



From One Eagle Scout to Another

New Jersey Deputy Grand Chancellor Larry Kalb, right, himself an Eagle Scout, welcomed the newest member of the select fraternity, Vincent Sherrier of New Jersey Brick Township. Kalb served as District Scout Executive, Boy Scouts of America in 1988, when Sherrier was a Tiger Cub Scout and Vincent's mother, Marianne Sherrier was a Day Camp Counselor. Kalb was a Day Camp Administrator. Vincent is in the process of earning more merit badges and showing increased Scouting spirit so he can earn additional Palm awards.

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New Jersey Grand Vice Chancellor Saul Rochman, left and Grand Chancellor Elliott Strout, right, pass on \$20,000 contribution to Dr. Dorothy Bisberg, director, Children's Hospital, Newark Beth Israel Medical Center. The presentation included a brunch and reception. Pythians have a continuing commitment to contribute \$500,000 to the center.

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PYTHIANS NEED TO KNOW THEIR 'GATEKEEPER'

by LARRY KALB, DGC
Supreme Lodge Public
Relations Chairman

"How do I promote the Order locally," a brother asks? Well, do you have a story worth telling? Does this story just interest you or will it interest other people? Is it unique? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it make people think of the fraternal Order Knights of Pythias as a worthwhile organization and, one that a man 18+ years would want to join, be active and remain a Knight?

Sounds like a mouthful. And it is. Here's how to do it so your lodge, your domain and the entire Pythian Order becomes successful.

In New Jersey, the Domain experienced a "heavy" spring activity calendar. It was promoted so that press releases and photographs were mailed to the local media and published statewide.

Poster Contest winners — Did your domain run a poster contest, a local lodge 'runoff'? It should. It is a Supreme Lodge program and our youth are the winners. What about a Public Speaking Contest, with the topic furnished by the National Forensics Association or related organization?

What about a Community Service or Civic Achievement Award to a graduating high school senior? Pythians do practice Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in the business and personal lives without the need for financial and materialistic recognition. Benevolence — Did you help put on a happy face for children and adults of all demographic populations! With all the "bad news" today, don't you want people to read about how the fraternal Order Knights of Pythias made their communities' a better place to live?!!!

Well, enough of the story ideas. Get it down on paper and fine-tune it. Enhance it with a photograph! But don't write on the photograph. Type out on a label a brief sentence or two. Don't insult the reader, as a picture tells a thousand words.

After all spellings are checked (never misspell a name) and facts are correct, write a few paragraphs about the event. Proof

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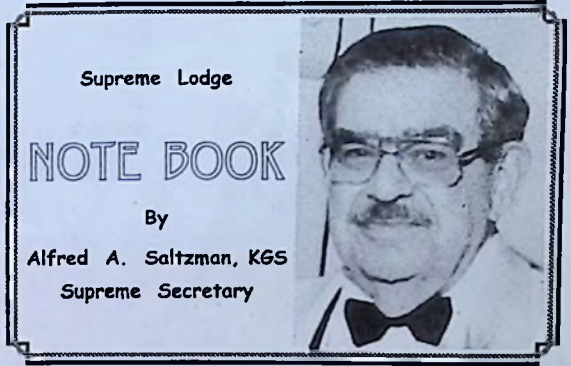
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Florida Grand Chief Sue Laster, left, received congratulations and good wishes from Supreme Chief Joyce Wright.

SUE LASTER NEW LEADER IN FLORIDA

Sue Laster of Coral Springs, began her Pythian workings as a founding member of Mimi Turgel Centennial Temple #21, May, 1988. Has served in each of the line offices in both subordinate and grand temple, as well as having served as a District Deputy Grand Chief. Sister Laster succeeds Beverly Kross who presided over the May Grand Temple sessions, at Deerfield Beach, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chief Joyce Wright.



Supreme Lodge

NOTE BOOK

By

Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS

Supreme Secretary

Welcome back to all Pythians who had a restful and relaxing summer. Now it's time to rekindle the activity flames on all levels.

Thanks to those Pythians who helped to make the Poster Contest a tremendous success. Twenty domains submitted posters for the final judging and the winners are listed on page 7. The same theme and prize set-up will be used for the new contest which is now underway. More information is available from the Grand Secretaries or the Poster Chairmen in each Domain or in the Lodges under the control of Supreme Lodge.

The Pythian Eagle Scout program is gaining momentum every day. This is a reminder that ALL certificates and patches must now be sent from the Supreme Lodge office. All we need is the name, age, and Troop number of the Eagle Scout, plus the name and address of the sponsor and a brief outline of the project.

