



Santa Don and Mrs. Claus Enjoy Sharing The Spirit

A Pythian activity which Don and Viona Lacy share is their interest in Share the Spirit Program. Pythian members in Hillsboro, Oregon, they learned about the program 11 years ago from the original Share the Spirit Santa Mike Colwell of California. In performing the Santa role, Don has a natural beard.

During the holiday season, Santa Don and Mrs. Claus along with many elves consisting of family and Pythian members, spread the spirit of joy and caring to almost 2000 elders and children in hospitals, shelters, nursing homes, and a school for disadvantaged children. In furthering their interest for good cheer, they do visits at homes and hospitals throughout the year. Due to the popularity of the program, a second Santa, David Dykes, a fellow lodge member assists.

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Father and Daughter Team Leadership in Michigan

Ted Courter and his daughter, Tammy Beach, are carrying the Pythian banners of Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief, for the State of Michigan, having been elected and installed to the executive offices, during the fall Grand Lodge, Grand Temple Conventions.

Believed to be serving as the first for the State within the family realm, they have charted programs to give assistance to Special Olympics by Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters. Grand Chief Tammy is promoting the Teddy Bear Program to assist traumatized children so they will have a 'buddy' of their own to hug and comfort at time of need.

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BUILDING BRIDGES TO OUR FUTURE

by VIRGINIA KELLEY, SR
Membership Chairperson

The beginning of a new term always brings a flood of excitement from those attending a convention. We look forward to new leaders, new officers, new friends and most of all our long time friends. The beginning of a new term also promises changes and new ideas with goals and dreams of wonderful things to take place.

In our work for Pythian growth, every Sister and Knight is needed to accept the challenge and help Build to Our Future. We encourage all to be involved in some aspect of our order, whether it be officer, committee member or sitting in the meeting giving support. There is a place for everyone.

We cannot Build a Bridge without participating in community activities, and spreading the Pythian work to others. Sponsoring youth activities, working area Food Banks, Adopt a Highway, working with Special Olympics and Angel Tree programs can make a positive difference in the lives of others as well as ourselves.

Sometime we get so involved in things around us that we forget to see members that have fallen to the side. Not only do we need new members, we also need to reinstate and find a way to keep them coming to the meetings. A campaign for membership is a good deal like a revival — successful if all members work for it. It is just as important to make heroic efforts to retain members in the Order as it is to secure new ones. Supreme Chief, Joyce Wright has given us the opportunity to have Bible Classes of 15, will consider a class of 12. Don't let this opportunity slip by.

As Supreme Membership Chairperson, I have asked each Grand Chief to send me the name and address of her State/Province Chairperson, if you have not done so please send to: Virginia Kelley, SR, 1209 Windy Meadows Dr., Burleson, TX 76028-2572. Pythian leaders, Supreme Chief Joyce Wright and Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe are dedicated to the Pythian Order and working together to build membership and attendance. It is our responsibility to help them Build Bridges to our Future.

You don't make footprints in the sands of time by sitting down. Neither does our Pythian programs progress without some effort on the part of the entire membership.

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OREGON PYTHIAN SISTER TEMPLE ASSISTS WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Oregon — Having submitted an application to volunteer for Special Olympics, Thermopylae Temple #37 Pythian Sister of Grants Pass, was visited at a regular Temple meeting by Karen Parnell, Area Director, and Claudia Elling of Josephine County. They gave an informative talk and showed a video of the history and progress of Special Olympics. The Sisters learned the criteria for athlete participation, and the sports engaged in during the year round sports program in the area.

Sisters of Thermopylae Temple arrived at the All Sports Park in Grants Pass for the multi county softball tournament to determine which teams would advance to State. Alma Barber and Marilyn Stevens took turns assisting in the concession booth. Julie Lozano and her sons Raphael and Michael kept score on the electronic scoreboard. Robyn Neeley placed medals around the participants' necks following the matches. Jean Schlinsof volunteers weekly in the local office of Special Olympics.

It was a pleasure and an honor to work with the staff and athletes. An added benefit was seeing the enjoyment and pride experienced by Julie's two teenage sons while volunteering with their mother in this worthwhile community cause. The members look forward to participation in Special Olympics.

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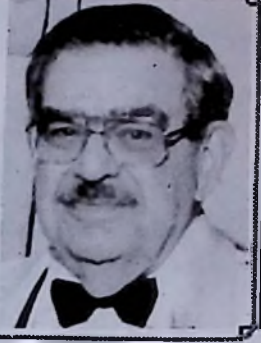
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Supreme Lodge

NOTE BOOK

By

Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS
Supreme Secretary



The Supreme Lodge office staff — Ruth, Tracey, and myself, send our sincerest and warmest Greetings to all Pythians and their families. This past year has really flown by and, happily, I believe the Order has made some gigantic and productive steps into the future.

Meet the new Supreme Lodge office administrator. She is Tracey Albanese, a mother of two youngsters, and well versed in all phases of the office procedures. She will be a big asset to us and she is looking forward to personally meeting all of you whom she has greeted on the telephone.

I don't usually mention the deaths of Pythians because there have been too many lately and they are all equally difficult to endure, but I must acknowledge the recent passing of two Grand Secretaries. George Nitros of the District of Columbia and David Gilliland of North Carolina were ardent Pythians, accomplished Grand Secretaries and long-time personal friends and Brothers of mine. They will be missed.

What a shame! Almost one hundred Pythians did not receive their copies of the last issue of the PYTHIAN INTERNATIONALS because they did not send in "change of address" cards to this office. The cards are free at the Post Office and will insure uninterrupted delivery of the magazine. And the Post Office charges us fifty cents for every undeliverable copy.

Subscription renewal notices will be sent out in January to all those whose subscriptions will expire on or before March 2001. Renewal slips and checks should be sent to this office and not to Editor Marv Wilson.

Remember — The Poster Contest brochure lists the old Supreme Lodge address. All final entries should be sent to the new address, 59 Coddington Street, Quincy, MA 02169 on or before June 15, 2001 for the final judging.

We have a large supply of Knights of Pythias T-shirts in all sizes, priced at \$10.00 each. We also have other styles of clothing as pictured in the catalogue.

Notice to Grand Secretaries — Please don't wait for the last minute to order your Installation Jewelry. Anticipate your needs and allow at least three to four weeks for delivery.

Annual Reports will not be considered complete unless they are accompanied by a roster of each subordinate lodge. That is a Supreme Statute requirement and will be strictly adhered to. The rosters can be on paper or on discs which can be copied onto hard copy.

There are still available some copies of the videos which show the Knights of Pythias participation at the Special Olympic World Games. They are free for the asking by contacting the Supreme Lodge office.

PROJECT: **ASK!**



MEMBERSHIP GOALS 2000 — 2001

By DAVID MEAD
 Supreme Inner Guard
 Supreme Membership Chairman

In announcing goals for the current two-year term, Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe seeks a membership increase in each lodge, and at least one new lodge instituted in each domain. Supreme Chancellor Crowe threw down the gauntlet to all Knights to make sincere commitments to Pythian Renewal and to become a Membership Champion, both by recruiting new members and by starting new subordinate lodges.

Letters have been mailed to Membership Chairman, Grand Chancellor. Grand Secretary and Deputy Supreme Chancellor of each domain with suggestions for implementing Membership objectives. But

each subordinate lodge has an important role to play in this program as well with promoting the **ASK PROGRAM**. Each Knight is encouraged to make a commitment to ask one prospect to join his lodge every month. This commitment can be verified and followed through by using the "I Asked A Prospect To Join" card. "ASK Buttons" are available free of charge from Grand Secretaries.

Other Encouraged Activities

- Practice the 3 R's for Membership: Recruit, Reinstate and Retain. (Recruit new members, reinstate suspended, withdrawn members and retain current members.)

- Host a Membership Drive Dinner or other event and show the Membership Video, Special Olympics Video or other promotional materials. The Supreme Lodge **MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM** can help provide funding. Supreme Lodge will provide matching funds, up to \$500 per event each year for membership recruitment. A Request Form must be submitted to the supreme lodge membership committee for approval prior to the event. Each lodge is eligible to refunds once per year.

- Strive to perform Rank Work at each meeting. Use the new condensed ritual if needed due to limited membership.
- Hold a Rathbone Bible Class.
- Reduce Suspensions.
- Attract new members and increase attendance by positive changes in your lodge meeting format. Be a team and make each member feel welcome and needed.

- Earn the Supreme Chancellor's **MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE** by signing up five new members during this term. (lodge secretaries have responsibility for notifying grand secretary about Knights eligible for this award).

- Attempt to earn a Supreme Chancellor's **MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATE** for your lodge. Presented yearly to each subordinate lodge that increases its membership by three percent over the prior year-end membership. (A two-member minimum or six-member maximum will be required).

Each Domain is asked to attempt to start at least one new subordinate lodge. It will take only **NINE PROSPECTS** (as soon as the new legislation becomes final). Each newly chartered lodge will receive the sum of \$250 for expenses from Supreme Lodge. The Knight responsible for the chartering of a new lodge will receive \$100 for his favorite charity plus an award plaque.

GOOD NEWS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP

Knights of Pythias members across the Supreme Domain are accepting Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe's challenge for Pythian Renewal . . . these men are proving that if a sincere commitment is made, new members can be recruited and new lodges instituted. Let's all commit to this worthy goal. Following are some examples.

Virgil E. Young of Rockwood, TN, and domain Grand Master at Arms, received a Supreme Chancellor Certificate for membership recruitment last August. Since, he brought in two new members and signed up eight more. He is actively working to starting new lodges in Tennessee and Oklahoma. Virgil says he



asks everyone he meets to join the Order, as well as relatives. He encourages lodges to order extra copies of the Pythian International, place name and phone number on the front and distribute them to waiting rooms and offices in their hometown as to aid recruitment.

Grand Membership Chairman Dale Gray of Ohio recruited 15 new members last term and has made a commitment to better that this year. He has developed a packet of information for prospective members. The Brothers of Ohio cooperated to hold a three rank class in Oct., initiating 18 new members into six lodges.

Justin A. Falciani, 23, is responsible for the institution of Franklin Lodge #2000 in Malaga, New Jersey. While working on his BA degree at Cabrini College, he undertook a study on the dynamics of American Fraternal organizations which led him to the Pythians. "The more I learned about the Knights of Pythias and their mission, the more I discovered my understanding of community," he noted. While a member of Faraday Lodge in Pennsylvania and there being no lodge in his NJ township, he contacted local community leaders and the new lodge was chartered last September.



Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett of Washington followed up on a 'request to join the Order' submitted on the Internet Web-page. The sender lived near the Canadian border, so he contacted PSR Preston Thomas from that area, who went to see the man. Obtained his application, fee, and gave him an application for his brother. When Bro. Thomas said his neighbor asked about joining, Bro. Barnett got on the phone with him. Now Barnett hopes the momentum from this can result in a new lodge.



BASIC PUBLIC RELATIONS PRINCIPLES

by LARRY KALB, DGC

Public Relations Chairman

New Jersey Grand Lodge and the
Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias

IT'S TIME TO PROMOTE THE PYTHIAN ORDER

Our Pythian Order will be 137 years old February 19, 2001, but not many people in the general public know about us and what we do. We are our own best secret and that secret haunts us with declining membership!

In the very near future the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias will release a handbook "Public Relations Made Easy", that I created to help Pythians promote our Order.

