supreme Chancellor

Supreme Lodge

## NOTE BOOK

by

*Alfred A. Saltzman, LGS*

Supreme Secretary



It has been almost a year now that we have been in office. Where does the time fly to??

We haven't been able to keep our promise about publishing a newsletter every month or two, but thanks to the prodding of Editor Marv Wilson, we manage to find enough time to write this column. Here are a few items to tell you about.

We hope the Pythian International subscription renewal problem has been worked out. If there are still any questions, please contact us at the Supreme Lodge office. Don't bother Marv Wilson because he does not handle the business end of the magazine.

We wish to remind all secretaries to forward the name and address of each new member, in order that the Brother will be placed on the mailing list of the Pythian International to receive a complimentary copy for one year.

A reminder to those domains which pay Per Capita Tax on a semi-annual basis: the second half is due on or before Sept. 30th.

To those domains which withhold the Per Capita Tax on 50-year Life members: that tax is still in effect and must be paid before Supreme Representatives can be seated at Supreme Convention.

Grand Secretaries are reminded that they do not have to order the Past Grand Chancellor Certificates and wallet cards. Those items will be delivered to the Grand Lodge Conventions by whoever represents the Supreme Chancellor.

The new price list for supplies, jewelry, and clothing is available through the Grand Secretaries. They are the only people who can order merchandise from Supreme Lodge. Very shortly we hope to have a new and expanded jewelry catalogue. New items will be featured from time to time on these pages.

We have been answering some very interesting questions on the E-mail web site. There are many people on the outside who are interested in Pythian activities, and who are making inquiries about several topics. We are trying to take advantage of this free exposure by broadcasting the many fine features of the Pythian Order whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Congratulations to the newly elected officers of the Imperial Palace. It was a real pleasure being there at the start of the Convention and renewing acquaintances with many Pythian friends.

This column has avoided mentioning individual sicknesses and deaths. Unfortunately, we have had too many of both to keep track of. But on a personal note, we want to wish a speedy recovery to Brother George Nuiros of the District of Columbia who missed the meeting of the International Association of Grand Secretaries/Grand Treasurer's at the DOKK convention for the first time in a zillion years. George is the Secretary/Treasurer of the organization and suffered an attack of congestive heart failure the day before the convention.

Another personal loss was the death of Grand Inner Guard Robert Dawn of Massachusetts, who almost single-handedly serviced over three hundred UCP canisters regularly, and who was solely responsible for raising the major portion of the money that Massachusetts gets credit for.



**FIRST PLACE POSTER: \$1,000**, Chris Jean Thorson, Akron, Iowa.

### POSTER CONTEST MATERIAL OUT FOR EARLY ATTENTION

Judging for the International Contest of the 1997 Knights of Pythias sponsored Poster Contest, with topic of; "RECYCLING: It's Everyone's Responsibility", took place at Quincy, Massachusetts, June 22nd.

Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS, observed of much help and interest given to the program by Marilyn Riseberg and Board of Directors of the Quincy Art Association with public display at the Quincy Arts Center.

The top three award winning posters are pictured with the respective prize funds, in US Savings Bonds. Fourth through 15th place winners, in alphabetical order, each receiving \$100 US Saving Bonds were as follows (except for Canadian winners who can not be awarded Savings Bonds): Colleen Blanchard, Wilbur, Nebraska.

Jacob Burger, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.  
Curtiss Illingworth, Cheyenne, Wyoming.  
Andrea Koch, White Oak, Texas.  
John Kong, Rochester Hills, Michigan.  
Jenny Ling, W. Valley City, Utah.  
James L. Mojannier, Summerville, South Carolina.  
Stephanie Moore, Trout Run, Pennsylvania.  
Sarah Preston, Barton, Maryland.  
Rosanna Pupo, Revelstoke, British Columbia.  
Heru Riwanto, Scarborough, Ontario.  
Jason Henry Root, Port Orchard, Washington.

Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman advises that flyers and official rules pamphlets has been circulated to the various Domains, to enable students enough time to prepare material properly, with the same theme: "RECYCLING: It's Everyone's Responsibility".



**SECOND PLACE POSTER: \$700**, Lucas E. Strickner, Tallahassee, Florida.



**THIRD PLACE POSTER: \$500**, Joe Jones, Lafayette, Indiana.

### JUDGES EXPRESS PLEASURE TO BE OF SERVICE

**KELLY PETERSON COBBLE** is an Art Historian and is employed as a Museum Specialist at the Adams National Historic Site in Quincy, MA. She holds a B.A. from Eastern Nazarene College in Literature and Education. She is very active in cultivating cultural activities and art education in Quincy. She presents Art programs to local school groups and is an ardent member of the Quincy Art Association in her planning and preparation of events. Her forte in painting is in watercolor and she enjoys trying to capture the playful nature of light and her love of nature.

**WILLIAM E. BEYER** is a graduate of Pratt Institute in New York and has been a commercial artist for the past twenty-seven years. He has won many national awards for his graphic representations. A member of the Copley Society, Scituate Art Society, Plymouth Art Association, Quincy Art Association, and former board member of The Brockton Museum. Mr. Beyer has exhibited his work in Utah, Florida, Kentucky, Virginia and throughout New England. His exhibits have included The Copley Society in Boston, The Small, Small, Work Gallery in Rockport, and The Todd Gallery, Wellesley. He participates in juried shows, and exhibits his work in one-man shows, and private collections.

**ANET PAGLIERANI** has been teaching art in Quincy since 1969. She has taught in the Evening Adult Education Program of the Quincy Public Schools; Woodward School for Girls. Holds classes in her home studio; also teaches classes under sponsorship of Braintree Art Association. Floral are her favorite subjects; however, she also does landscapes and shore scenes of New England and local areas. Anet has received numerous awards through local exhibitions, and has had several one-women shows in Quincy and Milton. She attended the School of Practical Art in Boston, attended museum scholarship classes at the MFA for four years; was employed by Rust Craft Greeting Cards Co. for ten years.



Indiana Grand Chancellor Dennis Adams, center, congratulates Domain Speech Contest winner Melanie Smith and Domain Poster Contest winner Joe Jonas.

## INDIANA YOUTH ACTIVITIES SUPPORT SPEECH AND POSTER CONTEST

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Indiana sponsors a state-wide Public Speaking and Poster Contest for students in grades 9-12 in any accredited high school, parochial, preparatory school of high school rank, or home taught students of high school age.

The topic of the public speaking contest was: "Teenage Pregnancy: Americas 'Big Problem'". Topic for the Poster Contest was "Recycling: It's Everyone's Responsibility."

A contact was made with Indiana High School Forensics Association, obtaining the names, addresses of Speech and Debate Coaches through out the State. A mailing list to 173 teachers was carried out, giving a direct contact with teachers. Regional speak-offs took place.

Poster Contest information was mailed by the Director of Youth Activities to 347 schools; lodges were encouraged to make contact with the schools; the Director received contacts from 21 teachers or schools. for the State Poster Contest, when judges chose the top six posters from the 10 selected entries.

Indiana State Finals of the Poster and Speech contests took place at the Hyatt Regency in Indianapolis, with a full program enjoying presence of more than 90 members, guests of students and others involved with interest in the contests.

Poster Contest of First Place, \$300, Joe Jonas of Harrison High School, sponsored by Lafayette Lodge #51; 2nd place, \$200, Bunkhean Khoeth, sponsored by Rathbone Lodge #3; 3rd place, \$100, Becky Elliott, sponsored by Salem Lodge #96; 4th place, \$75, Amber Kish, sponsored by Capital City Lodge #97; 5th place, \$75, Cynthia Appleton, sponsored by Hercules Lodge #127. 7th through 10th honorable mention prizes with each receiving \$15.00.

Speech Contest, winners and prize awards were presented of: First Place, \$500, Melanie Smith of Peru, sponsored by Hercules Lodge #127; 2nd place, \$300, Michael Ryan, sponsored by Lafayette Lodge #51; 3rd place, \$200, Michael Larrance, sponsored by Hamilton Lodge #228; 4th place, \$100, Heather Manger, sponsored by Salem Lodge #96.



Back row, Boyd Hicks, Colleen Hicks, front row, Katrina Hicks, Kathleen Tinney and Kathy Garrett.

### LAUREL TEMPLE INITIATES FOURTH GENERATION MEMBER

Arizona — Laurel Temple #25 Pythian Sisters initiated Kathleen Tinney, to make this the fourth generation of Pythians. Kathleen is the granddaughter of the late PSR Lucille McDaniel, who served as Arizona Grand Sunshine Girls Advisor; PGC Colleen Hicks, is the mother of Kathleen, and serves as temple treasurer; Kathy Garrett, grand representative, is the mother of Katrina, and serves as most excellent Chief; Katrina Hicks serves as temple secretary. To complete the four generations is PSR Boyd Hicks, of Tempe Lodge, grand trustee. Colleen, Kathy and Katrina were all Sunshine Girls.



From left, standing, Lucy Huckabee, Katie Smith, as they made presentations to ladies in the Nursing Homes.

## JULIA STONEWALL TEMPLE BRINGS CHEER TO SHUT-INS

Louisiana — Members of Julia Stonewall Temple joined forces to prepare one hundred, sixty-five long-stemmed red roses for the ladies residing in two nursing homes in Monroe. The Sisters worked many hours to de-thorn the roses, add maidenhair fern, bridal wreath and ribbon to make beautiful gifts; then attached a special, hand-made tag wishing them a Happy Sabbath from the Pythian Sisters of Monroe.

Reports revealed that one hundred, sixty-five ladies were thrilled beyond words and some shed a few tears because it was the first rose they had ever received — this thoughtful gesture had made their day.

Monroe Sisters continue to bring joy to those less fortunate with many projects throughout the year, extending the good will to more homes and more ladies as time goes on. Sharing Friendship is only one of the many projects these ambitious Sisters have on their agenda.



### TUSTIN LODGE DONATES CAMPERSHIPS

California — Tustin Lodge #85, recently marked its 17th year of sending members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tustin to the Pythian Youth Camp in the Sequoia National Forest. The camp was organized in 1946 for children of all ages and both genders, focusing on the moral, physical and mental tone of the campers in a recreational atmosphere.

Youths pictured in connection with the summer camping experience along with, front; Gary Ousted, program director; Chancellor Commander Duane Owens; PC Jack Bradley, campership chairman; Cliff Polston, director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Tustin.



From left, Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman, Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker, Grand Chief Sherry Murphy, Grand Chancellor Larry Bartley.