All official Pythian jewelry listed in the Supreme Statutes must be purchased from the Supreme Lodge. All others are unofficial and illegal. These include Knights lapel pins, PC Pins, 25-year and 50-year pins, PGC pins and jewels. Deputy and Past Deputy Jewels, and all subordinate and Grand Lodge officers' jewels.

Attention, Secretaries: When the new annual report forms come out in November, be on the lookout for some changes in the format. We are planning to modernize the report and make it more computer compatible, as requested by many of you.

We are still looking for the names, addresses, and lodge affiliations of all new Knights immediately after they take the Rank of Knight. DON'T WAIT! We want to get them onto our subscription list as soon as possible.

Be on the lookout for a new mailing which will announce new features in the Pythian VISA program. Also, details for a Long Term Care Insurance Program are now being worked out and you will hear more about that later. These programs will not be available to members in New York, who have their own programs in place already.

Documents for consideration at the 2002 Supreme Convention will be entered in the order in which they were received. They must be in proper form, in compliance with Supreme Statutes by using underlines and strikethroughs.

We remind you once again – please send us your change of address so that our records will be up to date.

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MEMBERSHIP PROGRESS

by **DAVID MEAD**
Supreme Inner Guard
Supreme Membership Chairman

It seems like the Membership message is getting around. Many domains are reporting increases in new members, and new lodges are being instituted. A new lodge which started in New Jersey last fall is doing fine. The new lodge instituted this winter in Springfield, started with 15 members, has initiated five more and has five waiting to join.

Kansas, which hasn't had a lodge in years, just instituted a new lodge on August

11. Virgil Young has two new lodges in the works that he plans to have institute within a couple of months. Even in Mississippi State where there are few remaining active Pythians, a Brother has just asked for materials to start a new lodge. If he gets it going it will be a big boost to that domain.

In the Domain of Washington, Grand Secretary Cecil Tuttle has signed up over twenty new members within the past year. There are many more success stories. I think all this demonstrates what can be done if we have a positive attitude and are willing to make the effort to **ASK**.

In the past four months we have had responses from over seventy-five men who have read about the Pythian Order on our Web page and who have expressed an interest in joining. They are impressed with all that our Order stands for — our lofty ideals, charitable work, and fellowship.

Those of us who have been active members for some time have already experienced the benefits of our great Order. It is up to us to make the effort necessary to perpetuate it. We must emphasize and spread the message about all that the Order has to offer. We must not get caught up in trivial grievances and personality conflicts. (As true Pythian Knights we are far above this type of behavior.)

Let's continue to build on the momentum we have started. Now that we've really begun to make progress in recruitment, it's also time for us to reemphasize our efforts for retention and reinstatement. We must insist on maintaining our lofty goals and values, but be flexible enough to change with the times and be open to suggestions for improvement.

We Pythians have a right to be proud of who we are and what we stand for. We should be proud to ask a friend or neighbor to join. Remember — just **ASK**

Don't forget the Supreme Chancellor's Membership Incentive Awards. If your Grand or Subordinate Lodge has an overall increase in membership for the year, or if a Knight has signed the membership application of five or more new knights, have your Grand Secretary inform the Supreme Secretary so the deserved awards may be presented.

MEETING NEW FRIENDS

These past few months I have had the pleasure of visiting several Grand Temples and it is very heartwarming the love and fellowship that you receive everywhere you visit. There are no strangers, just new friends to meet.

One of the greatest things that our Order has to offer are the friends we make from coast-to-coast and knowing the reality that Pythians are the most giving people that I know. They give of their time, enthusiasm, prayers when necessary and their money to support various projects that we have going on.

The bonus of being a Pythian is the opportunity of seeing various parts of the country from British Columbia to Florida, from Nova Scotia to southern California during travels to attend Grand Temples, Supreme Temples, Imperial Darbars, Santha Society meetings, and Sunshine Girls' meetings. Traveling to Pythian meetings is great because you can meet new friends and get new ideas of things you can try in your own temple or state. If you get a chance, visit another Grand Temple than your own state or province and see for yourself how wonderful Pythians can be and how similar we all are. We may do things different but the bottom line is the same.

During my visits, I keep getting asked how I am recovering from my accident. Compared to a year ago, I am doing much better. Like everyone else, I am just taking one day at a time — some days are better than others. Since last October, I have been going to an osteopath who has been able to adjust my hips which un-pinched a nerve in

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SHEILA BOREN
Supreme Protector

my right side. Thanks to everyone for their prayers which helped me make it through a difficult time — I still feel that warmth and love!!