There are several examples in this booklet to give Pythians an opportunity to craft their own public relations for their grand lodges and subordinate lodges and at the same time keep within the framework of our Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe's mission statement:

"To promote and tell the Pythian story through communications, change and teamwork to achieve an increase in membership and attendance."

For example, promote Pythian Founder's Month with a display at your local libraries (be sure to include a contact name and number), draft a proclamation to be presented by a government official during an open public meeting, write stories about your individual lodge or domain and the activities you do (don't forget to mention the charities and community good will that receives your support — Charity is our middle name), lodge officers installed, etc.

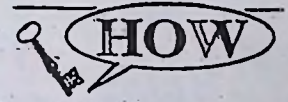
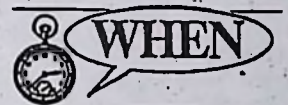
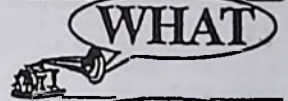
With regards to photography don't take "grip and grin pictures" but do take "action photographs." Never write on the back of a photograph, go to a supply store, buy Avery peel off labels and type Ids for each individual in the photograph and where taken.

Mail in an envelope with cardboard and mark on the outside: Photo: Don't Bend.

Please refer to the "10 Principles of Public Relations" published at left.

If you are not sure about mailing keep in mind this guideline: "When in doubt, mail it out!"

Have fun and good luck. You have 137 years of tradition to be proud of and reasons to continue for another 137 years.



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- Date everything you mail and develop a mailing list to whom you will include as if you are formally inviting them, i.e., Deputy Grand Chancellor, Grand Lodge Secretary, etc. Include telephone numbers in your database for follow up contact.
- Develop relationships with the media as well as governmental officials. YOU NEED ALL THE POSSIBLE FRIENDS YOU CAN HAVE.
- ALWAYS SEND THANK YOU NOTES / CERTIFICATES
- Keep all press releases to one page, or a page-in-a-half at most; always include a toll-free number if available for your domain.
- ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH. If you do not know the answer: say so and get back to that person with the truth. MAINTAIN CREDIBILITY!
- Use all forms of media — print, electronic, wire services, the Pythian Homepage (www.pythias.org) and *Pythian International*.
- Promote your lodge at least once monthly in the media. This should attract new, present and former Pythians.
- Promote your lodge involvement with your respective Grand Domains' programs as well as Supreme Lodge programs: Boy Scout Connection Committee/Eagle Scout Recognition Packets, Special Olympics, Poster Contest, Junior Order and more.
- Keep a notebook binder of all your promotion items in separate plastic cover pages to preserve your history and use it as a reference guide.

About the Author: Larry Kalb is a six-year Pythian and a Deputy Grand Chancellor in the Domain of New Jersey. He continues (since 1995) to serve as the Domain's Public Relations Chairman, acts as it's Eagle Scout (he is one); Recognition Chairman and a member of the Grand Lodge's Membership Committee.

Larry graduated Glassboro (NJ) State College with a B.A. degree in Communications in 1981 and earned an M.A. degree at Montclair (NJ) State College in 1984. He served as the college's first Graduate Assistant in Sports Information in 1981-1983 and uses his experience to promote the Pythian Order.



PYTHIAN SISTERS SUPPORTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

by AUDREY WETTERWALD, PSR
Altruistic Chairman

The Pythian Sisters are pleased to unite with the Knights of Pythias to support and work for Special Olympics. Supreme Temple will be selling beautiful Covered Bridge Pins which are reminiscent of the beauty found throughout New England and other parts of the country. These pins may be worn by both men and women and will sell for \$5.00 American money with \$3.00 of this being donated to Special Olympics. Pins may be ordered from me at 11 Moonbeam Avenue, Chelmsford, MA 01824 — Telephone: 978-256-3144. (please include mailing fee.)

Another focus will be to sell the Honor an Athlete coin. They sell for \$30.00 and you may keep the coin, or you may present it to a Special Olympian at a meeting or dinner (great publicity for your Temple or Lodge). If you want to honor an athlete and also receive a coin for yourself, the total cost is \$50.00. Please refer to the order form in this issue.

There are other ways to support Special Olympics. Why not donate that old, used car of yours? You get a tax deduction and Special Olympics can fix it up and sell it or use it for parts. Special Olympics would also like "Hand on" service in your local areas. What a wonderful feeling you'll experience when you cheer on the athletes at a Special Olympics event. Or perhaps you could sell refreshments at the meets or raise money for awards for the athletes. Anything you do and any money you raise should be reported to me so I can have a



MICHIGAN SUPPORT TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS was featured as PGC Wayne Beach, left, Grand Lodge Chairman with Ed Dadak, center, of Special Olympics Michigan; at right, Grand Chancellor Ted Courter looks on as Athlete Elizabeth displays a check in amount of \$1200 donation from a Michigan Grand Lodge project.

wonderful report for Supreme Chief Joyce Wright in 2002. If you have any other useful ideas please pass them on to me.

Grand Chiefs, please see that all names of Supreme Temple Altruistic Chairman are reported to me. If you have received pins, please forward the money to me as soon as possible, so we can pay the manufacturer.

By caring and sharing and supporting these programs, the Pythian Sisters and the Knights of Pythias will do much on behalf of individuals with mental retardation.

SR SANDRA SYMONS

Altruistic Chairman — Canada

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Supreme Chief Joyce Wright for the opportunity to serve as her Altruistic Chairman for Canada.

Our Supreme Chief has chosen "Special Olympics" as the official charity during her term in office and we are selling Covered Bridge Pins to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. All profits from the sale of these pins in Canada will remain in Canada.

I would ask each Grand Chief to send me the name of your Altruistic Chairman from your Jurisdiction as soon as possible for my records.

Your continued support for your official charity is greatly appreciated. So, purchase a Covered Bridge Pin for yourself, your family or a friend.

Should you require any additional pins, please contact me at 413 Rita Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 1H6, by telephone at (807) 683-8112 or at symonstb@tbaytel.net.



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LACY FAMILY HAVE NEARLY 250 YEARS IN PYTHIAN SERVICE

Pythians Don and Viona Lacy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 8th in the Pythian lodge hall of Phoenix Lodge in Hillsboro, Oregon. The happy couple renewed their vows with each other with over one hundred and fifty family members, Pythians, Kiwanians and other friends witnessing the happy event.

The Lacy family is a Pythian family with nearly 250 years of Pythian membership and leadership among them.

In May of 1955 Don joined Talisman Lodge in Medford, Oregon at the invitation of Walt Ferguson, chairman of the Pythian public speaking contest as Don taught speech at the time. Don served two different terms as Chancellor Commander of Talisman Lodge. In 1963 he was essentially drafted for his second term and as a condition of his accepting the office he asked the members to pledge \$4,000 of community service and insisted that they go out and find some community projects to perform. He also insisted on visitations to the homebound brethren. Don has served the Pythian Order well during his 45 years of membership. Besides being a two term Chancellor Commander he has served as Grand Chancellor during the 1989-90 year, served as Chief Deputy Supreme Chancellor to Supreme Chancellor Darrell Henry, taking an active leadership in developing and presenting the Pythian Renewal seminars, and is currently serving as Supreme Representative from the Grand Domain of Oregon.

Viona became a Pythian Sister in 1964 when she was initiated into Talisman Temple in Medford, Oregon. Viona had been working with the Sunshine Girls and on the Boy Scout Committee for the lodge and temple for two years before being asked to join by Edna Bryant, Grand Chief. She happily accepted the invitation to join in 1964 and served as Most Excellent Chief in 1968 in Medford and subsequently in 1975 and 1987 in Phoenicia Temple in Hillsboro, Oregon. When Viona was recognized for her first 25 years in the Pythian Order she was given Edna Bryant's 25 year jewel which she treasurers to this day. Viona has also served as Past Grand Royal Advisor of the Pythian Sunshine Girls in 1971, District Deputy in 1984, Grand Chief in 1992-93. Her motto was "Spread a little Sunshine - Spread Pythian Love." She is currently serving as Supreme Representative from the Grand Domain of Oregon.

Don and Viona's children have been active Pythians as well. All of the Lacy daughters were active in the Sunshine Girls activities and joined the Pythian Sisters when they graduated from high school.

Kathlene joined the Sunshine Girls when

she was 10 years old and has moved through many chairs of responsibility and leadership. She became a Past Grand Royal Princess of the Sunshine Girls from 1969-1972. She earned her Past Grand Chief honors by service as Grand Treasurer, served as Supreme Representative and is now our Supreme Junior. She was a strong influence in the development and preparation of the Pythian Renewal Seminars.

Shelley Corby and John Lacy, two more of Viona and Don's children, are currently serving as Grand Secretaries of the Oregon Grand Temple and Grand Lodge respectively. Shelley has just begun her fourth year of service in that position. She also received her 25-year pin two years ago. Shelley and her husband Don have two children, the oldest, Chi Corby joined Phoenicia Temple two years ago when she turned 16.

John served as Grand Chancellor of Oregon during the 1996-1997 fiscal year and is responsible for starting the very successful Pythian Festivals in Oregon. John is presently serving as Domain Grand Secretary.

All of the Lacy daughters were active in the Sunshine Girl activities and joined the Pythian Sisters when they turned 16 years old. Daughter Maureen is Past Chief of Phoenicia Temple. Daughter Brenda has a dental practice in Pennsylvania and retains her membership in Phoenicia Temple.

In addition, two of Don and Viona's

sons-in-law are members of the Pythian Order. Phil Murphy is Past Chancellor Commander of Phoenix lodge and Don Corby; a member for two years is active in the Special Olympics program. Granddaughter Chi Corby is a member of Phoenicia Temple. Most of the family is active in the Dokey and Nomads organizations as well.

Don indicates that the highlight of his Pythian career has not been the attainment of rank but rather pulling his community together under the auspices of the Pythian Order. The lodge and the community working on dynamic projects for the betterment of the community provided the opportunity to combine businesses, government agencies and people for the skills they could provide for the community needs at that time.

Viona states that the highlights she most remembers are the pride a mother feels when her children advance in their endeavors in the Pythian Order and in life. Both Don and Viona feel the Pythian Order has provided them with professional and personal opportunities. The Pythian Order has provided the opportunity for better family bonding and to share their lives as adults in a mutual cause that is important to them as a family.

(Editor note: Our thanks to PSC Darrell Henry for compiling this interesting article.)



Don and Viona, marking their Golden Wedding Anniversary, pictured with children, from left, Brenda Branson, John Lacy, Shelley Corby, Maureen Murphy, Kathlene Lacy.



Acting Supreme Prelate William Tobenkin, supreme representative, left, administers the Oath of Office to Grand Chancellor Elliott L. Strout, KGS, during New Jersey officer installation ceremonies. Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS, installed the new-term officers.

CHARTER FOR NEW JERSEY LODGE



The Charter of Franklin Lodge #2000 being presented at the New Jersey Grand Lodge sessions. From left, PC Justin Falciani; Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS; Grand Chancellor Allen S. Kornfeld and Chancellor Commander Anthony Falciani.

NEW JERSEY GRAND SESSIONS HIGHLIGHTS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

New Jersey — With the Domain having many highlights over the past term of Grand Chancellor Allen S. Kornfeld, concluded by the September annual Grand Lodge Convention, at the Holiday Inn, Atlantic City.

The term included officer homecomings, the grand chancellor's dinner and ad journal, a festive holiday party for children at The Beth, a winter Florida breakfast, district meetings, 50-50 raffle drawing, public speaking and poster contests, presentations of the Norman and Gertrude Wolf community service, two events under the Hand of Friendship program for physically and mentally challenged individuals and senior citizens, presentations at The Beth and Deborah, Boy Scout Connection awards to Eagle Scouts, and focus on public relations and membership acquisition.