## INDIANA WELCOMES SUPREME CHIEF TO 'HOME' SESSIONS

The mid-summer sessions of the Indiana Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened at Lafayette, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Sir Edwin E. Altman, together with Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker of her 'home Jurisdiction'.

Grand Chief Sherry Murphy is the daughter of Dana and MaryLou Satterfield; her father served as Grand Chancellor in the 1982-83 term; her mother as Grand Chief in the 1992-93 term. Sherry's husband, Ron, was Grand Chancellor in the 1990-91 term. The Postmaster in the town of Oakville, she also holds membership with the Nomads.

The main project of the Grand Chief is the Indiana Children's Wish Foundation . . . not necessarily a happy project because these children are terminal, but with help of Pythians they will be able to realize a wish of their heart's desire. Funds raised will be used for children in Indiana.

Grand Chancellor Larry Bartley of Morocco, along with his wife, Anne, are both Indiana State Policepersons, Larry is an investigator and Anne works in the crime lab. Larry is also active in DOKK and Masonic.

Brother Bartley, in addressing the members, observed: "As we proceed to the next Century, we need to make changes if this great order is to prosper. We have for years operated simply because that was the traditional way of doing things. If we stop to ponder the past, we should see that the traditional way has not always accomplished what we sought".

The domain will be supporting charities of UCP and Cystic Fibrosis in fundraising; as well, Bartley urges members and lodges to look within their community to see what can be done as a charity and bring publicity for that lodge. He urged that charity collection boxes be located that will give public awareness for the Pythian order.

Pledging to give leadership by example, the Grand Chancellor appealed for members to set sights high on doubling membership, lodges and temples for the year 2000 . . . 'collectively we can do it, individually we will fail'.

## FLORIDA GRAND TEMPLE MEETS

Florida — The Grand Temple, Pythian Sisters 93rd Annual Convention was held in the Embassy Suites in Boca Raton. Grand Chief Arpin Avedisian presided over the sessions in a very efficient and harmonious manner. We were honored to have Supreme Chief Mary Parker as our guest. Past Supreme Chief Shirley Bach was also present.

This was a very difficult session for all in attendance as PSR Dorothy Sanders had passed away the morning of the first day of the convention. Dorothy Sanders had been page to PSC Shirley Bach all through Shilrey's years as a Supreme Officer, except for her last year as Sitting Past Supreme Chief. Dorothy was known to many Pythian Sisters throughout the United States and Canada, and will be missed by all.

Elizabeth Pedowitz was installed as Grand Chief. PSC Shirley Bach was her installing officer; Alice Pomerantz, PSR, was Supreme Senior and Myrna Goldenstein, PGC, was Supreme Manager. Assisting with the jewels was Supreme Chief Mary Parker.

Grand Chief Elizabeth's Motto is "Give with a true Pythian Heart in Love and Friendship". Her flower is Yellow Roses and her songs are "That's What Friends are For" and "Sing". A beautiful courtesy drill was given for her by the members of District #5. The Grand Chief was presented with many gifts. Past Grand Chief Arpin Avedisian was presented her Past Grand Chief's Pin and Certificate by PSR Helen Bitz and PSR Lucile Starbird.

Following the busy sessions, Supreme Chief Parker was a guest of PSC Shirley Bach for a few days of relaxation with both enjoying a time visitation, working and resting.

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# PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL

## UPDATE

It is hard to believe that just about a year ago, Supreme Chief Mary appointed me as her International Chairman for the Pythian International.

In that year, I have received many subscriptions, both new and renewals and I appreciate every one and most especially the notes that are included from the Grand Press Correspondents and those Sisters who are sending the subscriptions to me. SISTERS please contact your Jurisdiction Grand Press Correspondent for the subscription form and SUBSCRIBE.

As some of you are aware, Supreme Lodge Secretary Saltzman is sending reminders of expired subscriptions to the Publication. If you have replied and sent your renewal to the Supreme Lodge . . . that's GREAT! However, I would appreciate it if you would send me a note letting me know. That way I can update my record. You may also direct your renewals to me and I, in turn, will forward them to Secretary Saltzman.

Please continue to send your "HAPPENINGS" to Editor Marv Wilson so he has plenty to print for the next publication.

I continue to look forward to hearing from ALL JURISDICTIONS!

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## HAPPY RETIREMENT WISHES

Washington — When Ethel Benham retired from her job in July, it marked a busy lifetime of work involvement as well as Pythian Sister dedications. Following eight years of work in food service with Bromar/Seattle, she has been in the workforce since eleven years of age; raised four children; four foster children and entertained twelve exchange students. She has 46 years of active Pythian Sister membership since her mother encouraged her to join. Sister Ethel serves as Grand Press Correspondent and Treasurer in Harmony Temple #8 of Seattle.

## RECEPTION

Ohio — A reception on Sunday, May 18, honored Louann Artiaga, Grand Guard of Ohio and Kathleen Blake, Supreme Royal Princess of the Pythian Sunshine Girls. Louann is a 17-year member of Faithful Temple #250, Swanton, and Whitehouse Temple #312. Kathy is a member of Faithful Council #17, Swanton, and is also a 26-year member of Faithful Temple #250.



**CHUCK MILLER, JOE KNIGHT  
HONORED FOR 50 YEARS  
OF PYTHIAN MEMBERSHIP**

Florida — Clearwater Temple #32 and Sunrise Lodge #78 held a family picnic to honor Sir Arthur (Chuck) Miller and Joe Knight as 50 year members of the Knights of Pythias. Chuck Miller has served as Grand Chancellor of Florida and as Grand Secretary of Florida for 13 years. He joined the Knights of Pythias in Indiana and after moving to Florida he joined Sunrise Lodge #78 and also the Clearwater Pythian Sisters. He has worked very hard for Sunrise Lodge and for the Clearwater Pythian Sisters. The Pythian Sisters are very proud to have him for a member.

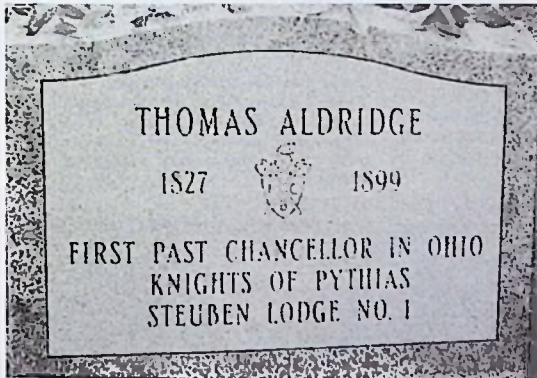
Joe Knight joined the Knights of Pythias in Springfield, Ohio. He had to move to Florida for his health and he immediately transferred to Sunrise Lodge #78. Both Joe and Chuck are to be congratulated on achieving this accomplishment of 50 years of service. Chancellor Commander, Tim Simmons congratulated both men and introduced Grand Chancellor Marvin Lander.

Grand Chancellor Lander congratulated both men and hoped he would be invited to help them celebrate 75 years of Pythians. The afternoon was enjoyed by family, friends and Pythians. Another example of Sunrise Lodge #78 and Clearwater Temple #32 working and playing together.



**\$20,000 GENEROSITY GIVEN IN QUEBEC**

Grand Chancellor Gerry Baumholtz, left, and Arthur Diamond, President of the Foundation Board of the Jewish Convalescent Hospital in Chomedey, Quebec, on the occasion of the ribbon cutting ceremony for a new office for volunteer and social services at the hospital. Knights of Pythias donated this office and equipment at an outlay of \$20,000. Prominently displayed at the facility are the Knights of Pythias logo and plaque with inscription, in bilingual of: "Volunteer Auxiliary Department, Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of Quebec".



**OHIO'S FIRST PAST CHANCELLOR HONORED**

Headstone replacement ceremonies for Thomas Aldridge, in recognition to him being the first Past Chancellor of Ohio, was dedicated with Pythian memorial Services in May at the Union Cemetery in Steubenville, Ohio, with more than 40 Brothers and Sisters present. Junction Lodge #414, Mingo Junction opened their Castle Hall for fellowship, lunch and desserts. Grand Chancellor Wayne T. Vanwey undertook this as being a Grand Chancellor project and received financial support from individuals and 31 subordinate lodges.

Thomas Aldridge was initiated as a member at institution of Steuben Lodge #1, Steubenville, Ohio, March 22, 1869; was elected "Venerable Patriarch" and entered on the roster as its first Past Chancellor, was later enrolled in grand lodge. Was a member of Ivanhoe Division #9 of the Uniform Rank. Passed away April 15, 1899.



PDSC Herb Rosenberg of the District of Columbia and Maryland Grand Chancellor Gregory Dix pictured at the Memorial site.

**PYTHIANS GUESTS AT DEDICATION CEREMONY**

Maryland Grand Chancellor Gregory Dix and PDSC Herb Rosenberg of Washington, DC; were official guests as members of the Knights of Pythias at the Dedication of the National Memorial to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, along with hundreds of other notables and dignitaries from around the world. The members were proud to be representatives of the Order, as this magnificent memorial was unveiled by President Bill Clinton.

FDR was initiated into the Pythian Order, on April 19, 1936, in true ritual ceremony, in the specially converted Diplomatic Room of the White House, by selected members of the Supreme Lodge, and with the help of Franklin Lodge #2, Washington, DC.

Our great order over the years, has had many members of State and National note. All our members should be aware of who we number as "Brothers", and our membership literature should mention this fact.

# THE ORDER OF CHANGE

by NORMAN McLAURIN  
*Supreme Outer Guard*

The population from which we get new members is changing and Our Order is changing. It is simple logic then that as members we must adapt to these changes. The dramatic decline of the Pythian Order during the last several years bears striking testimony to our unwillingness to change the way we confront challenges.

Change can be an unsettling thing. It can disrupt our lives and cause apprehension, fear, and anger. It can intimidate us and keep us off balance, or it can be a challenge — **A CALL TO ACTION.** It can stir our determination to play an active part in the changes that determine the fate of Our Order.

Some changes promise to improve our position, while others threaten a set back to those who fail to adapt. Then there are the changes that are not easy to assign to either category. That is especially true when they are presented to you as one thing but, upon closer inspection, take on a whole different appearance.

A popular published prayer asks the LORD to "give courage to change the things that need to be changed, serenity to accept the things that cannot be changed, and the wisdom to know the difference." If there is any controversy over how to deal with change, it frequently falls under the last category - the wisdom to know the difference.