On a final note, I hope that you will mark your calendar for September 15th for the institution of anew Pythian Sunshine Girls' council in Portsmouth, Virginia. This will make 2 councils for Virginia. Thanks to those who are working with the girls — this is a very rewarding experience. I hope that other states will try to add the Sunshine Girls to their state's Pythian family.

Remember to count your blessings and keep a smile on your face — a smile increases your face value!!

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DO YOU PI?

by ADDIE SADBERRY
International Chairman
for Pythian Sisters

As a subscriber to the Pythian International, do you look forward to each issue? I do! I can hardly wait for each new issue to appear in my mail box.

I am excited to see what is going on with my Pythian friends: the articles, the pictures, the news of happenings around the United States and Canada. There is up-dated report about the recent Dokey/Nomad Imperial Sessions at Huntington, West Virginia.

There is excitement throughout the Order. You can keep informed about all of this excitement and MORE, just reading the PI.

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ALL PYTHIANS INVITED TO JOIN IYV 2001 SALUTE TO VOLUNTEERS

The Knights of Pythias is participating in the United Nations International Year of Volunteers 2001, and is listed as a partner on the IYV website. In 1997, the United Nations adopted a resolution for 2001 for people worldwide to acknowledge volunteers, and to promote volunteerism, networking, and volunteer events. There are more than 1000 organizations in the United States and Canada commemorating volunteers or conducting activities inspired by these goals.

The Pythian IYV 2001 program is to have domains and subordinate lodges recognize Pythian volunteers and members of the community this year by the selection of a Pythian and a non-Pythian with each as a recipient of an IYV 2001 award for volunteer activities at an open presentation, and then to insert a photograph and a news release or caption in the local newspaper or other media. Certificates and awards are available. The U.N. activity concludes in early December. International's last issue honored members for the many activities conducted throughout the Order for charitable and other community causes to improve the quality of life.

The concept allows the yearly recognition of volunteers with similar presentations and media releases thereafter. IYV 2001 was introduced by New Jersey, PGC Sir Joel D. Fierstien to help acknowledge the volunteer efforts and tremendous contributions of Pythians universally, to promote the Order, and to increase its visibility. Pythians are invited to join in participating in the IYV 2001, a tribute to all who work without reward to make life better and brighter.



MOE BURGERS AND DAN DOGS POPULAR AT BARBECUE

Washington — North Bank Lodge #145 and Camelot Lodge #1 helped celebrate the accomplishments of local Special Olympic participants by holding a barbeque and giving away four Honor an Athlete Coin awards in July. Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett was assisted by Moe Saberi and Merle Osborne, as they grilled Moe Burgers and Dan Dogs for all the attendees.

Nearly 30 Special Olympics athletes and family members came to see who these Pythians were and what they were all about. Four medals were given to athletes the coaches had chosen.

Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett, with four Special Olympics Athletes to who Brother Barnett presented each with a coin during a lodge sponsored barbeque.

One of the highlights of the day was a lady who has competed since the '70s. She reminded the Grand Chancellor that you didn't disclose a lady's age, as he gave her the medallion. The last recipient was a 15-year-old girl, who has been good enough to compete both with Special Olympics and in school sports. She has taken several state gold medals in individual and team sports.

The day was a literal hit with a softball game featuring the athletes and family members mixing with the Pythian Brothers and Sisters. No final score was available at press time, but the Pythians probably should avoid looking for sports agents.

NEW SUBORDINATE LODGE INSTITUTED IN KANSAS

Kansas — Sunflower Lodge #438, is the first Knights of Pythias Subordinate Lodge to operate in the State since 1980, was granted a warrant for charter and instituted on August 11th by Missouri Grand Chancellor Steve Glise.

The institution was held at Sicilian Lodge #39 at Independence, Missouri. A Three-in-One Rank Session was performed following the election of the slate of 11 candidates. The Rathbone Bible was present. A re-obligation ceremony was held for others present, conducted by DSC Chuck Morris. A special welcome was extended to PDDGC Stanton Kallies of Ohio, a dual member with Sicilian Lodge.

The election of Sunflower's officers followed the initiation ceremonies with installation performed by Missouri Grand Chancellor Glise, which included, Michael Butterfield, chancellor commander; Kenneth Porter, vice chancellor; Steve Anderson, prelate; Roy Thomas, secretary; David Tilden, Fin.Sec/Treasurer.

Sunflower Lodge will be convening the regular Conventions in the Kansas City metro area. Sicilian Lodge #39 of Missouri, was a gracious host for the new lodge, which offered its facility when the building for the Institution of Sunflower Lodge was unavailable on that date. Among those assisting with the Rank Work was DSC Chuck Morris, Stan Kallies, PGC Randall Todd, PGC Sid Hoffman and Sicilian Chancellor Commander Charles Corvine.