The most successful activities were the enjoyable and profitable winter fashion show, the coats program collecting and donating 2500 coats, launching Special Olympics and rejuvenating Pythianism in an area where the last lodge closed 40 years earlier culminating with Franklin Lodge

LONG-TIME MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES PRESENTED

Iowa — Certificates for long-time memberships were presented to several Davenport members as 91-year old PC Ella Bartling was presented a 60-year certificate. A 50-year certificate was presented to PC Bernice Meyer. Each also received a red corsage.

A special presentation of a 75-year membership certificate was presented to PC Mabel Hackett, also 91 years young. Grand Chief Marilyn Dengler made the presentation at Mabel's home along with visiting members. She was given a decorated cake and iced tea.

#2000, Franklinville, being chartered at the convention.

The convention was honored to have the presence of Supreme Secretary Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, representing Supreme Lodge. He conducted the installation of Grand Chancellor Elliott L. Strout, KGS, and the slate of officers for the new term.

The provisions for election of subordinate lodge officers were amended so that installations are to be in November, commencing in 2001. PC Leon Ben-Ezra and PGC Joel D. Fierstien, KGS, were inducted into the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

At the closing address, Grand Chancellor Strout promised an active year with a renewed and stronger dedication to Pythianism concentrating on membership.

KNIGHTS AND SISTERS MEET IN WISCONSIN

Wisconsin — The annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened at Neenah in mid September with Grand Chancellor Wayne Leverenz and Grand Chief Bonnie Potter presiding over their respective business sessions. Joint activities included opening ceremonies, memorial service and banquet. It was with regrets that Supreme Prelate Ron Dickinson and his wife, Lena, were unable to be present as Lena suffered illness just prior to leaving home for the trip.

With business taken care of during grand sessions, an enjoyable joint banquet took place, followed by entertainment with a fun evening of horse racing, where everyone participated in the fun.

Walter Lohman of Waukesha was installed to the Grand Chancellor office and Delores Sandmire of La Farge is the new-term Grand Chief. They were duly honored at a reception and program held at Reedsburg in mid October.



by Addie Sadberry, Supreme Guard
Presenting Pythian International Chairperson

I feel so proud to be one of your Supreme Officers. I feel like Cinderella at the ball. I pledge to you my very best efforts to promote the Pythian Sister Order.

Everywhere I go and everything I do, I continue to tell folks about what a wonderful organization we are and the good things we do for society. I hope you do as well. One of the ways to tell the good news is through Pythian International.

I have been appointed by our Supreme Chief as Pythian International Chairperson. The order needs for you to promote our magazine. It is a tool for spreading the word about what we do and the ways in which we do it.

Show our magazine to your friends, your neighbors, and your relatives. When they see the exciting things we are doing, perhaps they will become interested in joining us.

Encourage all of your members to subscribe to the Pythian International. When all members of a temple subscribe to the magazine, the Pythian International assessment tax is waived from your annual report. A savings to your temple.

Please send the happenings in your temple to your Grand Press Correspondent/Pythian International Chairperson. At next Supreme session, the Pythian International Chairperson whose Grand Jurisdiction has had the most articles printed will receive a gift. Remember your articles need to be interesting, informative, and up-to-date. Come on now, let's see your competitive spirit!

100TH GRAND SESSION FOR JURISDICTION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

New Hampshire — The 100th session of the Grand Temple convened last September at Manchester, with Grand Chief Virginia Lehman presiding. Eleanor Peabody was installed as the new term Grand Chief. She is a member of Trinity Temple #17, Plaistow, the same location as Supreme Chief Joyce Wright.

Supporting Grand Temple Officers are: Janet Smith, past grand chief; Nancy Jackman, grand senior; Bonnie Poor, grand junior; Marlene Wright, grand manager; Geraldine Hunter, grand secretary; Pat Dupuis, grand treasurer; Gail McCowan, grand protector; Marilyn Willare, grand guard. Nancy Marston is serving as grand press correspondent.

Installing officers were, PSR Pauline H. Keezer, supreme chief; PSR Leona Foote, supreme senior; PSR Margaret Whitcher, supreme manager; PGC Virginia Lehman, supreme secretary.

Grand Chief Eleanor Peabody has chosen motto of: Trust in the Lord; her charity is Special Olympics in support of the Supreme Chief project.

CARD OF THANKS

Supreme Prelate Ron Dickinson and his wife, Lena, wish to thank all who sent flowers, cards, phone and fax messages during Lena's time of illness.



ASSOCIATED HEALTH FOUNDATION DONATES

New York — At their Annual Dinner Dance at which they distributed checks to the Health Related Facilities, they also present a token check representing rebates given to member lodges for disbursement to the Lodges and Temples charities.

Over \$100,000 was distributed to grateful hospitals, hospices, and other facilities which are there to serve the members of the Associated Health Foundation. All the recipients offered their



GRAND TEMPLE DRESSES HAVE SPECIAL MEANING

Oregon — Grand Chief Rosenna Powell presided over the fall sessions of the Grand Temple in Pendleton, culminating a very successful term of office. The convention enjoyed a full scope of business and social activities, hosted by the Knights and Sisters of Pendleton.

Joint activities with the Grand Lodge included Opening Ceremonies, Memorial Service, Grand Banquet and a social evening at the attractive Pythian Castle Hall.

It was a privilege to witness the Public Installation of the Oregon Grand Temple Officers at the Red Lion in Pendleton, as

Pictured during Oregon Grand Temple Officer Installation, from left, Joyce Wright, supreme chief; Grand Chief Ann Ross; PSR Jean Schlinsog, installing supreme chief and Kathlene Lacy, supreme junior.

Mistress of Ceremonies ASR Risa Kiggin, warmly welcomed those attending, including special welcome to Supreme Chief Joyce Wright and Supreme Junior Kathlene Lacy.

Impressive installation ceremony was carried out by PSR Jean Schlinsog as installing supreme chief and her installing team. Grand Chief Ann Ross accepted her position as Grand Chief and made her appointments. She introduced her husband, of 44 years, CW Ross. They have four children and 13 grandchildren. Sister Ross is a full time Realtor, operates the ABC School of Real Estate and does appraisals for an eastern company.

Searching for a Grand Temple dress, which made a statement about her views of the Pythian Order, was a challenge, she shopped throughout the state, browsed through various catalogs and not a single dress was found which made her statement. However, this didn't stop the Grand Chief to be. She decided to make the Grand Temple dress herself.

The red dress represents the lifeblood of the Pythian Order. On the sheer overdress, the black background represents the mourning of the Knights, Sisters, Lodges and Temples lost to the Order. The red rose represents life being revived in the Pythian Order. So, every time you see a Grand Temple dress think, REVIVE.

Her Theme: "Let's Grow Like the Rose and Bring the Pythian Order back to Full Bloom". Her Motto: "Spread a Little Sunshine Today".

Grand Chief Ann observes, "Let's come out of the mourning stage and promote Pythianism".

In connection with the installations, Rosenna Powell was presented with Past Grand Chief credentials by two daughters, assisted by two granddaughters.

From left, SR Gil Rader, AHF Secretary; Grand Chief Susan Grill; SR Edward Birnbaum, AHF President; Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh. President Birnbaum holding the symbolic check for the charities which will benefit from the Associated Health Foundation.

profound thanks for the ongoing donations referring to the voids created by governmental cutbacks.

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Pythian Brother Receives Knighthood From Queen Of Holland

by JOHN DERRICK, Chancellor Commander

Quebec — For 25 years I have known brother Sam Schryver, Past Chancellor, a member of Syracuse Lodge #9, the Domain of Quebec. Brother Sam has a great sense of humour, a natural leader, a man all of our lodges look up to, but few of us knew that our Pythian brother was a true hero.

To many of us, it was quite a surprise to pick up the Montreal newspaper and read that the Queen of Holland had bestowed the highest honour that her county could give on our very own Brother Sam, and to call him a genuine war hero. Brother Sam rarely talked about the war, but when so many individuals came forward and denied that the Holocaust ever took place, Brother Sam had to talk out and relive his own experiences.

Brother Sam, now 78 years old, is a Dutch born Jew. He was nearly 18 when the Germans invaded, they forced most Jewish men into work camps. Brother Sam watched in horror as Nazis dragged Jewish hospital patients from their beds and onto trucks. He sneaked food to Jewish families in the night and forged ID cards for them. He escaped several captured by the secret police. Being a member of the Dutch Resistance would mean his immediate execution if he was ever discovered or betrayed to the Gestapo.

When he was finally caught for good, he spent three full days without food or water in a railway boxcar with around 90 other Jews. The car was so crowded that people on the edges could not reach the toilet barrel in the middle. Brother Sam found himself in transport to Westerbork camp, a place where Jews were shipped before facing their deaths at other camps. By the time he arrived at Westerbork, the war was ending. Jews were no longer being taken to the death camps because Hitler needed the trains to bring back his troops.

Under the cover of night, he sneaked out of the prison and swam across a canal to what he hoped would be his freedom. After a long, and nearly fatal swim, when he got to the other side of the canal, he felt a rifle barrel stabbing at his neck. But the man behind the guns spoke English and he was a Canadian.

Brother Schryver was brought to General Jean Victor Allard, commander of the 6th Brigade, 2nd division of the Canadian army. He told the general that 8900 Jews were in the Westerbork camp,



PC Sam Schryver, left, being offered congratulations from the Consul General of the Netherlands, Andre Brouwer, after he received a medal and a Knighthood from the Queen of Holland.

but the commanders did not believe it. Military intelligence had pegged the camp as a German military barracks. They were preparing to send bombers to destroy it. After many countless, frantic hours of arguing and pleading with the Canadian forces, they sent six patrolmen back to the camp with Brother Sam to verify his story. These soldiers were under strict orders: one suspicious move, and it's shoot to kill.

In a letter dated August 14, Jean Victor Allard, then chief of Canadian defense staff wrote: "Due to the intervention and action of Mr. Schryver, the total annihilation of the Westerbork camp and it's approximate one thousand inmates was prevented." Brother Schryver saved the Jews in the very nick of time.

For his extraordinary courage, more that 55 years later, Past Chancellor Brother Sam Schryver, received the highest award the Dutch Government gives out to civilians, and was Knighted by the Queen Beatrix. Congratulations, Sir Sam Schryver.

PYTHIANS HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Oregon— On Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 members from the metropolitan area of Portland, including the Grand Chancellor Jerry Girard and three members of North Bank #145, Washougal, Washington, which included the Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett, gathered to barbeque hot dogs for the Special Olympics of Oregon.

Members had been asked to help the Special Olympics who were to give a demonstration of their soccer skills during the half time of a women's soccer match at the University of Portland. Special Olympics rented all the tables, chairs, and the barbeque as well as getting the hot dogs, buns, potato salad and macaroni salad.

Pythians cooked the hot dogs and serve
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the potato and macaroni salad. Using small drinking cups for scoops, two Pythian Sisters scooped out the "cold" salads to the Special Olympians. With thanks to Supreme Junior Kathlene Lacy and Imperial Zamorin Jacquie Girard.

Over 100 Special Olympic athletes were served that day. All had a wonderful time and were rewarded with that "warm and fuzzy" feeling of doing something for someone else and for the community at large.