The members of each subordinate and grand lodge should be examining each change that they confront. By concentrating and sharing our collective resources on the areas where change is possible, we can



McLAURIN

Who would have thought a new modernized ritual would be produced? Who would have thought that we as members would be using selling techniques to recruit new members? Do these changes cause apprehension, fear, and anger? Are you intimidated, off balance or do you feel the call to action?

The failure to change is almost always costly. Consider the dramatic decline of Our Order for the last decade, a practice that continues today. Consider the possible future decline in this time of radical change in our population. Are we fond of saying "If you think change is expensive, Just try ignoring it."

Fortunately, the change that is needed to deal with these things is easily within your grasp. It's as simple as making the decision to initiate positive change instead of waiting and hoping the changes will happen by themselves.

## NEW JERSEY — JOYCE FOUNDATION PROVIDES CANCER INFORMATION

The Domain of New Jersey is assisting in the development of the Joyce Foundation. This is a non-profit organization which provides crucial information about cancer concerning conventional treatment, clinical trials, patient resources, and unconventional treatment, all without charge. Cancer has affected many people's lives directly or indirectly.

The Joyce Foundation may be a place where to turn at an initial diagnosis or when the indication is that current approaches are not making progress. Envision just being told of the condition or that the attending medical people are unable to do more.

The Knights of Pythias is furthering a fabulous concept, born in 1996 from a personal nightmare, to locate the most current information and technology, to make it available when it may be vital, and to harness the speed of communication.

Even though it is still in the inception, this is an invaluable source and potential source of huge benefit to Pythians and everyone it may reach. For help or to help, the Joyce Foundation may be reached toll-free at 1-888-755-0100, P.O. Box 232, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927.

## PROUD, ACTIVE TEMPLE

Florida — Sunrise is the home of Mimi Turgel Centennial Temple #21; members carry much pride as it was the only Temple instituted during the Pythian Sisters Centennial Year and proud that members serve in Grand Temple leadership roles, as pictured below.

It is also the home Temple of Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness; Grand Master at Arms Bruce Laster and PDSC George Turgel, KGS, grand secretary. PGC Mimi Turgel, who the Temple was named for, would be very proud of her baby. The Temple is small, but members are very hard working.



Front, from left, Elizabeth Pedowitz, grand chief; Sherry Markakis, DDGC. 2nd row: Marilyn Rogow, grand junior; Beverly Kross, grand protector; Sue Laster, grand guard. Back row: Myrna Goldenstein, PGC; Sir George Turgel, PDSC and grand secretary.



## PIMA LODGE SPONSORS YOUTH ACTIVITY

Arizona — Pima Lodge #47, Tucson, has sponsored Girls Little league softball for the past few years. The general feeling is that it is keeping kids off the streets, by giving them something to do, it has also been a benefit to Pima Lodge #47 as well, since we've been sponsoring the team, we have gained several new members, and there is a lot of interest from others as well. Featured in the picture is the team, PSR Don D. Appleton; Bob Kincaid, Chancellor Commander. Of interest, Bob Kincaid has been an Umpire for over 40 years.

## MEMBERS, GUESTS ENJOY FLORIDA DAY CRUISE

Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge of Florida smelled like a bouquet of roses on Tuesday, Aug. 5th, by greeting over 100 residents who boarded the Sea Escape one day cruise. They all enjoyed a wonderful morning and fantastic afternoon.

The Knights had a ball once they boarded the ship. A luscious buffet breakfast started the activity, excellent food and fine service.

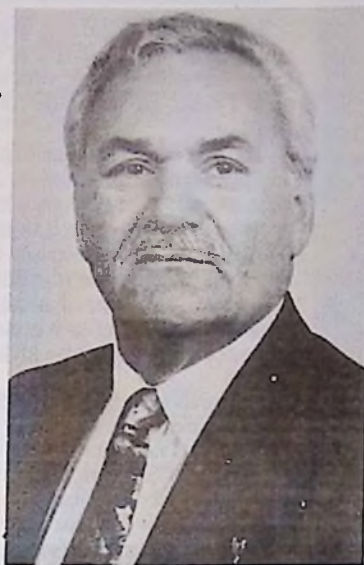
Two separate shows packed the Casino Lounge, an exceptional magician held the audience awe-struck. As for the male singer, his songs were great from the fifties and sixties, and wound up with a number of Frank Sinatra popular melodies. A standing ovation definitely moved the singer.

There were also live line-dancing with many ladies participating. Of course, lunch was also wonderful.

So pleased, the Grand Lodge of Florida booked the Sea Escape for Tuesday, October 7th, \$31. per person. Contact 499-7021 or 499-1487, the cruise is open to the public.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please report promptly and file with the Supreme Lodge office, 1495 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169 5236. It is important to give name and number of the Lodge and Temple.

## BELIEVE AND SUCCEED



**WILLIAM D. RUBIN**  
New York Grand Chancellor

by HOWARD GREIF,  
Deputy Supreme Chancellor

New York — The Hon. William D. Rubin has been named Grand Chancellor of the Domain of New York for the 1997-98 Pythian Term. The unanimous election of Bro. Rubin to head the Empire State's nearly 35,000 Pythians highlighted the 129th Convention of the Grand Lodge held in Thompson Township, New York. The dignity of the installation was accomplished with the formality of a heightened ritualistic presentation enhanced by the presence of Supreme Chancellor Edwin E. Altman ably assisted by Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness, of Florida.

Bro. Rubin, is a 36 year member of Genesis Lodge #594, assumes the reigns of the largest concentration of individual lodges, and members in the Pythian Order Knights of Pythias. With his acceptance of responsibility he delivered a message that outlined a fervent desire to continue restructuring our Order, thereby bringing it into a current mode capable of presenting to the public an image that will attract the needed increases in membership.

Adopting as his administrations slogan, "Believe and we will Succeed", the new Grand Chancellor has gathered a cadre of aggressive people-oriented Pythians seeking to strengthened pride while achieving expanded growth and development with community involvement and communications highlighting that our Fraternity is truly something of value. He detailed an extensive range of programs designed to provide a positive and appealing view to the uninitiated. He also advocated closer ties and joint activities with New York Pythian Sisters, as well as a more responsiveness on the part of Grand Lodge Officers in meeting the needs of our constituent Lodges.

Other members of the Grand Council installed by our Supreme Chancellor:

Grand Vice Chancellor Joseph Freiman, Challenger #652; Grand Prelate, Joel Bergenfeld, King Solomon #514; Grand Secretary, Steve Krochmal, Hubert H. Humphrey #659; Grand Treasurer, Alan Krell, Franklin D. Roosevelt #613; Grand Master at Arms, Morton Hirsh, New City Orange-town #85; Grand Inner Guard, Kenneth Danker, Knickerbocker #510. Grand Outer Guard, Jordan Levy, Harmony #709.

The Grand Domain proudly boasts 102 individual Lodges all engaged in a wide range of social and fraternal activities. They include scholastic contests and scholarship programs, a summer camp for underprivileged children, several prime anti-drug and child find endeavors, a variety of sports programs, senior citizen and humanitarian charities.

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### NEW TEXAS LEADERSHIP INSTALLED

The Texas State Convention for the Knights of Pythias/Pythian Sisters was held June 8 - 11, at Fort Worth, Texas. On Wednesday, June 11, 1997, the Texas Pythian Sisters installed officers for the year 97-98. Pictured from left, Hazel Walker, grand temple mother; Belinda Talbot, grand guard; Wanda Standford, grand protector; Theola Duncan, grand treasurer; Linda Bridges, grand secretary; Linda Tuley, grand manager; Gayle Johnson, grand junior; Madeline Brown, grand senior; Ruth Wiley, grand chief, and Melanie Wilson, sitting past grand chief. Grand Chief Ruth Wiley is a member of Columbian Temple #4, Weatherford. Her project is improving the library at the Texas Pythian Home for Children.



**PYTHIAN INTERACTION** as Wisconsin grand lodge officers and Milwaukee's Juneau lodge members conferred Pythian Ranks on Rev. Al Salmi, a member of new Lincoln lodge #94, Chicago, Illinois, as the domains of Wisconsin and Illinois look forward to many years of ritualistic interaction and friendship. Pictured during the occasion, from left, Wayne Leverezen, grand prelate of Wisconsin; Robert Uchner, grand chancellor of Wisconsin; PC Gary Parker, Juneau Lodge #21; Rev. Al Salmi; Dan Rindt, chancellor commander of Juneau Lodge and Dr. David Laske, grand prelate of Illinois.

# CHOICES



MARY C. PARKER  
*Supreme Chief*

HONORED AT RECEPTION . . . as the Pythian Sisters of Indiana hosted a reception for Supreme Chief Mary Parker at the Fort Wayne Holiday Inn Downtown. Dignitaries included Alfred Saltzman, supreme secretary and his wife Ruth; Georgia Byrd, supreme manager; Pythians from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan. Many members of Mary's family were in attendance to share events of the evening and family entertainment.

## SUPREME TEMPLE WAYS AND MEANS

It is never too soon to work on the Ways and Means for Supreme Temple. T-shirts in turquoise with an umbrella and the words "Let a Smile be Your Umbrella" and "Pythian Sisters" will be available for \$10.00 American Money plus postage. The T-shirts come in Large and Extra large. Please place your order with Joyce Wright, 22 Main Street, Plaistow, N.H. 03865-3003. These should be available before Christmas.

A latch-hook rug with the Pythian Sister Emblem will be raffled. This rug is being made by PSR Geraldine Wyckoff of New Hampshire. Raffle tickets are available from Joyce Wright and are \$1.00 each or a book of six tickets for \$5.00. The background color is burgundy. These raffle tickets will also be available in the Craft Room at Supreme Sessions in 1998.

This is a good time to start making items for the Craft Room if you haven't already. We have received some interesting items with more promised.

This is a very fascinating world with each individual making a unique contribution. As an example of this, on one of the trips for conventions, the airline served bagels with cream cheese. Of the four people in my view I observed four different methods of eating bagels and cream cheese.

The first person split the bagel, spread the cream cheese on each side and ate each slice separately. The second split the bagel, spread the cheese then put the sides back together as a sandwich. The third did not split the bagel but broke it in half then spread cheese on each bite. The fourth just spread the cheese on the outside and proceeded to consume the bagel with out breaking or splitting it at all.