SHAPIRO URGES: TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Florida — Grand Chancellor Lester Shapiro laid out ideas and set into action programs as follows: Membership — In order to assist lodges in membership drives, provide a financial incentive for an approved membership program criteria and guidelines to be established by the membership committee. There is intention to reverse the trend of shrinking membership and increase the coffers of grand lodge by increasing per capita. Will provide written material on programs and membership team will travel to assist.

To continue the Florida Pythian as a means of communication with news-worthy articles. Grand Lodge will provide financial assistance for start-up of new lodges. In order to strengthen commitment to Special Olympics, it is urged to hold an honor night for Special Olympians and families, presenting coins and certificates, enhancing the program with professional athletes, giving greater publicity.

Create, establish and maintain a web-site for Grand Lodge to achieve greater communication, re-establish the youth and welfare poster contest with meaningful scholarship prizes which include prizes of \$1,750 in bonds. Establish a computer graphic contest for college students with prizes of \$1,750. Provide up to \$100 in matching funds per lodge for sponsorship of high school or below athletic teams. Full support is pledged to the Pythian Sisters for growth and success of the "Orders" and Brother Shapiro observes, together we can make a difference.



PSC Stephen Vickness, right, had the pleasure to officially install Grand Chancellor Lester A. Shapiro and his corps of officers during the Florida Grand Sessions. Grand Chancellor Shapiro, a member of Plantation Lodge #210 since 1979, worked his way through offices with serving as Chancellor Commander on two occasions. Has received honors of Knight of the Year on three occasions, has distinguished himself in many aspects of committee, organizational and leadership roles.

Presently employed by Levitt. Weinstein/Star of David in their appointment center. Worked in executive capacity for American Express for 21 years and worked for Service Corporation Int'l in the funeral industry.

Has been married to Jean for 25 years. Children: Ricky, is vice chancellor of his lodge; Mark is studying law and daughter, Sandy works for a Pharmaceutical Company. Lester was coach, manager and commissioner of Sunrise Sports.

HONORED AT RECEPTION

New Hampshire — A semi-formal June reception in honor of Grand Chief Eleanor Peabody took place at the Plaistow Fish and Game Club, sponsored by Trinity Temple #17 as more than 100 Pythians and friends were in attendance.



Gracing the head table were Grand Chief Eleanor Peabody and husband George, along with Supreme Chief Joyce Wright and husband Edwin. Following the buffet dinner several guests offered words of congratulations and good wishes. She received many cards and gifts.

A special cake was served, having been made by Marie Caruso, the newest member of Trinity Temple. Dancing followed to the band of 'The True Classics'. It was a wonderful evening of friendship and good fellowship.

HELPING TO PURCHASE EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Idaho — The East Shoshone Quick Response Unit of Osburn, sent a gracious thanks to the Knights of Pythias of Kellogg, for a donation towards purchase of a combination cutter/spreader tool with a hydraulic pump — similar to the Jaws of Life — extrication equipment. The Quick Response Unit noted that without this type of assistance from the Knights of Pythias and other organizations, they would flounder with old dangerous equipment.



PGC Sir Joel Fierstien, left, joined Cori, Saul Rockman along with Shelly and Allen Kornfeld as they proudly displayed Pythian banner during participation at Special Olympics Summer Games.

PYTHIAN VOLUNTEERS AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS

New Jersey — Many Pythians served as volunteers at the Summer Games held at The College of New Jersey, Ewing, led by Grand Chancellor Sir Elliott L. Strout and Grand Vice Chancellor Saul Rockman. Promoting Special Olympics is one of the focal points of the upcoming term under the incoming grand chancellor. All are urged to purchase "Honor an Athlete" Eunice Kennedy Shriver commemorative silver dollar coins for athletes, gifts or yourself.



Daughters Help Mother Mark 100th Birthday

British Columbia — On occasion of PDDGC Sister Nan Preston marking her 100th birthday, August 14th, she was greeted by daughters, PDDGC Gwen Major, top left, and Bronwen Manson, along with 25 family and guests. On entering the gaily decorated room, Piper Peter Rutherford played selections on the bagpipes.