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WARSAW TEMPLE #1 INSPECTION MEETING

Indiana — Warsaw Temple #1, the very first temple instituted, convened a meeting in Auburn, for the purpose of Grand Chief Cathleen Trucblood performing her official duties of inspecting the temple work.

Prior to the meeting members enjoyed a soup and sandwich lunch as well as occasion marking the birthday of PGC Jerry McMaken. Among the 25 members present were several past and present grand temple officers including Past Supreme Chief Mary Parker.

On closing in ritualistic form, a raffle took pace and a good time was had by all.



DDGC Betty Webb, left, extending welcome to Grand Chief Deane Girard at District #1 meeting.

Prairie Provinces Hold District Convention

Alberta — DDGC Betty Webb welcomed members to the 52nd District #1 Convention at Red Deer, enjoying presence of Grand Chief Deane Girard and PSC Wally Johnson. Sisters had an opportunity to view tables of crafts and other items. Members were present from Calgary and Edmonton. Reports showed members trying to attract new members. Donations were made to "WIN Houses" in Calgary, Edmonton as well as to Grand Temple.

DISTRICT #3 MEETING

Members from Sunset Temple #6, Coaldale and Progressive Temple #3, Coleman, convened for the 51st meeting with DDGC Helen Hopkins presiding at Coleman, with presence of Grand Chief Deane Girard of Calgary who also paid an official visit to Progressive Temple. Reports showed members trying their best to uphold the principles of the Order. Regrets that the temple in Medicine Hat had surrendered their charter. Thora Perry was presented with a PDDGC pin that had been the property of her mother-in-law, Violet Perry.

2ND GRAND CHANCELLOR TERM FOR DAVID ARONOVITCH

Quebec — The annual June sessions of the Grand Lodge convened in Montreal, with welcome to SMA Ron Dickinson, representing Supreme Lodge. Grand Chancellor David R. Aronovitch presided over the sessions. The Grand Chancellor and officers conducted an impressive Memorial service.

An evening event, including a wine and cheese party included awards presented to members. The installation of Brother Aronovitch, to serve a 2nd Grand Chancellor term, was performed by Brother Dickinson.

Among the total membership report reflects of 81 Fifty-year plus members; while the domain had a net loss of 17, they have hopes of recovering the loss with membership acquisition. Sportsman Lodge has purchased a space of honor at the Rathbone Memorial in memory of PSC Joseph Kramer.



COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAM WILL HELP KEEP KIDS WARM

New York — Neighborhood kickoffs for the "Coats For Kids" program were jointly held by the Neighborhood Cleaners Association and the Knights of Pythias of New York and New Jersey. The actual site of the first event was Randi Cleaners in Mineola, New York, where a reception area was setup in the parking lot and bedecked with banners. What started as a one-man effort, Grand Master at Arms Lloyd Merson nurtured a relationship with a commercial dry cleaners association (with a heart) into a program that grows each year.

The Nassau Coats for Kids kickoff went off on September 25. Appearing to support the program was Grand Master at Arms Lloyd Merson, U.S. Representative Carolyn McCarthy and former State Senator Donald M. Halperin, who assisted in the mid-day ceremonies. A letter was sent forth to 90 New York Pythian Lodges telling them how to collect and deliver children and adult outer garments to selected cleaning establishments.

It will be a cold winter, but let us keep the kids warm! Additional kickoffs occurred later in the City of Trenton, New Jersey and in the New York City Boroughs of Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx.

NEW SHEEPHEAD WINNER

Wisconsin — Wayne Leverenz was named winner following Juneau Lodge annual Sheephead Tournament. With a close game, first place was decided on the last hand. Brother Leverenz is a first time winner, he later received the engraved trophy during the lodge anniversary dinner.

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Standing proud, Grand Master at Arms Lloyd Merson, US Representative Carolyn McCarthy and former State Senator Donald M. Halperin pose in front of the New York Knight of Pythias banner at the Coats-for-Kids Nassau County Kickoff

PYTHIAN GENEROSITY EXEMPLIFIED DURING VIRGINIA SESSIONS

The 90th session of the Grand Temple convened in Collinsville, proving to be enjoyable and harmonious. Under the competent leadership of Grand Chief Delores Bazemore all Grand Temple business was efficiently covered. The convention was honored with the presence of Georgia Byrd, supreme senior; Sheila Boren, supreme protector and Addie Sadberry, supreme guard; along with visitors from Maryland and Pennsylvania.

The Grand Temple met in connection with the 132nd session of the Grand Lodge which was honored with presence of Bobby Crowe, supreme chancellor; Tim McLaurin, supreme master at arms and David Mead, supreme inner guard.

Highlights was the evening Banquet and Awards presentations with encouraging reports of funds that had been raised. Altar Fund, \$1,902; Diabetes, \$3,403; Cerebral Palsy \$5,954, from six subordinate temples. A Gift Table raised \$1,383 for grand temple funding. The Degree of the Golden Spur was conferred upon PGC John Reid. The Grand Lodge made contributions in amount of \$80,000.

During impressive installation of officers ceremonies, Betty Reffett of Martinsville Temple #23 was duly installed along with her slate of new-term officers. Her motto is: "The Motivation For Everything We Do Should Be Love". Her theme: "Attitude Of Love". During the installation, a PGC ring and credentials was presented to Wayne Bennett on completing 15 years as Grand Trustee.

MOVING FORWARD MAY MEAN CHANGE

As we turn the calendar pages to the year 2001, it seemed only yesterday that we were wondering if the hype about Y2K was a reality. Would we find our bank accounts wiped out due to a glitch in the computer systems or would we find our grocery stores closed due to difficulties in the electronic scanners?

Maybe the year 2000 wasn't really the beginning of the new Millennium as some people believe and we would have to worry again in 2001. We've turned the pages of

the calendar, and Y2K did not create the problems that we all worried about, but have we moved into the year 2001?

Are we using the technology that is available to us, or are we still skeptical of ATM's, email, fax, electronic ticketing, call waiting, caller ID and voice mail? Are we as individuals caught in a time warp? If we are not ready to cross those bridges into this century, then our Pythian Order will not be ready to move forward either.

We must move forward. We may need to change our thinking. We certainly need to communicate with each other and the members of our community. We need to stop selling ourselves short. We need to be seen and we need to be heard. We each need to make a resolution to work with dedication.

There are programs that will accomplish these things, but only if we are dedicated to them. Special Olympics will put the Pythian Order in sight and sound of the community. It will prove that we care about those around us.

The Pythian International will bring attention to us if we leave it in conspicuous places. Do you keep your copy hidden away or is it left out so that guests can see it?

Do you wear shirts and jackets with the



JOYCE H. WRIGHT
Supreme Chief

Pythian emblem on them? This almost always causes someone to ASK who and what are Pythians, and a perfect time to present the promotional material.

More than ever, we need dedication, "a setting aside for a particular purpose", and that particular purpose should be to help "build bridges to the future of our Order."

100% SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR TEXAS TEMPLE

Texas — Congratulations to Mineral Wells Temple #14, Mineral Wells, on their consideration to subscribe 100% so that the 92-member temple roster will each receive regular issues of the Pythian International Magazine, mailed direct to their home residence.

Thanks to PSR Marjorie Cowan, temple secretary, in sending the 'good news', and we trust that each of the members will enjoy reading of the various reports and messages from members throughout the United States and Canada.



EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Vermont — Damon Lodge #16 of Danville, was asked to present an 'Eagle Challenge' Award to Eagle Scout Garrett Bailey of Lyndonville Scout Troop #738, during a November ceremony. Bruce Anderson, left, Damon Lodge Secretary and a Boy Scout Commissioner made the award.

Brother Anderson observed of a really great letter from Supreme Secretary Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, and a letter that could not be upstaged was one from the Vatican and signed by the Pops.



RECEPTION HONORS SUPREME CHIEF

New Hampshire — PSC's Mary Parker and Hazel West share good times during a reception in honor of Joyce Wright, the Supreme Chief of the Pythian Sisters in the United States and Canada, was held at the Highlander Hotel in Manchester.

Over 90 Pythians, friends and family attended for a special evening of friendship and tributes to Joyce, the first woman from New Hampshire to hold the title of Supreme Chief.

Making this honor even more meaningful, the year 2000 was the 100th anniversary of the New Hampshire Grand Temple. Pythians traveled from the Maritime Provinces in Canada, Florida, Indiana, New York, Virginia, Texas and New England in the United States, to be part of the celebration.

PSR Ray Copp was Master of Ceremonies, PGC Charles Ward and PGC Kenneth Warren were the flag bearers, GC gave the invocation and DSC Russell Newell the benediction.

MAKE A COMMITMENT

Are you committed or do you just belong. A familiar phrase isn't it, but oh how true.

Make a commitment to the Knights of Pythias to be the best fraternal organization.

Vince Lombardi, coach of the Green Bay Packers once said "The Quality of a man's life is in direct proportion to his commitment to excellence — regardless of his chosen field of endeavor." He expected Total Commitment from his football team.

My Brothers, perhaps we need total commitment to the Knights of Pythias. There are no secrets to success, don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work and persistence.

There are no spare Pythians, we all must have a commitment to help and develop new Pythians and continue to promote our principals. **OUR COMMITMENT EQUALS OUR GOALS.**

My brothers, some two years ago, your Council made a commitment for Teamwork, Change and Communications. Today, with a new century upon us, we must change our way of doing business, improve communications for our membership and work together. We cannot continue to live in the past — what worked years ago may not cut it today. As with the business world, either we change to update our business to compete or you go out of business.

My friends, I say to you, we are going to stay in business, we will do what is necessary to press on. Let's move in a positive direction and many exciting activities will occur because we will know where we stand. Remember for what we stand for, lets not lose sight of our functions and purposes and don't let failure, but success become a probability.

I suggest we start our day with these four questions and you'll make every day a more productive one.

- What is the best thing that can happen today?
- What is the worst thing that can happen today?
- What can I do to make sure that the best thing does happen?
- What can I do today to make sure that the worst thing doesn't happen?

Let me remind you of some purposes. Accept responsibility to do a job and ask questions, take a second look at what you are doing, promote communications to each other and the public, promote and improve the purposes of our Order to new and old members, provide leadership by setting the example, adapt to change for the better, be

a team player by doing your part and maintain a firm, strong and flexible attitude.

Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. There are three kinds of people, those who make things happen, those who watch things happen and those who ask, What Happened? Be the first kind — those who make things happen. Be an active member. Ask someone to join.

Since August, many positive things are happening. Various Pythian press releases have been issued and distributed by our Public Relations Chairman, Larry Kalb.

Our program has been distributed to all Domains. We have received many inquires on membership, written, verbally and thru the internet. Many lodges are doing rank work and new lodge prospects are on the horizon.

I want to remind each lodge that a reduction in suspensions is a part of our membership program. Each secretary and chancellor commander is encouraged to make every effort at your lodge to collect a delinquent members dues prior to his name coming before the lodge for suspension. Reference supreme statutes 3.12.065, have your DELINQUENT DUES COMMITTEE contact all members in arrears prior to considering suspensions.

ATTITUDE: A little thing that makes a Big Difference. Think Positive, great things can be accomplished.

Best Wishes for a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year.

MILAN LODGE HAS BEEN IN FESTIVAL FOR 43 YEARS

Illinois — Milan Lodge #477, is one of the original sponsors of the Milan Indian Summer Festival, with members playing an active role in sponsor-organization leadership, over the 43 years of operation. A color picture in the local newspaper praised efforts of Dale Huntley, chancellor commander, Jack Wilson, financial secretary and John Hansen, lodge member and festival president.