None of these methods were wrong, it just shows that as individuals we have choices whether it is how we eat, what we wear, who our friends are, what organizations we join, how we spend our money, I could go on and on.

The goals we set may be achieved or not by the choices we make along the way and consequently our place in society is influenced by these choices. It is not necessary for us to take the same path in our quest for fulfillment of our plans but there must be purpose and desire along with motivation and determination to be successful.

Have you set your goal, decided what is important to you and how to achieve your desires. We have talked about membership and what we must do to achieve an increase but have we seriously examined what it takes to retain the ones we currently have. Maybe this should be priority, a main goal.

When you go to a Temple meeting do you go with an open mind and meet and greet our members with a smile and good cheer? Do you try to understand another's point of view? No one is perfect and sometimes things are said that can have more than one interpretation.

Give the other person the benefit of the doubt or discuss it openly in good faith, remembering our Principles. Love one another, make allowance and respect her method of eating her bagel too. By giving the benefit of the doubt we will all be happier and if your sister is working hard for the betterment of our order give her a hand not a hard time.

Everyone needs a hug now and then. It doesn't cost anything and makes each of us feel better. If you meet someone without a smile give them one of yours **AND LET THAT SMILE BE YOUR UMBRELLA**

## *Pythians Observe Annual Memorial At Cathedral Of The Pines Shrine*

New England Pythians met at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire for the annual Pythian Memorial Service. The Cathedral of the Pines is a National Shrine. The New Hampshire Pythians have held services there since the mid-fifties and in 1969 by-laws were drawn up for the New England Cathedral of the Pines Committee. Grand Lodge of Connecticut was host for the 1997 service.

The Pythians from New Hampshire prepare the service and the picnic that follows. Taking part in the service were PSR Ed Wright, PSR Geraldine Wyckoff, PGC Nancy Jackman, and the Memorial Address was given by PSOG Laurence P. Ackerson. Jean Hampsey was organist and Vivian Gentes soloist. A donation was voted by the Committee to the Cathedral. Officers of the Committee are Co-Chairman Laurence Ackerson of New Hampshire and Frederick B. Steinberg of Massachusetts and Secretary/Treasurer Joyce Wright of New Hampshire.

The granite entrance sign at the Cathedral was donated by New Hampshire Pythians, the wheelchair path was partially funded by the New England Committee; landscaping around the entrance sign, and a TV/CR in the Museum have been provided by the Committee. The Knights and Sisters emblems join those of many other organizations in the Pulpit and the Knights emblem is in the stone wall of the Chapel. Geraldine Wyckoff has donated a Pythian Sister emblem to be added to the wall of the Chapel. There are many items on the grounds that have been donated by Pythians.

## A CAPITAL LOCATION

It is a pleasure for me and Supreme Chief Mary Parker to announce that our 1998 biennial Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple convention will be held in the city of Albany, New York, at the Omni Hotel, on July 30th thru August 8th 1998. The opening ceremonies, a memorial service and a banquet will be held on Sunday, August 2nd and concluding with installations of officers and a banquet on Wednesday August 5th.

Albany, New York, is the capital of the Empire State and the oldest chartered city in America. The Omni Albany is a luxury, full-service hotel located in the heart of beautiful, historic Albany, voted an All-American City by the National Civic League. The hotel offers complimentary van service to and from Albany County airport, which serves all major airlines. Bus and train stations are only five minutes away. The hotel is accessible by car via I-90 and I-87, and there is complimentary parking adjacent to the hotel.

The Omni is only blocks from the Capital Building, Empire State Plaza, New York State Museum, and the Knickerbocker Arena. Area attractions include guided tours of historic sites, concerts and theater, special exhibits, Saratoga Raceway, a river boat dinner cruise, a tour of the Rathbone Monument, and a sightseeing tour of the "Big Apple", New York City.

The convention committee, co-chairpersons PGC David Appelbaum, PSR Edith Platsky and their committees are pleased to offer the following rates: \$89.00 single or double occupancy; \$99.00 Triple occupancy; \$109.00 Quad occupancy. Also available are a limited number of Alcove Junior Suites at \$139.00 per night. The committee is diligently working to create a most enjoyable, harmonious and productive convention. More complete details will follow by mail, in the Pythian International and on the internet, ([www.pythias.org](http://www.pythias.org)).

*"Enthusiasm Causes Unbelievable Things To Happen"*



### TWO STUDENTS RECEIVE \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

North Carolina — A highlight of presentations by the Grand Lodge was passing out two scholarships each in amount of \$1,000 to aid in further education expenses for sons and daughters of members of the Order, funded by the Knights of Pythias Scholarship Fund. Former chairman, Sir Norman T. McLaurin, supreme outer guard and Robert L. Mallard presented the awards.

At left, Robert B. Mallard, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Mallard of West Durham received his award from his grandfather, who is a 50-year member of West Durham Lodge #130. Robert is the youngest Pythian member in the North Carolina Domain.

Pictured at right, Rita S. Carpenter receiving her \$1,000 scholarship award from Sir Norman T. McLaurin. Rita is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Carpenter of Cherryville, NC. Her father, Stan, is a member of Robert C. "Toad" Hayes Memorial Lodge #174, Cherryville.



EDWIN E. ALTMAN, KGC  
*Supreme Chancellor*

## MEETINGS OF INTEREST

What is the most interesting Lodge meeting that you can remember? We bet there is one that stands out in your mind above the rest.

If all meetings were like that one, what a fun and interesting place lodge would be, all the time.

When fun happens, what happens next?

People hear about it and will want to lend their individual interest and support because people will always want to go where there is fun.

If your Lodge is doing something exciting, entertaining or new, that is where people will be.

So think back, talk with your Chancellor Commander and get something going; your Brothers will appreciate it and your Lodge will grow and strengthen from it.

*(Missouri Newsletter)*



PGCs Michael Lounge, left and Barry Rubin, right, add congratulations to Olympians Paul Beranger for his efforts in softball shot-put and Jennifer Steinberg for winning the Frisbee discus event, during the annual Pythian Olympics which welcomed 165 mentally and physically challenged participants held at Handi Kids Therapeutic Recreational Facility in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

## PYTHIAN INVOLVEMENT

**HANDI-KIDS** is the common name of the King Solomon Lodge Humanitarian Foundation for Handicapped Children. Membership in the Foundation is open only to members in good standing of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of Massachusetts. They have the power of the vote at the annual meeting and elect the officers and Board of Directors of **HANDI-KIDS** who must all be members of the Order. The Board of Directors of **HANDI-KIDS** can then elect a limited number of non-Pythians to the Board and these seats are for people who have shown a keen interest in the work and goals of **HANDI-KIDS** and have been helpful in fund-raising endeavors.

## NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY

The following article was submitted by Joseph Wine, KGS, President, Handi-Kids, prior to his untimely death.

We in Massachusetts are very proud of what we have done to ease the plight of physically and/or mentally handicapped children and would like to bring our efforts to your attention with the hope that this idea could grow into a nationwide cause that would bring resultant beneficial publicity to our Order, while we are making life easier for these disadvantaged children.

**BACKGROUND** — In 1963, members of King Solomon Lodge #18, Domain of Massachusetts, founded the King Solomon Humanitarian Foundation for handicapped Children which is commonly known as **HANDI-KIDS**. At first, **HANDI-KIDS** functioned by delivering help and wheelchairs to home bound children. In the early seventies, a benefactor donated 35 acres of land to the Foundation. The land is located in Bridgewater, a town approximately 40 miles southeast of Boston. This parcel of land had been a stone quarry and was overrun with vegetation when we acquired it. Through the efforts of the brothers of the Lodge, and the help of the Army Corps of Engineers, the land was cleared and made ready for use.

We would suggest that this type of cause should be of interest to the Supreme Lodge and other Grand Lodges as a humanitarian effort and a way of bringing favorable publicity to the Order.

We would be pleased to have you visit our facility if ever you should find yourself in Massachusetts.

**HANDI-KIDS** offers its advice and benefit of its experience to any domain that would like to become involved in furthering this type of endeavor and cause and welcomes any assistance that any other domain would like to give to it.

Anyone wishing to make a donation or further information, they may contact Handi-Kids at 470 Pine Street, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02324.

**TODAY** — **HANDI-KIDS** activities and facilities consists of a summer camp, a multi-purpose administration building and gymnasium, and Olympic-size pool with adjacent male and female locker rooms, playgrounds, a ball field surrounded by a running track, and arts and crafts building, an outdoor non-sectarian chapel, a man made fish-stocked pond, pedal boats and a barn where we keep eight horses that are used in our acclaimed therapeutic riding program. It should be noted that all of our facilities and programs are handicapped accessible and

dedicated for use by the "KIDS".

**HOW DID WE DO THIS** — All as a result of private donations made by the Grand Lodge, members of the Knights of Pythias and other caring individuals and companies. We have never asked for, or received, one cent of public money.

**OUR UNDERLYING PRINCIPLE** — All mentally and/or physically challenged children are entitled to recreational opportunities. To that end, 'HANDI-KIDS' fees are minimal. Each summer camper automatically received a \$500. scholarship which is applied to the camp fee which was \$800. for the two-week session last summer. However, no one has ever been turned away.

Our experience is that these unfortunate children are usually members of financially disadvantaged families who are in need of further financial assistance which we provide. The same philosophy applies to the other seasonal programs, such as handicapped Boy/Girl Scout troops, after school and teen programs.

Last summer, we were able to service 280 handicapped children at four two-week sessions of summer camp; two-week sessions because of the different handicaps that are encountered. Our recent goal was 350. And we stress, no one will be turned away.



Saul Davis, right, King Solomon Lodge #18, Canton, discussing events with Olympian Jenny Boyde, one of 165 mentally, physically challenged at the Handi-Kids facility at Bridgewater. Center is GVC Harvey Levinsky.



President of Handi-Kids Harvey Slobodkin, member of Canton Lodge #6, as he discussed strategy of softball shot-put with Olympian Gilbert Resdes of Bridgewater, an annual event sponsored by the Knights of Pythias.



Brother Wilson Hartley, Chancellor Commander, Myrtle Lodge #3, Columbia, and for several years Chairman of the Lodge UCP Canister Program, winner of Domain Pythian of the Year, receiving a plaque from Brother Sir Richard W. Jantzen, Sr., PDSC, Grand Secretary.



Past Grand Chief Janice Bailey, Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker, Grand Chief Ellen Carrithers, Supreme Guard Kathlene Lacy.