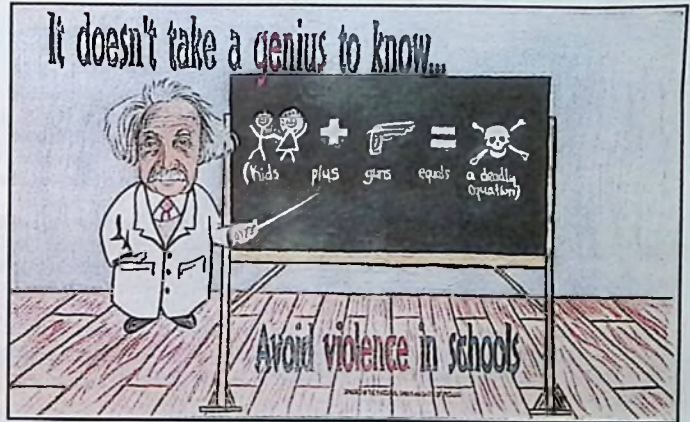
Sister Preston, a 70-year member, joined the Pythian Sisters at Kimberley and kept active membership on moving to Pentiction about 40 years ago. Her husband, the late Alex Preston along with their daughters had special recognition as a 100% Pythian family at one time. Daughter, Gwen Major, keeps active with Lumby Temple #25, while daughter Bronwen Manson resides in Ontario.



POSTER CONTEST PRIZE AWARDS



First Prize — \$1,000
JAMES KLEBE
Indianapolis, Indiana



Second Prize — \$500
GLENDIA KIRKENDOLL, Moberly, Missouri

RULES, REGULATIONS

The Knights of Pythias-sponsored Poster Contest entitled "AVOID VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS", is open to any student enrolled in grades 9 through 12 in any Junior, Senior High, Parochial School in the United States and Canada.

The Purpose of the Contest is to depict the importance of making the schools a safer place to learn and to create an atmosphere more conducive to more effective teaching. Rules and Regulations must be followed (without any deviation) to qualify for entry on each level of judging.

Posters may be on any color cardboard. 14 inches by 22 inches uniformly. (DO NOT DEVIATE).

All lettering, drawing, sketches, must be done by the contestant. No collage, paste-on or stencil-lettering is allowed.

On the front of the poster near the bottom, in letters not over 1/4 inch high must appear the following: "SPONSORED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS".

Each contestant must print name, Social Security number, grade, school, home address on the back of the poster.

Local and area contests must be determined by April 30. Domain contests to be held by May 15 and the first place poster from each state or province must be received by the supreme lodge office by June 15th.

JUDGING: The winners of all contests will be determined by qualified judges who are required to base their decisions upon the following: A) message; B) originality; C) effective display of message in specified dimensions; D) neatness; E) adherence to stated rules and regulations.

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- Nathan Sams, Prescott Valley, Arizona.
- Daniel Whiting, Duncan, British Columbia.
- Katrina Hubisz, Saugus, Massachusetts.
- Alexandra Alanas, White Oak, Texas.
- Timothy Pryor, Stafford, Virginia.

The final judging of the 2001 Knights of Pythias sponsored Poster Contest took place on June 26, at the galleries of the Quincy Art Association in Quincy, Massachusetts.

The theme "AVOID VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS" will be used again in the new contest which began September 1st.

The Judges for the contest were Anet Paglierani, Founder and Director of the Quincy Art Association; Julian Mullot, an instructor of youth art classes at the Quincy Art Association and Kenneth McFee, Chief Safety Officer for the Quincy School Department.

Assisting Contest Chairman Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman were Brothers David Ballask and Larry Kalb of New Jersey; Chuck Morris of Missouri; Duane Owens of California and Phil Queen of Ohio.



Third Prize — \$250
ASA WILSON
Jacksonville, Florida

MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

by Sir Allen S. Morris, SR

Since the adoption of Matching Funds by our Supreme Chancellor last August the matching Funds Committee has received applications in the range of a baker's dozen. Of those one has been rejected (submitted improperly) and twelve have been approved. I'm repeating the first article I submitted this year to show you how simple it is to apply . . . And how your Domain/Jurisdiction and/or Subordinate Lodge may benefit from this program.

If your Grand Lodge, or Subordinate Lodge is planning a membership drive, they could receive up to \$500.00 in Matching Funds from the Supreme Lodge for the program, simply log onto the Pythian Web Site (www.pythias.org) under "Membership" where you'll find a copy of the application form. Can't find it? Email me at asmorris45@aol.com. Don't have a computer? Drop me a note: Al Morris, 405 Prospect Street, Brockton, MA 02301.

There are two forms, but only the first

is on the Web Site. That application must be completed by your membership chairman, submitted to this committee and approved prior to the implementation of your membership program. Once approved, you're good to go. I'll send you a second form, which will need to be completed by your membership chairman at the conclusion of your program . . . It will tell us how the program went, how many members it appears you'll be bringing into your lodge, and what you feel you might want to change the next time you conduct that type of program again. Simple, huh? Oops, I almost forgot . . . Your lodge can use this program only once in a calendar year.