The 106-year-old Milan Lodge and its members have been active in the community good-will workings over the years. The present main charity function is hosting a Christmas party for the Quad City Candlelighters, which benefits children with cancer and their families, a function that includes dinner, dessert and gifts for each child.



BOBBY G. CROWE
Supreme Chancellor

The Tennessee Supreme Convention Committee and the Tennessee Grand Lodge invites you to attend the

Reception / Banquet

in honor of

Bobby G. Crowe, K&S

Supreme Chancellor
on the evening of

Saturday, March 24th

at the

Airport Marriott Hotel
Nashville, Tennessee

Menu Choice: London Broil or Chicken Breast.
\$39.00 per person. Please select entrée choice and mail payment to Virgil Young, GMA, PO Box 812, Rockwood, TN 37854. RSVP by Feb. 24.

Room rates: single/double, triple or quad are \$89.00 plus tax per night.

Airport shuttle service is complimentary.

Ample free parking.

Room Reservations on or before March 1, 2001, by calling 1-800-770-0555. For these rates advise the operator you are with the Knights of Pythias

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WILL SHOW GROWTH BY WORKING TOGETHER

Washington — The 115th session of the Grand Lodge convened at Bremerton, in October, enjoying the presence of Supreme Vice Chancellor Harris Breit, representing Supreme Lodge. Out-of-state members were welcomed from Oregon and British Columbia. William Ralph of Sidney Lodge #85, Port Orchard, presided over the business activities.

Starting off the convention, a hospitality room, hosted by Sidney Lodge #85, including a buffet and bar was enjoyed when all had a good time mingling and renewing friendships. Joint opening ceremonies took place, followed by an impressive Memorial Service arranged by the Pythian Sisters.

Highlight of lodge reports included Sidney Lodge activities with the State Poster Contest and that the hardest part was picking the winner from the great number of entries received. The lodge works all year in fund raising for prizes, supplemented by the grand lodge.

GVC Dan Barnett reported on the successful community fund drive for thermal imaging systems for both fire departments in Camas and Washougal, with both fire departments using the devices to help save on cost of finding

and containing fires with the cameras. He also reported on North Bank lodge efforts to support Special Olympics, giving funds to aid bowling league of Special Olympics.

Brother Don Mills reported on state activities for Special Olympics. All lodges receive the Special Olympics magazine and have contacts for the regional directors.

The Grand Banquet and funds for funds night was a hit. The convention was topped off by the joint installations of officers with Grand Temple. The 116th convention will be held in Yakima, first weekend in Oct. 2001.

Washington — Members enjoyed a highly successful Grand Temple convention at Bremerton, in October, presided over by Grand Chief Kathy Parkison. One of the highlights was an impressive cavalcade of flags presented by the Sisters of each Temple (both Sisters and Knights), with a flag she had hand-crafted for them featuring the Temple name, number and symbol.

Installation of officers was special as this was the first occasion in several years that the Knights and Sisters held joint installations. Past Supreme Chief Ethel Nellist presided over seating the new term Grand Temple Officers with Gwen Rhodes serving as Grand Chief.

Sister Rhodes has been a member of 104-year-old Crescent for 17 years and has been an enthusiastic supporter of the order. She was presented with a membership certificate by Supreme Membership chairperson Agnes Kaufman for her efforts in this behalf.

In her acceptance speech, Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes announced a membership drive theme of "Stick Your Neck Out" with the mascot being a giraffe. Her Theme is "I Believe in You . . . in Me . . . in Us".

The Knights and Sisters will not only be promoting Special Olympics together, but will

also volunteer for public television (PBS) to get more publicity for the Order.

HONORED AT RECEPTION

Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett and Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes were honored at a November reception as members and guests attended and joined in the sparkling cider toasts to the Order and to another year of fraternity and service.

All enjoyed a light dinner with a sinfully good dessert table. Dan reiterated his challenge that if the Knights raised \$1,000 for Special Olympics, he would wear a kilt.



Washington Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett and Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes, are very enthusiastic about promoting growth, joint participation and Special Olympics.



A PIZZA PARTY was enjoyed by Special Olympic Children, being sponsored by members of Oak Leaf Lodge #49, Rockwood, Tennessee — the home lodge of Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe. 46 children and 16 adults enjoyed Pizza, soda, chips and cup cakes. Sam Rayburn Lodge of Harriman sponsored the party a year ago, with Oak Leaf taking turn this past fall. The lodges are hoping this will be an annual event. Pythian Sisters of Volunteer Temple #1, Rockwood, assisted.

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THREE GENERATIONS SHARE IN PRESENTATION

Ohio — On occasion of 50-year credentials presentation to Vanadell Mayton, center, her mother, Agnes Pharis, left, and her daughter, Debbie Jorstad, right, each added their greetings. Members of Sicily Temple #247, Akron, the event was celebrated during the District Convention held at Comet Temple #259 of Medina. Sister Agnes Pharis is a 69-year member and Debbie Jorstad is a 25-year members.

ENJOYING MEMBERSHIP, SERVICE WITH PYTHIAN SUNSHINE GIRLS



From left, PC Richard Barker, Steve Conrad and PC Arnold Glaser. At rear is Chancellor Commander Roger Mullis.

HYPERION LODGE HOST TO SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Iowa — Hyperion Lodge #186 of Manchester, hosted a Sept. event when the Rank of Knight was conferred upon Steve Conrad from Star of the West Lodge #1, Cedar Rapids.

The meeting enjoyed attendance of 25 members of Hyperion, five from Star of the West and two from Edgewood Lodge #358 of Edgewood. Grand Lodge Officers included Grand Chancellor Kurt Brockmeyer, GVC Harland Ross, SR Don Rhines and DSC Ralph Barger.

The regular convention was held following the serving of a pot luck supper. Following the meeting members enjoyed playing cards, billiards and mingling with conversation.



From left, PC Harold Calvert receiving 50-year membership credentials from 50-year member and life long friend PC Don Meeks. Chancellor Commander Roger Mullis, center, added congratulations. Each are members of Hyperion Lodge #186, Manchester, Iowa.

LODGE BIRTHDAY PARTY HELPS ENHANCE INTEREST

Ohio — Owatoona Lodge #62, Cleveland, marked its 127th anniversary with a party on the theme of "Celebrate Your Pythianism". Members enjoyed a cake and refreshments; talks on "What it means to be a Knight", were given by speakers Norm Weiss, KGS; DSC Ron Kiessling, KGS, as they discussed Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

Activities included an exhibit and sale of Pythian memorabilia and the re-obligation by 27 members on the Rathbone Bible, PC Jeff Backer proposed this affair to concentrate on contacting Brothers that no longer attend conventions, to help revitalize the lodge. It was a good turn out and it certainly will help keep the lodge moving forward.

Ohio — Katrina Ann Hyde observes that it is an honor to hold the title of Supreme Royal Princess which she has worked hard to achieve; she has always enjoyed working with people and especially the members of the Sunshine Councils.

She grew up in Seven Mile, Ohio — the youngest of six children, which she reports was not easy. At a young age, she always wanted to be a Sunshine Girl. Katrina would sit outside of the Pythian Castle Hall and cry to Aunt Betty, that she wanted to be a Sunshine Girl and was brought into the group at age seven.

Educated in Edgewood City Schools and graduated in 1991, she has served as Grand Royal Princess of Ohio. During schooling was involved in Vo-Ag agriculture and animals; was also in FHA. Was on the Junior Fairboard and in 4-H for four years; was very involved with horses and horse shows each weekend until she started beauty college.

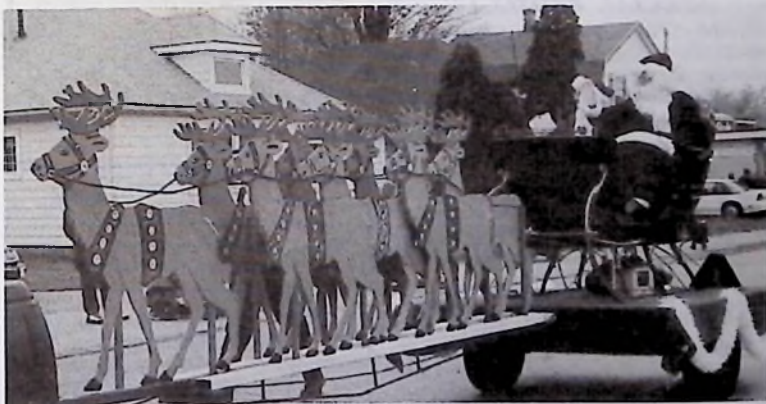
On graduation she was married to Brett in Sept. 1993. Working experiences included a job with the Oxford Police Dept./ as a dispatcher but found it was not for her; worked at a Salon until expecting their son, Logan, now two years old.

A stay-at-home mom, and loving every minute of it, they have 12 horses, three cats and a dog. Katrina serves as Royal Advisor of Glennettes Council #21, Seven Mile, she is thankful to have so much support from



KATRINA ANN HYDE
Supreme Royal Princess

the Pythian Sisters as well as the Knights of Pythias and with such support she is sure that she will find her two-year term to be most enjoyable . . . in *Spreading Sunshine*.



THE ANNUAL SANTA PARADE, sponsored by Rokeby Lodge #9 of Wallaceburg, Ontario, proved again, to be most successful. Chaired by Doctor Bob Morrow, there were two Pipe Bands along with several School Bands; choirs on parade floats. Parade clowns passed out about 20,000 candy canes to children along the parade route, as courtesy of the Knights of Pythias.

The lodge, as a special gesture host about 125 patients to view the Santa Parade, from the Southwest Regional Hospital. Liz McCort of the hospital works as liaison with the Knights of Pythias to get the patients to the parade. They are treated to hot dogs and alfa-gettys and the lodge, through Santa presents each with a gift during a program in the Castle Hall.

JERRY GIRARD SERVES 2ND GRAND CHANCELLOR TERM

Oregon — The October sessions of the Grand Lodge convened in Pendleton, with good representation from the various lodges. Grand Chancellor Jerry Girard presided over the business sessions and gave reports on a successful term of service. Members enjoyed the presence of Supreme Vice Chancellor Harris Breit of Tucson, Arizona, representing Supreme Lodge. Brother Briet gave reports of Supreme Lodge workings and the various programs for support by the individual Brothers and Lodges.

Indicative of the respect he holds, Brother Jerry Girard was duly selected to serve a 2nd term as the Domain Grand Chancellor. Brother Girard observes as honored to head up such a fine organization that does so much for the people in the communities. With there being much work to be done in this new year, such as developing goals for the lodges and the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Chancellor will be working with each lodge to see that they get more involved in their communities and at the same time to tell people of their good work . . . the Pythians are the best kept secret in Oregon, he observes.

With working together, in helping each other, it takes small steps to reach goals, but it can be done. He hopes to improve communications with the members to get them involved with the Order.

SPECIAL PROJECT

Grand Chancellor Jerry Girard and Grand Chief Ann Ross issued a report, following the visitation by 40 Pythians to the "Oregon Garden", a world class public display garden and botanical complex currently under construction, in Silverton, 40 miles south of Portland.

It is hoped that Pythians — Knights, Sisters, Dokeys and Nomads, will undertake the sponsoring an area in the Sensory Garden, as unprecedented opportunity to become part of something that will be seen by people from everywhere for years to come.