## KELLOGG HOSTS IDAHO GRAND SESSIONS

The annual sessions of the Idaho Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened at Kellogg, in June, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker and PSC Darrell L. Henry, for a full scope of business and social activities. Visiting members were welcomed from Montana, Oregon and British Columbia.

Janice Bailey of Kellogg presided over the Grand Temple business sessions while Grand Chancellor Tip Whiting of Bonners Ferry conducted the Grand Lodge business interests. The Grand Lodge welcomed Montana Brothers, which by virtue of charter consolidation are now under the Idaho Domain. PGC Roy Anderson and PGC Charles Rombough, former Montana Grand Lodge officers are now giving service as Idaho Grand Lodge officers.

Grand Chief Ellen Carrithers of Couer d'Alene, and her corps of officers are giving support to Supreme Temple projects as well as special attention to United Cerebral Palsy. In working through "Disability Action Center" in Couer d'Alene. DAC is a resource agency, searching out school children who are UCP and MS victims. They loan equipment and communication systems and help locate same with aid of Medical Associations and Welfare Agencies who are able to purchase needed items at reduced costs.

The Grand Lodge dealt with interests in further support of making funding available for scholarship awards and financial aid to Boy Scout Camping. PSC Darrell Henry gave detailed resume of Supreme Chancellor "Project Renaissance" with encouragement to future growth of interest and activity.

Grand Chancellor Richard Beck, a Bonners Ferry businessman and fellow officers were installed by PSC Darrell Henry, assisted by DSC Ron Netter and SR Marv Wilson. With plans to take steps to go forward, Grand Chancellor Beck pointed to value of programs that may be carried out in the community for better awareness and benefit from community pride.

Supreme Protector Kathlene Lacy thanked the Idaho members for their help and financial support in staging the Supreme Sessions at Portland, last August. She observed of the successful events and passed out certificates of appreciation.

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## SOUTH CAROLINA MEMBERS RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARDS

Joint activities of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple of South Carolina took place in May, at Columbia, enjoying the presence of Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen B. Vickness.

New-term Grand Temple Officers are: Virginia Quarterman, PGC; Mary Sesnauskas, grand chief; Jane Karbowski, grand senior; Joe Sosbee, grand junior; Leona Callahan, grand manager; PDSC Elizabeth Jantzen, grand secretary; PGC Mary Lou Cochran, grand treasurer; PGC Jeanean Fuseler, grand protector; Violet Harris, grand guard.

Grand Chancellor Carol B. Wichmann will be supported by Grand Lodge Officers of: Ferdinand A. Karbowski, grand vice chancellor; Richard L. Harding, grand prelate; PDSC Richard W. Jantzen, Sr., grand secretary; PGC Samuel K. Fogle, grand treasurer; Arthur R. Datnoff, grand master at arms; Joseph L. McGee, grand inner guard; Wayne C. Smith, Jr., grand outer guard.



Brother Johnnie T. Morris, DSC, Myrtle Lodge #3, Columbia, winner of the Domain Ritual Contest receiving a Plaque from Brother Sir David S. Quaternan, DDGC, Chairman of the Domain Ritual Contest Committee.

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PSC Darrell Henry, left, presenting gavel to Idaho Grand Chancellor Richard Beck.

## GRAND TEMPLE SESSIONS FOR PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Alberta — The 67th session of the Grand Temple, Prairie Provinces gathered at Stony Plain, Alberta for a three-day convention. Grand Chief Joan Way of Edmonton, presided graciously and conducted the business with expediency and wisdom.

Of particular interest was the craft table, and also the raffles which support Cerebral Palsy. A delightful banquet and an evening of entertainment was enjoyed.

The sessions concluded with the installation of Grand Chief Inez Cumberland of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

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# PLANNING FOR A BETTER FUTURE

In meetings scheduled around Imperial Santha functions held recently in Columbus, Ohio, the Supreme Temple Promotional Committee designed an outline for a web page on the internet. Coincidentally, Supreme Lodge Executive Council, in meetings held down the Hotel hallway, approved including Pythian Sisters in their internet program and offered us our own web page at no cost to us. With authorization from Supreme Chief Mary Parker, we graciously accepted our Brothers' generous offer and will soon go on-line to the world.

The Promotional Committee, coming from all areas of the Supreme jurisdiction, gathered with the Supreme Chief to share our concerns for the State of the Order and to consider suggestions and to implement projects that would help us to promote and rebuild the Order of Pythian Sisters. We realize that, in order to grow and to achieve a prominent place in society, motivation plays a key factor — and motivation must come from within the member, as well as within the temple.

We also know that we must stir that motivation by adopting programs that make a considerable commitment to our communities and to the welfare of those who need our friendship and caring lifestyle and especially, by publicizing all that we do and stand for.

Our goals, as we see them are:

- To introduce Pythianism to the world through the web.
- To introduce Pythianism to our community through community-involvement programs.
- To improve and expand our Pythian Sister image with exciting programs that will

## *Pythian Sisters To Go On-Line To The World*

by GERI M. WORLEY, PSC  
Committee Chairman



*Involved on this special Supreme Temple Promotional Committee are, Georgia Byrd, Supreme Manager, Michigan; Sue Hendricks, PGC, Indiana; Linda Raeburn, PGC, Washington; Mabel Lowther, PGC, Maritime Provinces.*

build Pythian Pride and self esteem within our membership.

We expect to attract many young women, who, in "surfing the net", will find us an attractive organization to which they can relate, one in which they find a basis for their own particular needs for friendship and innate desire for giving to others. We can also expect to hear from current members and even from former members who might be searching for contacts with temples and from family members concerning relatives. The Supreme Lodge Secretary's office has experienced thousands of these kinds of calls and find the page very worthwhile. Calls and messages will, for the time being, come to me and be disseminated to key persons in each state or province.

Other projects discussed and to be implemented by the committee include restructured literature that will promote our Order from within as well as to the outside. A new and colorful brochure, Hawaii's invitation, and a folder, double business card are a few of the tools available soon for introducing the Order to others while ideas from the Great Ideas Program of PSC Shirley Bach's term, as well as various programs of their terms, should create more meaningful activity for each Temple and produce a greater sense of pride among our members.

While this is a general report of the committee's proposals, a newsletter from the committee will go out soon, and regularly, to all Grand Chief's and to Subordinate Temples under Supreme giving a more complete listing of proposals, with information and assistance in implementing any of the programs we suggest.

We invite letters with suggestions and inquiries and we *urgently* request the support and participation from every Pythian Sister. **PROMOTE OUR PYTHIAN SISTER ORDER — NOW!**

## **KAMIA TOPEL INSTALLED GRAND ROYAL PRINCESS**

Ohio — Kamia Topel of Faithful Council #17, Swanton, was installed as Grand Royal Princess of the Sunshine Girls at Ohio Grand Council. This was held at Holiday Inn-Dayton South, Dayton, Ohio on June 14.

Other Officers are: Theresa Zehler, Jr. P.G. Royal Princess; Angie Bloemker, G. Charity; Tracey Parker, G. Friendship; Jenny Dennis, G. Prelate; Lonnie Baughman, G. Recorder; Susan Farough, G. Exchequer; Katrina Hyde, G. Guide; Scarlet Coveney, G. Mystic One; Kristin Pangburn, G. Warder; and April Farough, G. Sentinel.

## **TEN NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED IN VIRGINIA**

Patrick Henry Lodge #82 of Martinsville, enjoyed a special June initiation class for ten new members which was held in honor of Virginia Grand Chancellor Billy Rotenberry, a member of Patrick Henry Lodge.

Reported to be the largest class of initiation for many years, Patrick Henry members of Tommy Fain, grand prelate and Bobby Riggs, grand master at arms, took parts in conferring the ranks. Refreshments were served in the social hall following the ritualistic events.

New members welcome were, Kenneth Draper, Bill Hooper, Billy Akers, Tim Powell, Terry Stump, Jimmy Ashworth, Richard Harris, Mike Holly and Richard Elliott, Barry Harrison.

## **NEW PYTHIAN HISTORY**

A new Pythian History has just been completed covering the entire Supreme Domain. This book, **FOURTEEN DECADES OF BROTHERHOOD**, is an excellent source of information regarding the structure of the Knights of Pythias, its goals, principles, and inner workings.

Among the highlights of the book are chapters on Pythian Heroes, and the largest collection of listings of subordinate lodges ever assembled anywhere!

Also included are separate histories of each Grand Domain and District from its beginnings. There are also chapters with biographies, charitable endeavors, and Pythian auxiliaries.

Due to the cost of printing, only 1,000 copies will be available. Cost of the book is \$40.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Books will be available by November 30th, 1997.

To order, please make check payable to:

Michael W. Carr  
PO Box #42,  
Carson, Iowa 51525

Editor Note: Brother Carr advises that any profit will be used for Pythian membership activities as well as getting a chapter of the Junior Order started.



## PGC EDWARD FRIDAY RECEIVES GOLDEN SPUR HONORS

North Carolina — The Degree of the Golden Spur was conferred upon PGC Edward Friday, by Robert C. "Toad" Hayes Memorial Lodge #174 of Cherryville, during the June sessions of the Grand Lodge Convention. Supreme Outer Guard Norman T. McLaurin, Knight of the Golden Spur, served as Master of Ceremonies, with assistance by officers and members during the impressive ritualistic ceremonies.

Brother Friday was honored for his 25 years of service and contributions to the community, lodge and order. A retired Duke Power employee, he has been instrumental and active in a variety of areas with civic clubs, his church, food bank, little league teams and his DOKK temple.

Ed used his expertise and help in remodeling the interior of the Knights of Pythias building; always ready to answer the call of F. C. & B., he is tremendously deserving of the honor and recognition for his many contributions.

With further recognition and honor, Brother Friday was duly elected and installed to the prestigious office of Basha in the Imperial Palace of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, during the recent Imperial sessions at Columbus, Ohio.

## TEXAS PYTHIANFEST WELL SUPPORTED

Texas — Members of Oak Cliff Lodge #80, Knights of Pythias and Oak Cliff Temple #22, Pythian Sisters really went over the river and through the woods to attend their 'PYTHIANFEST' at Midlothian towards the end of July.

The event was a combination promotional and fellowship involving Knights, Sisters, and Friends who might be prospects for membership with the Pythian Order.

With more than 80 meeting in the evening of July 26th, in 90 degree heat but enjoying a gentle breeze, lots of barbeque with all the trimmings, including home made ice cream.