The committee and I are waiting for the applications to pour in. Help us do our job: help your lodge recoup some of the finances it uses to promote and conduct your membership program; help Our Order GROW.



Gerda Taitt, left, 71 years of membership, was greeted by Hazel Dowden 50 years a Pythian.

LONG TIME MEMBERS

Wisconsin — Chequamegon Temple #40 of Ashland, had the pleasure of honoring Gerda Taitt who has been a Sister for 71 years. She was MEC in 1938-39 and again in 1941. Served as Grand Temple Representative in 1940 and elected Pythian Sister of the year in 1987. Gerda is 98 years young. Her sister, daughter and niece are all Pythian Sisters. Her husband was a Knight member and Gerda says that was her reason for becoming a temple member



DDGC Margrette Johnston, right, welcomes new members Cheryl Cody, and Ann Stamper.

NEW PYTHIANS WELCOMED DURING DISTRICT CONVENTION

Washington — Following a call for new members by Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes, Cheryl Cody and Ann Stamper were initiated during a recent District Convention held at Vancouver, Washington.

Cheryl Cody, daughter of DDGC Margrette Johnston of Castle Rock Temple, along with Ann Stamper were given a hearty welcome, trusting that they will be a most loving addition to their respective temples.

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MARY WILLIAMS HEADS PRAIRIE PROVINCES GRAND TEMPLE SLATE

The 71st session of the Grand Temple of Prairie Provinces convened in Calgary, Alberta, May 6th to 8th with Grand Chief Dean Girard presiding and hosted by Victory Temple #1.

Two Sisters were instructed in the Grand Temple Degree: interesting reports were given by representatives and officers. In spite of advancing age and declining health. Reports, supported generous donations of time and money to worthwhile causes as Pythian fellowship remains high on the agenda.

Members enjoyed a banquet with entertainment by the 'Rovers' of Calgary playing and singing old-time favorite music.

Dean Girard was presented with PGC credentials, a pin that has been the property of the late Dorothy Pickering who at the age of 87, in 1984, received the pin for Grand Treasurer service.

Mary Williams of Calanthe Temple, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, was installed in an impressive manner along with her slate of officers. Her motto is 'Friendship'.



Presentation of 50-year credentials by Grand Chief Dean Girard, right, honored Sisters of Sunset Temple, Coaldale, from left, Joyce Owens, Phyllis Handley, Nancy Rutt.

The Golden Spur Degree Conferred Upon Joe Freiman

by Milton Schultz, Knight of the Golden Spur

New York — It was another Genesis Lodge #64 extravaganza. The Castle Hall was filled with over 200 Brothers, Sisters and friends for Genesis Lodge was to present a Golden Spur to a worthy Brother.

Each of the Brothers present who were entitled to wear the Golden Spur had undoubtedly, been Knighted by PGC Joseph Freiman and his Golden Spur Team. But, for this occasion, the tables were turned.

The Master at Arms roamed the room "seeking" the Candidate. He "found" him and stopped in front of Joseph Freiman who was on the podium in the Chancellor Commander Station. Freiman vacated the position and SR Julian Martin assumed the Chancellor Commander station. Joe's team took him in hand.

The beautiful ritual was perfectly presented and now there is a Knight of the Golden Spur who wasn't Knighted by Sir Joseph Freiman.

PGC Sir Joseph Freiman, a ritualists extraordinaire, has been leading the Golden Spur team for more than ten years. He has been Chairman of the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee instructing and holding various seminars and roles of the Ritual so that the lodges can operate in a Ritualistic manner.

Brother Freiman was instrumental in putting together the Modified Short Form 3-in-1 Rank which was presented to the Supreme Lodge Convention. It is used in New York and other Domains.



Brother Freiman's loving wife, Lady Ellen, after reading a poignant speech pinned her Sir, Joseph, Supreme Representative Julian Martin, right, served as Chancellor Commander for the ceremony.

Joseph Freiman and his wife, Ellen, are relocating to Florida where he will become a member of Kings Knight Lodge #221 in Tamarac. All are sure he will be as involved in the Pythian Order in Florida as he is in New York. New York's loss is Florida's gain.



Brother Dan Wooster fitting helmet for a young lady while mother looks on.

SPECIAL STARS RECEIVE AWARDS



Clark Lodge Prelate Ed Brandais and Chancellor Commander Adolph Shamis, from left, at back, along with recipients of Honor Athlete Commemorative Coins.