Pythians have been offered the Water Garden and will be named the Oregon Pythian Water Garden. The cost of the area is \$50,000 and can be paid over a five-year period.

PENDLETON THANKED

Grand Chancellor Girard was loud in his thanks to Damon Lodge #4 of Pendleton for their great work in hosting the convention. A busy and dedicated group of committee persons provided great entertainment with groups of high school choirs and musicians;



The Honor of Pythian of the Year was presented to PGC Paul Lewis, right, by Grand Chancellor Jerry Girard, during the Grand Banquet. The recognition will be presented annually, in the name of the "Jack" Murchison Pythian of the Year award.

a tour and entertaining evening at the Pythian Castle Hall (which included putting Jerry through the paces as they inducted him into the Main Street Cowboys.) They also hosted the popular and well supplied hospitality room.

BOBBY CROWE AND JOYCE WRIGHT ATTEND MARITIMES SESSION

Nova Scotia — The fall sessions of the Maritimes Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened in Amherst, hosted by Oxford Lodge #26 and Cedar Temple #21, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe and Supreme Chief Joyce Wright.

An evening activity featured joint Opening Ceremonies with seating of officers by Pythian Star Temple #8 of Springhill; an impressive Memorial Service and a Cerebral Palsy presentation.

With opening of sessions by Grand Chief Norma Crawford, seven Past Chiefs took the Grand Temple Degree. Sister Pauline Barnett as Supreme Vocalist and Sister Pat Parker as Supreme Musician were welcomed. A plaque was presented to Loyalist Temple #13 of Saint John, NB, who recorded the most new members over the term. Grand Press Correspondent Edith Hunsley presented new cords for the grand temple officers jewels.

Impressive revenue funding was reported with Ways and Means, \$610; Craft Table, \$307.45; Ways and Means Special Project, \$1,432; Grand Chief Quilt, \$1,359.14. The quilt was won by E. H.

ONTARIO WORKING TO OVERCOME OFFICER, FINANCING PROBLEMS

With the June sessions of the Grand Lodge scheduled to convene in Thunder Bay, and due to problems of officer resignations, the sessions, at the last minute were relocated to Wallaceburg. SMA Ron Dickinson was welcomed with representing Supreme Lodge. The sessions were held jointly with the Ontario Grand Temple and related activities.

Faced with dwindling resources, discussions brought about plans to follow a fund raising program for a draw over 20 weeks, netting the Grand Lodge about \$3,000. Carrying out this project for a few years, will enable the grand lodge to give assistance to weaker subordinate lodges.

PSR Bill Randall of Wallaceburg is serving in the Grand Chancellor office and with active officer assistance, Brother Dickinson feels that the domain will show progress as there is possibility of new lodges being instituted.



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IS PROVIDED,
WE ENCOURAGE
YOU TO RECYCLE

McMann of Moncton, NB

A Sunday Church Service took place with 150 in attendance. A collection was donated towards procuring a wheelchair. Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe and Supreme Chief Joyce Wright spoke to the members at respective business sessions about their programs. They were also special speakers during a banquet and presided with installing the new-term officers.

A highlight was the presentation of a Supreme Chancellor Medal by Supreme Chancellor Crowe to Supreme Prelate Ron Dickinson, with thanks for his work and dedication to the Order.

Sister Nancy McLeggan of Fredericton, New Brunswick and Ernest Richards of St. Stephen, New Brunswick are the new-term Pythian leaders in the Maritimes.

OFFICIAL VISITATION

Alberta — Grand Chief Deane Girard of Calgary was honored at a dinner with official visit to Sunset Temple #6, Coaldale. In her remarks she stressed membership and the importance to follow the Ritual. A special Love and Friendship Ring ceremony was exemplified embodying her themes.



GERALD R. DEITCH, KGS
Nevada Grand Chancellor

FORMER NEW YORK GRAND SECRETARY INSTALLED

NEVADA GRAND CHANCELLOR

Nevada — Gerald R. Deitch, KGS, of Las Vegas, was installed to the Grand Chancellor leadership role during the Nevada Grand Sessions which convened in September at the Sands Regency Hotel in Reno.

Formerly of New York, Brother Deitch served as Grand Secretary for the New York Domain from 1989 to 1993 on leaving the office to reside in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has served in Nevada grand lodge offices to his recent Grand Chancellor election.

The Grand Chancellor's Program calls for an aggressive Membership Renewal Program. It pledges a substantial increase in membership with the help of the grand council and a strong grand lodge membership committee.

Brother Deitch observes: We must strive to increase our membership, and remember "Enthusiasm Breeds Success and Success Will Be the Crown of Our Efforts."

HANDS ACROSS BORDER CEREMONY HELD

Members from Maritimes, Maine and New Hampshire met at St. Stephens, New Brunswick for the annual Hands Across the Border event. Following the ceremonies a meeting took place with Maine Grand Chancellor Ernie Rice presiding. A good attendance included 11 lodges from Maritimes, six from Maine and two from New Hampshire.

Brother Rice emceed the evening activities of supper, entertainment while DSC Roland Mitchell was speaker for the evening. A program of dancing followed.



From left, David N. Bellask, grand master at arms; Karen Lowden, Deborah New Jersey Regional Director; Grand Chancellor Allen S. Kornfeld. PDSC Dan Feigan, KGS, top, served as program master of ceremonies.

\$25,000 DONATION TO DEBORAH THROUGH NEW JERSEY FOUNDATION

WAYNE BENNETT COOKS FOR PYTHIAN CHARITIES AT SPEED-FEST EVENT

Virginia — Wayne Bennett of Collinsville, a Past Chancellor of Patrick Henry Lodge of Martinsville was very busy last Sept., as he spent a week organizing a long-time Knights of Pythias operation as they spend two days preparing and serving up 800 orders of curly fries and 700 all-meat hotdogs with mustard, cole slaw, chili, diced onions for toppings.

Six to ten lodge members assisted, along with Bennett's wife, Janet, as they erected two tents for the operation of frying, grilling and fixing drinks, in support of Pythian charities of Cerebral Palsy, Cystic Fibrosis. They also help out with Camp Holiday Trails as they own a cottage which supports ill children.

The Martinsville Bulletin printed a full page article, with pictures, about Brother Bennett's 72-years of residing in the area and about his cooking interests; the race track/race car activity of speedfest and his Knights of Pythias membership with the local lodge. For his 15 years service as a trustee, Brother Wayne received Past Grand Chancellor Honors during the October Grand Lodge Convention.

MAINE OFFICERS MEET

The Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sister Grand Lodge, Grand Temple officers convened meetings in the fall at Brunswick for discussions aimed to meet the present challenges facing grand and subordinate arms of the Order. SMA Ron Dickinson was present and felt that much success came about from the discussions.

New Jersey — Through its charities foundation, Pythians presented Deborah Hospital Foundation, Brown Mills, more than \$25,000 as its annual gift and part of a continuing commitment to contribute \$500,000.

PDSC Dan Feigan, KGS, served as master of ceremonies following a gracious luncheon, with PGC Allen S. Kornfeld making the gift as the last act of his Grand Chancellor term. Also present was Knights Foundation President David N. Bellask, grand master at arms.

Monies were collected in part by a raffle conducted by PDSC George Dorison, KGS, and a new domain-wide collection weekend. Karen Lowden, new Director of New Jersey Region, Deborah Hospital Foundation spoke of recent advances with the vascular program and transradial catheterization for people virtually from birth through their 90's and of the huge number of heart procedures at the hospital.

Deborah is a regional heart and lung treatment center of world renown which does not charge patients above insurance coverage.

NEWSLETTER ISSUE

Volume #1, Issue #1, 'Pythian News' is a multi-color information sheet issued by Robert C. "Toad" Hayes Lodge in Cherryville, North Carolina. The lodge had plans for their annual function of conferring ranks; recently presented a check in amount of \$1,215.69 to Special Olympics as funds raised from Canisters placed in local businesses; a local lodge sponsored baseball team, had 19 and 0 record earlier in the season.



CANADA POST INTRODUCES PICTURE POSTAGE

The Canadian postal service has introduced a new feature that has stamp collectors "chomping at the bit" — it's called Picture Postage. Now, you can have your own personalized Canadian 46 cent postage stamps. Instead of a landscape, or heroes of bygone days pictured on the stamp you can have a picture of your child, your wedding, your family, your self or an organization's logo as was done with the two stamps pictured above with the Knights of Pythias and D.O.K.K. logos. (Which is an excellent way to promote and advertise both Orders.) The stamps are in colour.

While orders for personalized stamps are accepted from both Canadian and United States residents, it must be kept in mind that Canadian stamps are not accepted by the U.S. Post Office as postage on mail mailed in the U.S. However, philatelic enthusiasts will, no doubt, want to add such personalized stamps to their collection.

Applications to order personalized stamps are available at most Canadian post offices and can be downloaded on the internet at www.canadapost.ca and click on Picture Postage. Minimum orders are one sheet of 25 stamps for \$24.95 and the post office includes a sheet of 25 return address labels with each order.

MEET THE CHALLENGE MOTTO FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE PYTHIANS

New Hampshire — Following the Fall sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Convention in Manchester, Grand Chancellor John Beyer and Grand Chief Eleanor Peabody are busy with their chosen motto to "Meet the Challenge", and when their term is over they will be able to observe "We Have Met the Challenge".

To help Meet the Challenge, Grand Chancellor Beyer and the Grand Council have 19 working committees and five scheduled Grand Council meetings throughout the term.

Featured committees include Membership, Boy Scout Connection, Special Olympics and Community Service. Special events that will receive attention include:

- Founder's Day celebration in Feb.
- Memorial Day Service at Pine Hill Cemetery.
- Pythian Day at Rockingham Park.
- Pythian Day at Cathedral in the Pines.
- Picnics and a big Pig-Out in August.
- Grand Convention, Sept. 20-22 in Lancaster.

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BILL WILEY AND BILL RALPH ARE UNSUNG PYTHIAN HEROES

Washington — The Knights of Pythias Cemetery at Port Orchard, a burial ground in excess of 100 years, has been transformed through members of the lodge and special care taken by Bill Wiley and Bill Ralph. The two men have spent the last 20 years working together to maintain the cemetery which they undertook on joining the lodge. Wiley had been spending time on maintenance long before he realized who had ownership of the property.

Bro. Ralph observed that "When we started, you couldn't mow it. It was a junkyard. Every year, it's getting better". When the two men began 20 years ago, they cut the grass with power push mowers. These days they have rider mowers available. They have been able to upgrade with generous contributions from community business people.

Wiley observed that while the longtime \$100 donors who provided funds are dying off, they have found a new source of money as they man a coffee booth at one of the Interstate rest stops a few times a year and on a good weekend can raise \$1,000 in donations. With bringing in some money, they are able to hire workers and in the long run, with some new, younger members, they hope that the property will be maintained in the future.

MID ISLAND TEMPLE LOANS AIDA LEONE TO GRAND TEMPLE

New York — When Mid Island Temple loaned Aida Leone to Grand Temple to be the Grand Secretary, they sent her off with song, dance and love.

This has been the pleasant task of the Mid Island Repertory Group for over twenty five years. This complement of talented Sisters have over the years put on an annual Show at the Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Conventions; entertained shut ins at Nursing Homes; sent off their Deputies and encouraged their incoming Temple officers with their clever, loving ditties.

Aida Leone has been a member of Mid Island Temple for over 20 years on her way to Grand Temple office. She has served in the "trenches" in many capacities with unparalleled success. Her work on the Temple Bulletin and her service as the Treasurer, prepared her for her tenure as Grand Secretary.