The gathering enjoyed presence of 10 grand lodge and grand temple officers, nine past grands along with members representing seven temples and four lodges. Children's Home Administrator Peggy Hutton showed a video of the Home and answered questions about its operation.

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# MISSION SUCCESS



CROWE

by **BOBBY G. CROWE**  
*Supreme Prelate*

A key to our future in the Pythian Order. What do we mean by Mission Success. I think it is a real commitment to achieve superior performance and provide quality service and leadership to meet the expectations of our members. It is critical for the future of our Fraternal Order that each of us get involved and strive to succeed in our individual task if we as an Order is to survive and move forward.

We must compete as we are no stronger than our weakest link. We must double our efforts to develop our identity as a team, people oriented and involved in our communities.

Some suggestions for Mission Success:

- Teamwork — do your part, cooperate and work together to get the job accomplished. Be a team player.
- Leadership — Set the example, provide direction for others and distribute authority. Give out praise to others.
- Communications — Promote and tell the world who we are, keep the membership informed, sell our product.
- Competition — We must be competitive, adapt to change, be positive with a 'can do attitude', be the go to person.
- Ethics/Morals — Practice our Principals and values, be responsible and trustworthy, strive to be the best.

Mission Success, is not a Slogan. It is our commitment to achieve Success For The Future of the Knights of Pythias.

## MARYLAND SISTERS HOLD DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

District #1 Sisters with Jackie Johnston, District Deputy Grand Chief and members of Morning Star Temple #1, Lonaconing, presided at the annual District Convention held in Lonaconing.

In District #2, Joyce Dilks, District Deputy Grand Chief and members of Forest Oak Temple #18, Gaithersburg, presided at the annual District Convention held in Gaithersburg.

A day of informative and instructive learning took place as there were many questions and coverage on all aspects of the Ritualistic work in the Subordinate Temple Ritual. Both District Conventions were well attended by the sisters not only in their respective Districts but from all over the State including Grand Chief Rosalynn Benson and most of the Grand Temple officers.

These annual Schools of Instruction also included time for fun and fellowship, enjoyed by everyone.

## COMMITMENT

by **MATTHEW BEAUGRAND, DDGC**

A few years ago, Pentiction Lodge #49, Knights of Pythias, Pentiction, British Columbia, received a letter asking for assistance to purchase and install a wheelchair lift. Over the period of a year we receive many letters to assist in various causes. In most cases, such requests are received and filed.

The primary reason for this is a prior commitment toward Cerebral Palsy. This case however required a reassessment of our prior commitments. Following an investigation of the circumstance, the members of the lodge decided to have the lift installed.

The joy of both, the recipient as well as the giver would be indescribable. In addition, our efforts provided us with a valuable education. Not only did it resolve the question of what constitutes a handicap, especially given the opportunity with the technology available, but also the assurance that a personal contact has provided us with a better understanding of people with a disability.

A simple thing such as access to a residence is a challenge to a person confined to a wheelchair. Most of all, we have come to realize that friendship, charity and benevolence do not mean a thing unless we are committed to the principals our Order stands for.

To be sure, our combined efforts have resulted in a lessening of the suffering of people afflicted with Cerebral Palsy. But, only a personal familiarization with the disease makes a reassessment of our commitment possible. Therefore, what we really need is a new commitment to the cause.



*Presentation of Commendations took place during Joint Opening Ceremonies as Most Gracious Maharani Sheila Boren, left, and Imperial Prince Preston Thomas, right, were cited for their outstanding service. Convention chairpersons, Lonnie Baughman, 2nd from left and Chester Hazelton, 2nd from right, officiated.*

**HUMANITARIAN AWARD**, presented by Past Imperial Prince Michael Monaghan of two portable Oximeters, being accepted by Dani Smith, nursing manager of Akron Children's Hospital. The presentation took place during the Dokey/Nomad banquet at Columbus, Ohio in August. A plaque on each unit reads: "This equipment donated by the DOKK, Knights of Khorassan Imperial Palace in the name of the Knights of Pythias".

**DOKEYS, NOMADS HOLD IMPERIAL SESSIONS**  
Members from across the United States and Canada gathered at the Ramada University Inn and Conference Center in Columbus, Ohio, August 8 - 14, for the 53rd Imperial Palace and the 42nd Imperial Darbar Biennial Convention. As well as enjoying the abundance of Ohio hospitality. An impressive memorial Service took place. A full compliment of business activity was mixed with various joint social functions, including the Canadian Moose Milk Party, Drill Contest, the customary 'midnight breakfasts' moved ahead to 11 p.m., was well attended; banquets and luncheons were popular with good food and fellowship. During Ceremonies, several members were initiated into the Pythian Sisters, the Dokeys and Nomads.

## A NEW ASPECT OF OUR FRATERNAL ORDER

by **ARTHUR BONNET**  
Imperial Prince

Only Pythians are eligible for membership in the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan (DOKK), and membership in the DOKK is your opportunity to enjoy an exciting new aspect of our fraternal Order. As well, you'll enjoy the realm of fun and frolic. You'll find that DOKK meetings, ceremonials, customs and plans are refreshingly different from your usual Lodge patterns.

As an initiate you'll certainly enjoy receiving, witnessing and possibly even becoming an active participant in the renowned DOKK "Eighth Order". The DOKK ritual teaches valuable lessons of life and includes a scene which exemplifies our motto "Lift Up The Fallen". It is rated as one of the finest ritualistic parts ever written.

Local organizations are known as Temples and have been established in communities throughout the United States and Canada. The DOKK is governed by a national organization known as the Imperial Palace, similar to the Supreme Lodge except that it deals directly with the Temples and has no state body such as a Grand Lodge. The Imperial Palace is comprised of representatives from Temples across the United States and Canada who meet in convention every two years.

If there is no DOKK Temple in your community and you wish to organize one, a minimum of twenty-five Pythians may make application to the Imperial Palace to establish



**ARTHUR BONNOT**

a Temple. There are, from time to time various incentives available from the Imperial Palace to groups establishing a new Temple.

Highlights of Dokey interest and membership include: interest-free student loans for education; satisfaction for workings in fields of humanitarianism.

The result of DOKK fund raising is directed towards the fulfillment of the Orders honored humanitarian aim "LIFT UP THE FALLEN".



**HAPPY WINNINGS**, as Marilyn Roach of Michigan, fanned out her \$1,000 in the DOKK Treasure Cash Draw; James Boyette of Florida followed with \$300 cash and a Virginia Santha won \$200. Mamie Ann Merrill of Nevada and Marleen Powell of British Columbia also took home winnings during drawings at the Dokey/Nomad Banquet.

### **PYTHIANS ENJOY PICNIC**

Ohio — Members and families of Clark Lodge #764, Cleveland, participated and enjoyed events of an annual picnic at Geauga Lake. With more than 100 rides and attractions, Hook's Lagoon, a five-storey treehouse loaded with water-powered gadgets was of interest together with rides and shows for the young and young at heart, with all appreciating the picnic lunch food.

## CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE

To Include Part of September

Arizona .....	827.00
California .....	318.57
Colorado/Wyoming .....	272.47
District of Columbia .....	200.00
Florida .....	5,728.55
Illinois .....	1,338.13
Iowa .....	1,419.46
Kentucky .....	275.42
Main .....	227.00
Maryland .....	623.00
Massachusetts .....	32,750.00
Michigan .....	3,541.00
Minnesota .....	370.00
Mississippi .....	315.00
Missouri .....	2,402.60
Montana .....	486.70
Nebraska .....	20.00
New Hampshire .....	400.00
New Jersey .....	550.00
New Mexico .....	1,625.00
New York .....	1,014.12
North Carolina .....	7,667.50
Ohio .....	20,074.18
Oklahoma .....	2,298.34
Oregon .....	1,040.00
Pennsylvania .....	835.00
South Carolina .....	4,007.50
Tennessee .....	6,446.43
Texas .....	949.31
Utah .....	350.00
Virginia .....	2,332.50
Washington .....	935.09
Wisconsin .....	726.00

**TOTAL \$105,801.74**

# ONLY MONTHS TO GO

by ALLEN S. MORRIS, SR  
Pythian Order/UCP Chairman

With only a few months left before the national broadcast of UCP's Star Fest '98 in January, my records indicate we will have reached the \$100,000 mark. Unfortunately that's half the amount we would have liked to see donated, but it's definitely worth a pat on the back to those of you who have worked so loyally to help raise funds for this most worth while cause. On behalf of the Supreme Lodge, I Thank each and every one of you.

This year, Star Fest '98 will be formatted differently, beginning with the taping of our presentation months before the telethon itself. However, this year's presentation will include a verbal on what our Orders are and what we do. I believe this will be well received by the general viewing audience. Presently, I don't have information on which TV affiliates will carry Star Fest '98, nor do I know if they will air it on the same dates it appears on national television.

Hopefully, I will have this information far enough in advance so you can sit comfortably in front of your TV to enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

On a sad note, the canister chairman for the Domain of Massachusetts, PC Robert Dawn passed away this past June, leaving a huge void to fill. Bob was responsible for almost single handedly raising close to \$50,000 yearly, all of which was donated to national. Our Grand Chancellor appointed PSC Archie Block to fill Bob's shoes, fortunately Archie has big feet. Having served as national Pythian Chairman during the Hess Administration, while being involved with UCP on the local level, Archie was the logical choice. It appears that everything is back on track.

As always, I'll keep you posted. Keep those dollars coming in.

Reminder, don't forget to mail your donations to United Cerebral Palsy (check or money order only) along with your Activity Report to:

Raymond Snarr, PGC

Treasurer, Pythian order/UCPA Central Account  
6469 Runkle Road  
St. Paris, OH 43072-9479

No Activity Report Form? Drop Brother Ray a note and he'll send you as many as you need.

On behalf of the ENTIRE Pythian Order, thank you for your continued support.

## KEEPING THE RECORDS STRAIGHT

by RAYMOND SNARR, PGC, Treasurer/UCP Account

As Secretary/Treasurer for the Pythian Order/UCP Board of Directors it is my job to receive, record and send out receipts for all contributions made by Pythians in the United States for this most worthwhile project.

When you send in your contributions please use the activity report forms. If you do not have one, please contact me and I will send you some. The use of these forms makes it easier for me to make sure that the contributions are properly attributed, both by type of project and source of the contribution. The money that we send to UCP National is distributed back to the local chapters by use of Zip Codes so it is imperative that you include them on the activity report form. Please make your checks payable to: Pythian Order/UCP.