Ohio — With continued support of Special Olympics, Clark Lodge #764, Cleveland, made presentations during an annual bowling banquet as six Special Stars received awards for their bowling achievements. The Special Stars of Special Olympics are a bowling group of children and adults with purpose to bring the members the thrill and benefit of sports and enjoying activities together. Vice Chancellor Charles Ehrlich and DSC Ron Kiessling, treasurer, shared with the presentations with more than 100 persons at the bowling banquet.

KNIGHT / SISTER PROJECT BEGINS WITH GREAT SUCCESS

Oregon — The first joint Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters community service project was a big hit in the Hillsboro community, giving those involved a feeling of Pythian pride and accomplishment. Pythian Knights and Sisters gathered at 7 a.m., July 21st, to activate the public part of their Bicycle Helmet Giveaway program.

The group fitted and gave away 106 free bicycle helmets to the youth, and some not so youthful, citizens of Hillsboro. Some who came had read a press release in the Hillsboro Argus while others had heard by word of mouth. Several Pythians were involved in various stages and received many compliments for the community donation.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has published figures indicating that for each \$10 spent on bike helmets, \$30 in direct health costs are saved, as well as an additional \$365 in social costs. While the lodge and temple purchased the helmets at wholesale, they can logically say they have provided helmets that would have cost \$18 to the public. Using the NHTSA numbers the Pythian donation of 432 helmets they have committed, will save the community \$307,152 in medical and social costs.

The project has double benefits — Members of Phoenix Lodge and Phoenicia Temple have had an opportunity to work together as Pythians and enjoy the fellowship with providing a valuable donation to the community. A job well done!

WHAT'S IT LIKE? WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENCES?

by Sir Allen S. Morris, SR
Grand Chancellor, Massachusetts

Here I sit for the second time, Grand Chancellor of Massachusetts. I was first elected to the position of Grand Outer Guard in May 1982. During the time I served as a Grand Lodge Officer I witnessed Grand Chancellors who had planned and implemented programs . . . So I guess you could say I had the proper schooling, brought up in the right atmosphere. Immediately following my installation as Grand Prelate I put together an "Advisory Committee" of knowledgeable, involved brothers that worked with me through my term as Grand Chancellor. At that time our membership was larger, providing a deeper pool of concerned Pythians to draw from. Since then our membership has dwindled, now indifference is taking over.

Through the years, by no one's fault (this is my opinion) the Grand Lodge lost touch with the "Basics." Grand Chancellors came and went, each attempting to implement their programs. Don't misunderstand me, there have been some good Grand Chancellors, there have been some tremendous programs, but not consecutively. Like many of us, I love this Order. I've done what I thought was best for its preservation. I did the unthinkable in February 2000 by announcing my candidacy for the position of Grand Vice Chancellor.

I ran against a brother who had been in line for four years, and I won . . . Comments from his friends are still ever present. My concern was, still is, the survival of the Knights of Pythias in Massachusetts. I felt we could ill afford a non-productive year. You have to understand my thinking . . . I've always been (still am) of the opinion that if a brother is not doing the job he was elected to do he should be removed, but it's something we've not been able to do — until 2000. We cannot afford to have a line of grand lodge officers that has lost touch with reality, lost touch with the fact that we are a business . . . And like any board of directors, we have to protect our business by electing those who will commit themselves, not for the "glory" of obtaining the title of Past Grand Chancellor when their term is completed.

Immediately following my announcement as a candidate for Grand Vice Chancellor, with the wrath of many upon me, I persevered by putting together an advisory committee of three well respected, long time brothers who had the ability to see the "Big Picture." With suggestions from all, a year was planned, committees put together, prospective chairman talked to and selected. By the time I was installed as Grand Chancellor this past May everything was done, everything was ready for print.

Committees appointed, deputies selected, subordinate lodges notified, mailings sent. Now it's time to sit back and watch everything

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come together. NOT SO! I'm busier now than I was in 1986.

What are the differences I can see between now and then? Then we had more members to choose from, more members who cared. Now our numbers are smaller, but the nucleus is still there. We used to have heated elections for the office of Grand Outer Guard, now we in Massachusetts appoint the lower triangle.

We changed our statutes a few years ago; this gives us the opportunity to observe our lower officers, thus if the administration feels any of the appointees isn't doing the job he is/ not reappointed.

Now it falls upon me, as it did thirteen years ago, to keep abreast of everything that goes on in this domain; to stay on top of all the committees to make sure they perform properly; to impress upon my officers that they are Grand Lodge Officers wherever they go, that they must act accordingly.