Aida wears many hats, some of which are an officer of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary, an officer in several bowling leagues, a Teacher's Aide amongst others.

She is "Notorious" for her craftsmanship — or is it craft-womanship? Her house and other houses who have received her largesse are overflowing with samples of her handiwork of shawls, granny squares, dolls with braided hair, baskets, Santa's, reindeers, wreaths . . . you name it she's made it. She's a collector of Carousels and was presented with a porcelain one from her Mid Island Family.



JOHN BEYER
Grand Chancellor

Grand Chancellor John Beyer was in the building business in Pennsylvania for 45 years, the last 10 as a general contractor. Retired in 1988 and moved to a small farm in Vermont where he joined the Pythian Order and earned his Past Chancellor credentials. Being the only lodge in Vermont it is under the jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP

Alberta — 50-year memberships were presented to PC Catherine Makin and PGC Mary Kovac during a ceremony at the Crowsnest Pass hospital. MEC Mary Habbas of Progressive Temple #3, Coleman, presented the credentials with presence of daughters of the honorees. A tea hour followed.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER TEAM SERVE IN MICHIGAN

During the Michigan Grand Lodge, Grand Temple fall sessions, at Lansing, members were treated to a new and interesting view of leadership with Tammy Beach of St. Louis installed as Grand Chief and her father, Ted Courter of Alma, installed as Grand Chancellor.

Brother Courter has held most offices in his subordinate lodge. He brings hope for increased membership and more participation in the Winter and Summer Special Olympics.

Even thou the Grand Chancellor is planning different ways to raise funds for Special Olympics, that is not enough. Volunteering to help with the games is a special time for several members of the Knights and Sisters statewide. The Summer games are held in Mt. Pleasant. To be able to help these Athletes is one of the most fulfilling way to spend a few hours of one's time.

This Pythian Sisters term proves to be lively and fun under the guidance of Grand Chief Tammy Beach. Tammy comes from a 'Pythian Family', in the truest sense of the word! Her father is Grand Chancellor; her husband and father-in-law are both Past Grand Chancellors. Her mother-in-law is a Past Grand Chief; her grandmother, sister and sister-in-law are all Past Chiefs. Her brother, grandfather and two brothers-in-law are members of the subordinate lodge in St. Louis.

Children are a very important part of Tammy's life. For this reason she has chosen to raise money for the Teddy Bear Program in conjunction with the Mobil Medical Response units throughout the state. These units will be given teddy bears wearing t-shirts with the Pythian Sister logo on the front. The teddy bears will then be given to traumatized children so they have a 'buddy' of their own to hug and comfort.



Grand Chief Tammy Beach and her father, Grand Chancellor Ted Courter.

GREAT PROMISE FOR FUTURE WITH ALL ORDERS WORKING TOGETHER

On returning from the Supreme Sessions at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, last August, I had much satisfaction with the spirit of enthusiasm and co-operation shown between Knights, Sisters, Dokeys and Nomads which shows great promise in the future for all of us as we work together.

I hope soon that the number of Knights that are also Dokeys will increase greatly from the current number of approximately ten percent. Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe is a dedicated Dokey, as well as are the majority of the Supreme Lodge Officers.

As for the Imperial Officers, at the Convention, four were Supreme Representatives: myself, Wayne Huber, George Fox and Irv Rosenthal. Also serving as Supreme Representatives were Past imperial Prince William L. Shilling and Past Imperial Regent Robert A. Simmons.

The Dokeys have much to offer: our humanitarian program and our interest free scholarship loans, as well as fun. Yet, we take our motto very seriously of "Lift Up The Fallen."

The Resolution passed in 1998 at Albany, NY, supreme convention was not meant to be viewed as that Dokeys want to break away from the parent order, which we hold dear. It should be used as another tool to encourage our current Dokeys to bring in new members.

If we can get new members into the Dokeys, then hopefully, they would join the Knights of Pythias. Let us hope we can both grow together in membership and fraternal love.



EDWARD FRIDAY
Imperial Prince
Dramatic Order
Knights of Khorassan



ACTIVE SUPPORT FOR CHARITIES

New York — The Pythian Sisters of Mid Island Temple #234, supported "Light The Night," at Hofstra University, as they walked three miles to support The Lymphoma Society in memory of their dear Sister ASR Sunny Tobin.

This dedicated group of women are extremely involved in supporting many causes in their communities to stamp out many diseases, including American Diabetes Association, United Cerebral Palsy, Special Olympics, etc. All are very proud of their altruistic endeavors.

NEXT ISSUE — PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL

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PROGRAMS WELL PLANNED IN OHIO

Ohio — Joint sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened last fall in Columbus, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe. Grand Chancellor Keith Barger, with Motto: "Our Future Lies Within Ourselves", observes that each of us, as Pythians, has a real responsibility to the Order.

A special project has been undertaken for the Castle Knoll, K. W. Hess Pythian Home, for the purchase of an aviary, a large bird cage housing a colony of birds for the residents to enjoy. The project was chosen after witnessing residents of other facilities spending many happy hours watching the birds.

Other projects will include support to the American heart Association, Special Olympics and the Pull Tab program in support of the Ronald McDonald House Charities.



Elizabeth Breyley, right, received a gift during the grand sessions with thanks for her 15 years of service as grand trustee. Trustee lawyer John Oberholtz presented Sister Breyley with a clock. A 47-year member of Liberty Bell Temple #464, Spencer, Sister Breyley has served that Temple as Treasurer for 35 years.



During an annual luncheon which recognizes members with long time service to Whitehouse Temple #312, Whitehouse, PSR Marlyn Conklin, right, had the pleasure to present a 40-year pin to her sister-in-law, Margie Conklin for 40 years service as temple secretary.

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Grand Chief Jeanne Tingle and Grand Chancellor Keith Barger, pictured during a dinner/reception with the presence of 140 members and guests.

GRAND CHIEF JEANNE TINGLE'S projects include a new roof for the Sophia Huntington Parker Home and support to the Kidney Foundation. Her motto is Onward and Upward through Prayer and Practice of your Principles.

Sister Tingle is a 19-year member of Normont Thistle Temple #299, Cincinnati and dual with Gleaners #543; she and husband, Harold, Have been married for 31 years, while Jeanne has worked as a legal secretary for 35 years. Hobbies are crafts and gardening.



PGC Donald D. Treadway, a member of Lafayette Lodge #37, was responsible for starting Goldstar Lodge #787 of Miamisburg, Ohio. Brother Treadway is shown receiving an award from Supreme Chancellor Crowe for his achievement at the Ohio Grand Lodge convention in Sept.

GRAND YEAR FOR CHARITY IN MARYLAND

The 93rd Grand Temple and 132nd Grand Lodge of Maryland convened in September at the Four Points Hotel-Sheraton, Hagerstown for a weekend which included both business and social activities with fun and fellowship enjoyed by all attending. Visiting dignitaries included Dorothy Hughes, Supreme Treasurer and Norman T. McLaurin, Supreme Master at Arms, representing Supreme Lodge. There were also Knights and Sisters from neighboring States enjoying the festivities.

Susan Mann, Grand Chief, Century Temple #4, Brunswick, presided over the Grand Temple Sessions while David Paul Moss, Grand Chancellor, Mt. City Lodge #29, Frederick, conducted the Grand Lodge business activities. Both Grand Officers are to be commended for the manner in which they presided and for a grand year all around.

Through the combined efforts of all Maryland Pythians and friends, the Grand project — *Dystonia*, a neurological disorder that is characterized by involuntary muscle contractions and was diagnosed for one of our own sisters several years ago, benefited from a very generous donation of approximately \$27,000.

A check was presented to Dr. Grill of the Dystonia Foundation with a promise of more to come after the final donations were counted. The many fund-raising activities including Super Bingo, Raffles of hand-crafted items, memorials and personal donations along with the hard-working efforts contributed to this project.

Everyone is to be thanked for all the efforts put forth to make this another grand year in Maryland's charitable endeavors.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAMS for Southern Nevada, were discussed by Director Todd McLemore, center, who met and presented plans and programs with members of Clark County Lodge #96, Las Vegas. Members, from left, Grand Chancellor Jerry Deitch; Barry Heifitz, grand inner guard; PGC Bud Hedges; Richard Bale, chancellor commander; PGC Don Feldman and PGC Arthur Rosenberg.



Reg Greenwood, at rear; Trish Davidson, left, teacher; student Emily Saunders and her mom, Tammy Saunders.

LODGE PROVIDES HEARING ENHANCEMENT

British Columbia — Penticton Lodge #49 secretary Reg Greenwood, was on hand for the presentation of a phonic ear free-field sound system at the Carmi Elementary School, to Grade One student Emily Saunders. The hearing enhancement equipment includes four speakers and a microphone unit worn by the teacher. It will move to other classrooms with Emily as she advances through the grades.

With permanent hearing loss, Emily requires the system which amplifies the voice of the teacher by 15 to 20 decibels and enhances the acoustics for all the students in the class. The \$1400 amplification aid was supplied through the lodge ways and means effort of collection and sale of salvage newspaper for recycling purposes.

QUEBEC WELCOMES SPECIAL MEMBER

Ivanhoe Lodge #5, and the Domain of Quebec, are proud to welcome newest Brother, Lawrence S. Bergman, to the Order. Brother Bergman is a member of the National Assembly.

As well as being part of the elected government of the Province of Quebec, he is a very active member in the community of Montreal. He has received many honours and decorations, on behalf of both the French and English speaking population of Quebec. His most recent honour is that he was the recipient of the cultural development decoration, presented by the Renaissance française au Québec Delegation (2000). He sits on many Boards of Directors of Hospitals and Synagogues.

In his remarks to the Order, he stated that he wished to join our Order because of the reputation the Knights of Pythias has within the community, for its fine work of charity and benevolence.

GOLDEN SPUR AWARD

Florida — Congratulations were extended to Lee Koslowski, long time member of Jericho Lodge, New York, currently DGC of the 10th Florida District as he was recently awarded the Degree of the Golden Spur, at an open meeting. A long time member of Gold Coast Lodge, where he gave special leadership.



During Installation of Officers, Nevada Grand Chief Evelyn Rowe, PSR, was supported by husband, Richard, right, SR and Grand son, Wade Nevins, 8, who held the Bible.

HUSBAND, GRANDSON ASSIST AT INSTALLATION

Nevada — Grand Chief Evelyn Rowe reports that the sessions of Grand Temple, in Sept., were excellent and characterized by good will, working together, and the most welcome presence of Supreme Chief Joyce Wright, Members were further elated by the information that they may possibly be instituting a new Temple in Las Vegas, in the new year.

MARYLAND LEADERS INSTALLED WITH A 3RD GENERATION SISTER

Maryland — During Grand sessions and in an impressive ceremony, Julie Smith, Potomac Temple #28, Keedysville, was installed as Grand Chief with Shirley Lowery, PSR as Supreme Chief; Kay Daniels, PSR, as Supreme Senior; Beverley Dalton, PSR, as Supreme Manager and Mabel Litchfield, PSR, as Supreme Secretary.

Julie, a third generation Pythian, is the daughter of Shirley Lowery, PSR, who was her Installing Officer and will be serving as her daughter's District Deputy Grand Chief for the year.

Her grandmother, Rachael Wagner is a Charter member of Potomac #28 and has served as Grand Trustee and District Deputy Grand Chief and aunt Beverley Dalton, PSR, was re-elected Grand Secretary.