The Pythian Sisters and the Nomads of Avrudaka have special projects in process and money raised for these projects should be sent directly to the appropriate chairperson for proper record keeping purposes. Please make any checks that you send to them, payable to that chairperson.

Pythian Sisters: Jill Unger-Moder,  
160 Drury Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Nomads of Avrudaka: Angie Woods,  
353 S. Perry St., Hagerstown, IN 47346

It is of utmost importance that all contributions be sent through the Central Account. If this procedure is not followed, we (the Pythian Order) will not receive credit for such donations and no one will know how much we have actually contributed.

## NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY COATS FOR KIDS

Coats for Kids, a marvelous program collecting coats for distribution around Christmas, is again being organized in New York and new this year to New Jersey with the Neighborhood Cleaners Association (NCA), and is also sponsored by Marriott Hotel Corporation, Onyx International Tri-State GMC Dealers Association, New York Cares, and New Jersey Cares. This is the 14th year of the program which should provide for its 200,000th child this December and is run by the NCA. COATS FOR KIDS is a great opportunity for Pythians to contribute to children and the health and welfare of the community. Lloyd Merson, NY PACDDGC, chair of last year's highly successful effort and Lea Stenchever, NJ CDGC are coordinating collection details.

## PYTHIAN ORDERS FOR UCP MEET

During events of the Dokey/Nomad Imperial sessions at Columbus, Ohio, executive officers of the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters, Dokeys, Nomads and Sunshine Girls convened with discussions concerning the operation and updated statistic reports given by Treasurer Ray Snarr, on the Pythian/United Cerebral Palsy account. Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman reported on material and process that had taken place in obtaining video material for Pythian sponsorship identity on the up-coming Telethon.

A further meeting took place with UCP Director of Corporate Development, Steven Getz. Mr. Getz, present for the Dokey/Nomad banquet, paid compliments to the Pythian Orders for their interest, workings and cooperation.



**MALL DISPLAY PROMOTES UCP, PYTHIANISM**

Washington — FSR Lorraine Day, center, Washington UCP chairman, along with Sisters Sarah Brazier and Margretta Johnston, as they manned a Pythian Sisters display table at a local mall in support of United Cerebral Palsy. To the end of June, Sister Day filed her report with contributions close to \$1500. With reporting that the display table was a big help in selling 118 suncatchers, it was also a great opportunity to meet people and promote the Pythian Order as well.

# BRAINSTORMING, PROBLEM SOLVING WILL POINT THE WAY FOR RENEWAL

Ontario — The terms of Grand Chancellor Thomas Carter and Grand Chief Terry Scott came to a close as the Ontario Grand Sessions convened at Wallaceburg in June. The convention enjoyed the presence of Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS, with thanks to the host lodge and temple for all their work and courtesies.

New-term Grand Chancellor Marvin Blier of Toronto, an educator by profession, was initiated as a member of Criens Lodge in New York in 1969. Has been a member of Judaea Lodge #52, Toronto, since 1987, where he has been actively involved in officer and committee workings for the lodge.

In his acceptance speech, Brother Blier observed, "Grand Lodge provides a province-wide forum for brainstorming and problem solving. The team has invaluable experience and the capacity of collectively performing those acts necessary for changing of the times. As we are only 2½ years away from the close of this century, let us take upon ourselves the aspects of positivism — it's what we can do, not what we can't do. Instead of bemoaning problems, we can create opportunity for success".

"Brainstorming has some very simple and positive rules. The first two, that require lateral thinking, are; all ideas have value and must be listed and there must be an absence of criticism of individuals. The second two, that require vertical thinking, are; prioritize the ideas to create solutions and implement those solutions."

PSR Norma Richie of Wallaceburg was awarded with Pythian of the Year

Honors; PC Gladys Williams of Welland, was presented with the Proficiency Award.

GRAND CHIEF AVRIL HOWALD, holds active interest and workings with Welcome Temple #7; Thunder Bay; She appreciates the opportunity of learning and making new acquaintances while advancing through the subordinate and grand temple offices. Seeking for additional membership, Sister Howald stresses this matter as a priority to continue with various altruistic ventures.

As a nurse, she has worked closely with many afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and has taken this as the jurisdiction altruistic project for fund raising and increased awareness of this condition for continued research for the cause and treatment.



Grand Chancellor Marvin Blier, left, and Grand Chief Avril Howald pose with Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS, during the Ontario Grand Sessions at Wallaceburg.

## NEW JERSEY ANTICIPATES A GREAT TERM

The Domain of New Jersey under Grand Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien and his new Grand Council eagerly and anxiously anticipates an exciting, great term. Several new programs and former concepts are in the process of implementation; participating in Coats for Kids with the Domain of New York; helping with the launching of the Joyce Foundation for providing the public with cancer resource information; New Jersey-wide blood bank; Eagle Scout program; Buyer's Edge discounts; Florida February Reunion; and memorial tributes to PSC Samuel Read and Pythian Hero Peter Woodland.

Membership has been approached as a 3-year plan for growth and continuity in addition to emphasis on planning for public relations, instruction, and internet communication. Ushering in the new term, the September 1997 Grand Lodge Convention, at the Raleigh Hotel, South Fallsburg, New York, honored outgoing Grand Chancellor Sir William Hausler for his year and welcomed Grand Outer Guard David Bellack with the installation of Grand Lodge officers.

As New Jersey plans for the approach of the millennium, stressing program, membership, public relations and community involvement, the theme for the year is "K. of P. Great in '98; Participate; Go the Distance." Share the enthusiasm and excitement, participate in a great year, but enjoy the friendships in helping the community, the public, and the Order.

## LODGE HONORS WOMAN OF THE YEAR



From left, Daniel L. Krimmer, Esq., Co-chairman Public Relations; Dr. Minna Barrett, Science Advisor; Phyllis Capriola, Pres. Levittown Chamber of Commerce; Geri Barish, Pres. 1-9; The L. I. Breast Cancer Action Coalition; Thomas S. Gulotta, Nassau County Executive; Herb Gold, PDGC, Chairman Public Relations; Assemblyman Charles O'Shea; Rhoda Schaeffer, Exec. Vice President 1-9; Joel Berse, DGC 11th Pythian District.

New York — Mid Island Lodge #828, recently held a special honor night to call attention to a devastating disease afflicting many women in the Long Island area, namely

breast cancer. We were honored to have chosen a most deserving person for our Community Woman of the Year for 1997, namely Geri Barish, president of 1 in 9; the Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition.

Her continuous efforts and work in this area make her a most worthy recipient of this distinction. Our Nassau County Executive, Hon. Tom Gulotta, who was much involvement in this area was present to recognize Geri Barish for her achievements, in addition to many town of Oyster Bay and State Officials.



### SPECIAL APPRECIATION

Washington — Barely old enough to hand-print a Thank You note, Ashley Cook sent her thanks for a \$25 donation to the Heart Fund, given in her name from Rainbow Temple #88 of Bethel. Ashley is the granddaughter of Ruth Cook, a member from Port Orchard who participated in a Rope Jump for Heart fundraising project.

# MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH

by HOWARD GREIF, DSC  
Supreme Membership Chairman

No more speeches, no more excuses, now you too can say . . . "we've just created new Brothers" . . . because the Renaissance Project's Membership Program really works, and that's just our opinion.

By this time the detailed presentation file showing "how to do it" has been distributed to the Chancellor Commander of lodges within every Domain via the efforts of the Deputy Supreme Chancellor's. We have been in contact with many of these DSC's and overall the commentaries are exciting.

We are quite pleased to report that some areas indicate success with their individual activities, and are pushing to expand their campaign. These good results are in deep suburban as well as well populated cities.

However, we find it somewhat disappointing that (thankfully) only some few others are pure negativity, not even giving it a shot.

Seeking out new members with whom to share what we prize so highly can be a great adventure, meeting new and interesting people. This simple to use, new and easy plan, enables you to develop exciting enthusiasm, and at the same time break out of a tired old mold.

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We aren't asking you to fly solo, and as always I am available for consultation and assistance . . . Call (718) 436-6399, Fax (718) 436-7141 or write 503 East Second Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218. We are in this together, so let's make it happen.

## SAN ANTONIO PROMOTIONAL

Texas — On Saturday, May 17, a Promotional Luncheon Meeting was held at the historic Fort Sam Houston Officers Club in San Antonio. Jointly sponsored by the Grand Councils of the Texas Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters, the Promotional was held to help get more members for San Antonio's Yellow Rose Temple #2 and get Triumph Lodge #36 activated again.

Promotional Chairperson, Linda Tuley, grand protector, of Weatherford and Mistress of Ceremonies, Gayle Johnson, grand manager, of San Antonio, planned and presided over the meeting.

The promotional consisted of a delicious luncheon followed by an interesting and informative program about the entire Pythias Order. Short talks/videos on the Lesson of Friendship, the Knights and Sisters, the Childrens Home in Weatherford, the two Homes for the Aged in Greenville, the Nomads and the Dokey's (in costume) and the History of the First Lodge were given by 29 visiting Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers from all over Texas. Fourteen prospective members were present.

That evening, the out-of-town guests were given a tour of El Mercado (the Market Square) and San Antonio's famed downtown Riverwalk. A great time was had by all.

# LARGE DONATIONS, SUPPORT TO UCP AT OHIO SESSIONS



Ohio new-term grand lodge and grand temple leadership team of Bernard Olding and Ruth Bishop.



## LONG TIME MEMBERS THANKED

Grand Chief Terry Scott, standing, center, added congratulations to three Sisters from Stratford who were on hand for the Ontario grand temple sessions. Seated, PC Hazel Skidmore, 65 year member; PSR Grace Weir, left, 55 year member and PSR Lise Seager, 50 year member.

The annual sessions of the Ohio Grand Lodge and Grand Temple took place Sept. 3rd thru 6th at the Radisson Airport Hotel in Columbus, with Grand Chancellor Wayne Vanwey and Grand Chief Kathryn Wolfinger officiating.

The members welcomed and enjoyed the presence of Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness, Supreme Chief Mary Parker together with Nomads of Avrudaka Maharani Ruth Rodgers and her husband Maharajah Charles Rodgers from Indiana.

An impressive memorial service reported, with deep regrets, on the passing to the Temple Above of 144 Knights, 33 of which were 50-year members; Pythian Sisters losing 75 and 14 Brother Knights.

UCP Treasurer Raymond Snarr, PGC, received numerous monetary gifts including \$5,000+ from Ohio Pythian Sisters through UCP chairman PGC Shirley McAlister; PSR Milo Wise presented a check in amount of \$1700; PGC Florence Ferbeck presented a check for \$553; North Jackson Lodge #343 presented a check for \$260; Red Stat Lodge #205 donated \$1400 from the Bingo Committee.

Pythian Sisters Membership Chairman Susan Gelbaugh reported that 41 new Sisters had been welcomed over the past year.

Ohio is pleased to announce the new Grand Chancellor is Bernard Olding of Cheviot Lodge #755, Cleveland and the Grand Chief is Ruth Bishop of Alexandria Temple #359, Alexandria. Olding has pursued Communication as his platform and both are urging for concentration to increase membership.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please report promptly and file with the Supreme Lodge office, 1495 Hancock Street, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169 5236. It is important to give name and number of the Lodge and Temple.

## American Cancer Society — A Final Wish

Jessica Mydek is seven years old and is suffering from an acute and very rare case of Cerebral Carcinoma. This condition causes severe malignant brain tumors and is a terminal illness. As part of her dying wish, she wanted to start a chain letter to inform people of this condition and to send people the message to live life to the fullest and enjoy every moment, a chance that she will never have.

## GRANDDAUGHTERS INITIATED

Washington — Special events of the District #13 convention at Renton, in June, was the welcoming to membership of four new members for Rhododendron Temple #30. The Obligation was given to Dime Moeen, Elisha Dollhouser and Sandra Dollhouser. Initiation ceremonies took place for Angela Houldjerg. The last three ladies listed, are granddaughters of PSR Maxine Houlbjerg.

DDGC Velma Johnson and Grand Chief Kay Murphy were present for the convention events which included presentation of 50-year membership credentials to Doris Burrill as well as marking her 60-years of marriage. She was presented with a 50-year pin that had belonged to the late Millier Patterson.

# TENNESSEE GRAND LODGE REPORTS NET GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee convened in Nashville for their June sessions with Grand Chancellor Larry Thompson conducting his business sessions with dignity and dispatch. Of special satisfaction was the reporting of a membership net increase of 23 members for the year.

Four Brothers received "KP" watches for their participation and support of the grand lodge membership program.

Supreme Outer Guard Tim McLaurin ably represented Supreme Chancellor Sir Edwin Altman, presenting the Supreme Lodge programs to the 32 members in attendance for the sessions, including visitors from Kentucky and Ohio.

Activities included an impressive Memorial Service conducted by Grand Treasurer Floyd Dillon. During the grand sessions banquet, four lucky persons won door prizes. It has been reported that the Domain gave solid support with the Pythian Order/UCPA program with contributions of \$5,000.

Grand Chancellor elect Richard Collins stated his appreciation for this honor and outlined his programs with special emphasis to be placed on interest and promotion of the Poster Contest Youth Activity; he set a goal for each Subordinate Lodge to increase their membership a net of two members.

It was reported that the Grand Council had started a Grand Lodge quarterly Newsletter. The Domain of Tennessee participates in all the Supreme Lodge programs and a goal for this year is to show another increase in the Domain's membership trend.



LAWRENCE HULL  
Texas Grand Chancellor

## TEXAS GRAND SESSIONS CONVENED AT BEDFORD

The Grand Lodge of Texas held its 124th annual convention June 9-11, in Bedford, Lawrence Hull of Lubbock was installed as Grand Chancellor and Judge Arthur L. Fort, of Longview, came aboard as Grand Outer Guard. We especially enjoyed the presence of Supreme Prelate Bobby Crowe representing the Supreme Lodge.

Highlight activities included the presentation of a proclamation by the Mayor, and the convention, was treated to a special performance by the children of the Texas Pythian Home in Weatherford.

Plans were implemented to shorten the convention next year to a three day formal, which should result in increased attendance.

## RISING SUN LODGE ACTIVE IN SUPPORT TO VARIOUS COMMUNITY NEEDS

Maryland — Rising Sun Lodge #86, Lonaconing, presented donations when the local newspaper printed a picture of Chancellor Commander Jack Nightingale passing on a contribution of \$1,000 to Major Bob Henderson of the Salvation Army for flood relief following area flooding. Other contributions and community good-will support included an Apple computer and

swing set to George's Creek Elementary School; a swing set donated to the Iron Furnace Park; retirement of the debt for the parcel of land which is the site of the future George's Creek Regional Library and donations of Toys for Happiness Program.

Chancellor Commander Jack Nightingale represents the Knights of Pythias on the Library Improvement Committee for Westmar Middle School; with a contribution of \$500 from the lodge, Nightingale's suggestion to hold a silent auction to address problem of fund raising has been carried out as well as other means of raffles, donations, student incentives, in effort to bring library book supplies up to strength for students using the facility.

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## WEST VIRGINIA SUCCESSFUL SESSIONS

West Virginia Grand Temple convened at Days Inn Convention Center in Flatwoods, July 11 - 12, with Grand Chief Irene Coffman presiding and enjoying the presence of Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker. Visiting members were in attendance from Maryland, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

Among an interesting scope of business and reports, Grand Chief projects of assistance for Heart Fund and Ronald McDonald House were of success with thanks for all support by members and temples.

Presiding for the impressive installation of officers ceremonies were. Judith Shriver, installing supreme chief; PSC Evelyn Carter, supreme senior; PSR Mary Ann Froman, supreme manager. Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker presented each officer with her grand temple jewel.

New-term Grand Chief Betty Andrews, with her project of support for the "Make A Wish Foundation", will be supported by the following Grand Temple Officers: Irene Coffman, sitting past grand chief; Barbara Sutton, grand senior; Rebecca Bacorn, grand junior; Marilene Bibb, grand manager; Linda Lee Pritchard, grand secretary; Mary Lou Lisk, grand treasurer; Emma Oypoke, grand protector; Beverly Grove, grand guard. Hope Temple #71 of Fairmont, hosted a reception honoring Grand Chief Betty Andrews, on Sunday, Oct. 5th.



Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker and Grand Chief Betty Andrews, seated, along with PSC Evelyn Carter and PSR Mary Ann Froman.



Leona Callahan, left, receiving Rathbone Heritage Membership from Grand Senior Jo Sosbee.

**RATHBONE HERITAGE  
MEMBERSHIP FOR  
VERY SPECIAL LADY**

South Carolina — Morgan Temple #1, Pythian Sister, Spartanburg, honored Sister Leona Callahan by presenting her with a Charter Membership in the Rathbone Heritage Society. The remarkable lady simultaneously served in the following position: President, Southeastern Pythian Association; Grand Chief, Grand Temple, South Carolina; Rani, La-So-Car #96, Nomads of Avrudaka; Secretary, Morgan Temple #1, Pythian Sisters; Worthy Matron, Whitney Chapter, Eastern Star.

In addition to the above responsibilities, Sister Leona also is in charge of the Golden Agers in her church and works a part-time job. She is also active in many of the local community service organizations. In spite of all this, she is always willing to cook for any event. Even the younger Sisters find it difficult to keep up with her.

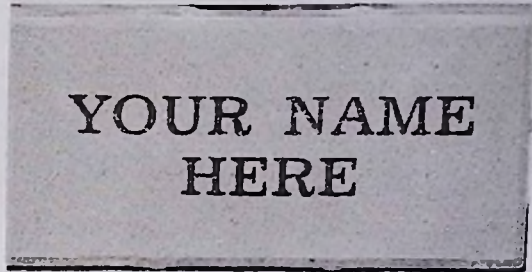
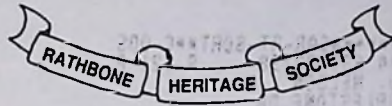
For many years, Sister Leona has been the glue that holds Morgan Temple together, and when her fellow Sisters wanted to find some way to honor her for her accomplishments, they were stumped. But knowing her great love for the Pythian Order, what better way to honor her than to present her with a Charter Membership in the Rathbone Heritage Society. This great lady symbolizes what Pythianism is all about.

**GOODFELLOWSHIP  
HONORS**

**SIR EDWIN ALTMAN**

New York — Goodfellowship Lodge #662, Brooklyn, held its first ever Honor Night for a Supreme Chancellor in its 57-year history. Supreme Chancellor Sir Edwin Altman, the Pythian Council as well as many Pythian dignitaries were present at this momentous event.

At the conclusion of speeches bestowing accolades on Supreme Chancellor Altman, PACDGC Sir Leslie Zaransky, chancellor commander, presented a Gold chain with an appropriately engraved bar to the Honoree. All wished him well and prayed for a successful term in office.



**“WALK OF HONOR” PAVER BLOCK**

For a \$200 contribution, this 4” x 8” Paver can be engraved with the name and/or words you choose. Your personal “Walk of Honor” Paver will become part of the permanent pathway at the foot of the 40’ Rathbone Monument in Utica, NY. For \$125 you can share the same Paver with another, or First Row Pavers are available for \$500.

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**SEEING EYE DOG PROGRAM GAINS POPULARITY IN QUEBEC**

With thanks to Quebec Grand Chancellor Gerry Baumholtz, another Seeing Eye Dog has been sponsored through the Knights of Pythias, with the Mira Foundation, funded by the Paperman family. From left, DSC Gerry Weinstein, KGS; Mr. Herb Paperman; recipient Miss Lelach Kohen and her Seeing Eye Dog named "Phoenix"; PGC Issie Nadler and Grand Chancellor Gerry Baumholtz. Through this program of Brother Baumholtz, it has created great publicity throughout the Montreal community and beyond.



**MARYLAND OBSERVES PYTHIAN WEEK WITH PROCLAMATION**

During a recent gathering at the Maryland State House in Annapolis, Lt. Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, center, on behalf of Governor Parris Glendening, presented a Proclamation declaring Pythian Week in Maryland to be observed by all Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters.

During Pythian Week, Lodges and Temples hold special activities to help make the public aware of our Order. Arrangements were also made for Proclamations to be presented at the town and city level of various Lodges and Temples.

Receiving the Proclamation were Grand Chancellor Gregory Dix, left, and Grand Chief Rosalynn Benson, right. They were joined at the ceremony by SR Thomas W. Patton, Irving Brody, Charles Daniels, GVC Jack Nightingale, each from Rising Sun Lodge, Lonaconing as well as father and mother of Grand Chief: PGC Robert Benson and Alt. SR Linda Benson of Forest Oak Lodge and Forest Oak Temple, Gaithersburg.

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