Grand Chief Julie's Motto is "Let true Pythianism warm your heart and lift your spirit", with the Yellow Rose as her Flower

and Sunshine and Butterflies as Emblems.

Supporting Grand Chief Julie Smith with her program will be: Susan Mann, sitting past grand chief; Nina Lawson, grand senior; Naomi Teets, grand junior; Rosemary Northcraft, grand manager; Beverley Dalton, grand secretary; Joyce Dilks, grand treasurer; Frances Williams, grand protector; Jean Hanna, grand guard.

The Grand project for the term is Stroke Awareness, working with Dr. Steven Kittner, Director, University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore will be shared and supported by Robert Holsinger, Grand Chancellor, Forest Oak Lodge #123, Gaithersburg.

Assisting Grand Chancellor Robert during his year will be the Grand Lodge Officers who were installed by George Filsinger, PGC; Thomas Beall, PSR; Robert Veters, PSR and Norman McLaurin, Supreme Master at Arms.

Supporting Officers are: Carol Lawson, grand vice chancellor; Charles Daniels, grand prelate; John Case, grand master at arms; Albert Stevens, grand secretary; Howard Dilks, grand treasurer; Dr. Lance Revennaugh, grand inner guard; John Schriene, grand outer guard.

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NORTH CAROLINA OFFERS INCENTIVES FOR PROGRAMS

Butch Gantt got an early start on programs prior to taking over the Grand Chancellor leadership role on asking the Grand Lodge to approve funding and to back his anticipated plans. His sound planning and foresight was duly adopted.

To encourage membership growth, provide high visibility in the subordinate lodge communities, and to supply financial assistance among the subordinate lodges, he recommended the following programs.



BUTCH GANTT

That the Grand Lodge provide \$12,500 to be divided equally among the subordinate lodges. That each lodge must meet two criteria before receiving any of the funds.

- Each lodge must have at least one business meeting monthly.
- Lodges with a total membership of less than 75 members must initiate three new members during the calendar year. Lodges with more than 75 members must initiate six members during the calendar year.

Any Lodge receiving funds must use 50% of the funds for a charitable cause and furnish grand lodge with a receipt. This must be done before any lodge can receive additional funds under the program. The other 50% may be used at the lodge discretion.

With the above program in effect, three lodges have already met the requirements and received \$2,500 each. The program has given the domain 15 new members. The three lodges will give \$3,730 to charity or \$1,250 each in their respective communities.

The program is designed to overcome a net loss in membership and show a net gain. The Pythians are working on a state program as well which is to help the Boys and Girls Home in North Carolina, a home that takes in boys and girls from all over the state, a home with house parents and most of all — love.



Assemblyman Steve Labriola, left, and Chancellor Commander Craig Mondschien.

FUNDING FOR CHARITIES

New York — Mid Island Lodge #828 are extremely grateful to State Assemblyman Steve Labriola for securing a State Grant to be used towards altruistic endeavors in the community.

They also thank him for taking time out of his busy schedule to attend the special event in presenting this funding to the "Make A Wish Foundation" which coincides with Assemblyman Labriola's proclamation recognizing the 136th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias.

HELP ASTHMATIC STUDENTS



Maryland — Members of Charity Lodge #58, Westminster, have donated 21 nebulizers to the Carroll County school system. These nebulizers will provide treatment for children with asthma. From left, PGC Hal Robertson, financial secretary; PGC Ellwood Long, treasurer; PSR Sharon Fisher; Marge Hoffmaster, Carroll County Schools; PGC Edward Fisher, secretary; Christopher Long, inner guard.

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Montana Grand Temple Installing Officers, from left, Mary E. Semmens, supreme senior; Joyce Wright, supreme chief; Verna Jozovich, supreme manager.

Montana Holds 99th Session

The 99th convention of the Montana Grand Temple convened in Bozeman, with Gateway Temple #15 of Livingston serving as hostess. The sessions enjoyed the presence of Supreme Chief Joyce Wright. Grand Chief Shirley Lawrence presided over the business meetings.

Members took opportunity to pass on further thanks and appreciation to Wenonah Jones, who now joins the ranks of Past Supreme Chief, on her retirement from Supreme Secretary office last August. She was presented with a money tree. However, not entirely being retired, Wenonah was elected to office of Montana Grand Secretary.

A convention highlight was the initiation of Karen, daughter-in-law of then Grand Secretary Ruby McGuire, with assistance by the Degree Staff of Calanthe Temple #3 of Butte.

Frances St. Pierre was elected to Grand Chief leadership, an office she served previously. Members are anxious to extend a special welcome to all Pythians to attend their 100th anniversary sessions, Sept. 20-22, in Butte, Montana.

IOWA KNIGHTS, SISTERS HOLD JOINT SESSIONS

THEME:
**HELPING OURSELVES
BY HELPING OTHERS**

MOTTO:
**AWARENESS, ASSISTANCE
AND INVOLVEMENT**

Grand Chancellor Kurt Brockmeyer of Hyperion Lodge #186, Manchester, is urging Brother Pythians to join and assist with fund raisers for fire departments, ambulance services, Boy Scouts, churches, or wherever they can become involved in spreading Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

These are not just words to the Grand Chancellor, if he knows of a project, he is right there, getting Knights to volunteer their time and energy.

Such involvement will allow communities to know the Knights of Pythias are there instead of sitting back and waiting for them to come forward. Brother Kurt observed: we can inspire the members of the groups we work with to become new members, thus, we will be assisting in bettering the communities as we increase our membership.

Support is also being urged for the supreme lodge project of Special Olympics as well as domain support for Camp Courageous.

Born and raised in Manchester, his school and youth years was active in many sports, active in Church Youth Fellowship, Cub and Boy Scouts achieving his Eagle Scout Award at age 16. Later attended business college.

For past 13 years has worked in industrial sheet metal; married to wife Jessica; joined the Knights of Pythias in 1990, working through subordinate and grand lodge chairs and has enjoyed working on various committees, renovations and repairs to the Castle Hall, fundraisers and assistance to members for attendance at lodge conventions.

From left:
Robert Andrews
Grand Chancellor
Fred Fraser
Scott Bennett



On taking over the British Columbia Grand Chancellor role last May, Fred Fraser urged for the membership to adopt the "ASK" and Prospect Membership Programs. To his satisfaction he recently sponsored the new members as pictured, for his home lodge, and reports now working on several more prospects.



Iowa is proud of their new Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief leadership of Kurt Brockmeyer, left, of Manchester and Karen Ness of Cedar Rapids, pictured following their installation ceremonies

The annual fall sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened in the Cedar Rapids Convention Center as Grand Chancellor Ted Maze and Grand Chief Marilyn Dengler presided over their respective business meetings, with all activities well attended.

The Convention enjoyed the presence of Supreme Inner Guard David Mead, representing the Supreme Lodge; Supreme Chief Joyce Wright and Supreme Manager Audrey Wheat as well as other out of state members from Indiana, Missouri, Virginia. Nancy Hall of Charles City was present and greeted on her recent election to the supreme temple law committee.

Through the efforts of PGC Kenneth Moder, grand secretary of Indiana, and a member of the special committee for the Pythian International, 15 new subscriptions for the publication were signed up.

Impressive installation of new-term grand lodge and grand temple officers was carried out as Supreme Inner Guard David Mead served as installing supreme chancellor and Supreme Representative Berti Werling served as installing supreme chief.

EXEMPLIFYING OUR PYTHIAN TEACHINGS

Grand Chief Karen Ness is urging Pythian Sisters to live up to what we learn in our Ritual: to help each other, to use our influence to support the Temples and treat everyone in a manner that encourages harmony among all.

Her Supreme project is Special Olympics. A special fund raising project is the printing of an Iowa Cook Book. The cook book will be filled with the best recipes from the 'best cooks in the state', a quality cook book that would make a nice gift for anyone. To reserve a copy, send name to Kathie Profit, 3304 Hiway 169, Lorimer, Iowa 50149.



50-YEAR PIN AWARD

Washington — During a fall meeting of Crescent Temple #12, Black Diamond, Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes, right, had the privilege to make her first official award, presenting PGC Isabel Armstrong, left, with her 50-year service pin. Present for the occasion was Isabel's daughter and granddaughter SPGC Kathy Parkison and Tina Condo. Members enjoyed a spaghetti dinner.

HOWARD PERLICK RECEIVES CERTIFICATE HONOR AWARD

Wisconsin — A Certificate of Honor, issued by Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe, was presented to Supreme Representative Howard Perlick, during event of reception to honor new term grand chancellor and grand chief.

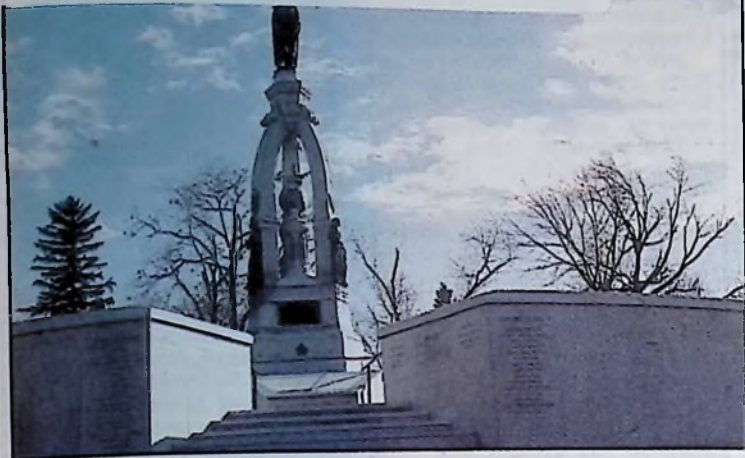
"In acknowledgement and appreciation of his devoted and tireless service to his subordinate lodge, his grand lodge and for his dedication while serving as supreme representative. He is especially to be congratulated for his outstanding achievements in his efforts to Knights of Pythias and the Domain of Wisconsin have greatly benefited by his presence and his involvement."

Brother Howard observed as being always grateful to Juneau Lodge for giving him all the encouragement, and being able to be a spoke in the great wheel of Pythianism.



RATHBONE MEMORIAL & SHRINE

COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES



The Rathbone Heritage Society gives opportunities for Knights, Sisters, their relatives, Lodges, Temples, Grand Lodges and Grand Temples to be able to have their names placed at one of the designated gift areas and be enrolled in the Society as a member and be recognized in perpetuity. A special reception for all Rathbone Heritage Society members will be held at each Supreme Lodge Convention.

The monument, a shrine memorializing our founder, Justus Henry Rathbone, stands 40 feet tall within a 100-foot diameter plot overlooking the beautiful Mohawk Valley of New Forest Cemetery at Utica, in upstate New York. The monument contains the graves of Justus H. Rathbone and his wife, Emma.

The Rathbone Heritage Society are urging for further subscriptions towards purchase of Paver Blocks and space portions on the granite panels. All funds generated to the project now go into the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias Foundation.



"WALK OF HONOR" PAVER BLOCKS

For a \$200 contribution, a 4" by 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, New York. For an additional \$125 you can share the same Paver with another. Add additional \$20 for a third line or First Row Paver are available for \$500.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS FOUNDATION *Rathbone Heritage Society*

(I/We/The) _____ wish(es) to enroll in the Rathbone Heritage Society. A gift in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ gift opportunity is being made to commemorate or memorialize _____ of the Domain of _____ (print exactly as you wish it to appear). Indicate highest Pythian rank if an individual: _____

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