We have several ongoing committees that have always been successful, with the correct personnel steering them they will continue to be. This year "Membership" is the top priority . . . Combined with Special Olympics International and the Boy Scout Connection the three committees have the ability to work independently and/or together. Each chairman has been selected because of his expertise. I'm extremely optimistic that this will be a terrific year for the Domain of Massachusetts.

Do I have any advise now that I'm in my second term? The office of Grand Chancellor is extremely important, not only is it the highest in your respective domains, but it comes with a tremendous amount of responsibility and authority . . . Use it if you have to, I do and it's working. When you're at the helm you're the top dog, but the buck stops with you . . . You are the brother who many say is responsible for what happens/does not happen within your domain.

Take the reins with "Pride," don't let

NEW YORK PYTHIANS TAKE IN A BALL GAME

40 Pythian Sisters, brothers and friends attended a baseball game sponsored by Neptune Temple #190. The New York Yankees and The New York Mets both have new minor league ball parks in the metropolitan area that facilitate their respective A-teams (The Staten Island Yankees and The Brooklyn Cyclones). Never has fundraising been more fun or more profitable. It also is a wonderful way to keep our Pythian fraternalism alive and well during the summer months.

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*I love this Order,
I've done what I
thought was best
for it's preservation,
in Massachusetts.
— Allen S. Morris*

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those who have been there before you attempt to run your term, however, use them for their advice, assistance. Appoint brothers to positions because they'll do the job, not because they're friends of yours. Plan your programs well ahead of time, not at the last minute . . . Stay on top of your committees to ensure they function properly. Likewise, make sure the information on the functions you've planned hits the streets months before they're scheduled to take place . . . And by all means be there with as many of your officers as possible.

In a short time you'll be out of office having turned the reins over to your successor . . . Offer your assistance then step out of his way, for now he's the top dog. Remember these words, they come from experience . . . Too many of our brethren who have been there before you don't want to relinquish the reins; they think they're still in control, still in command — they are not.

Many of them have egos larger than my house . . . We have no room for egos, we only have room for dedicated, hardworking brothers who are willing to do the work for the betterment of our Order. Don't listen to, "But I'm the only one who can do it!" There are many others, if given the opportunity will do as good a job, maybe better. It's easy to continually appoint the same brothers to the same position, but don't always take the easy way out . . . Look around you; there are many qualified brothers who would love a chance to get involved.

GOLDEN SPUR AWARD TO MARVIN LADNER

Florida — Roosevelt Lodge #177 bestowed the Degree of the Golden Spur upon PGC Marvin Ladner during impressive Ritualistic Ceremonies last June. In 1949, at age of 18, he began his Pythian career with Harry Kern Lodge #506, Brooklyn, New York, serving through the chairs and active in grand lodge until 1969 when he moved to Florida.

Brother Ladner was asked to join Roosevelt Lodge #177 and has since served as Chancellor Commander eight times; 15 years on the Laws and Supervision Committee and has served as Grand Chancellor for two terms.



FIFTH GENERATION PYTHIAN

Nevada — Yolanda Cowell of Calanthe Temple #11, Reno, graduated from Sparks High School with honors. She received a millennium Scholarship, a Music Band Grant and Aid, and also a UNR Music Scholarship to attend the University of Nevada in Reno. Her Grandmother, Charlotte Wesley, serves as Grand Secretary. Yolanda also serves as a volunteer for Special Olympics. All are very proud of her accomplishments.



Grand Temple Secretary Judie Shamis pins PC Adolph Shamis with his Past Chancellor Pin.

CLARK LODGE HOLDS ANNUAL BANQUET

Ohio — Clark Lodge held its annual banquet to honor their departed Brothers, Widows; presented Past Chancellor credentials and made presentation of Poster Contest awards. The widows present were presented plants.

Prelate Ed Brandais had an attractive display of Posters with presentations of checks and certificates as follows: First Place, \$100, Alex Kelly; Second Place, \$75, Jacinto Marshall; Third Place, \$25, Craig Andrews; Hon. Mention, \$25, Melissa Salon.

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A Proven Leader At The Helm

- ◆ KENNETH DANKER
- ◆ New York Grand Chancellor



Kenneth Danker was installed as the Domain Grand Chancellor during the 133rd session of the New York Grand Lodge which convened, in June, at Ellenville.

'Kenny' Danker has been a Pythian since 1974. He is a member of Knickerbrocker Lodge #510. Brother Danker has been involved in all facets of the Order on Subordinate Lodge, District and Grand Lodge levels. He has cultivated his knowledge and honed his administrative skills as Chairman of many Grand Lodge Committees.

However, it was as President of the Pythian Camp, he was relentless in the pursuit of providing summer vacations for underprivileged boys and girls.

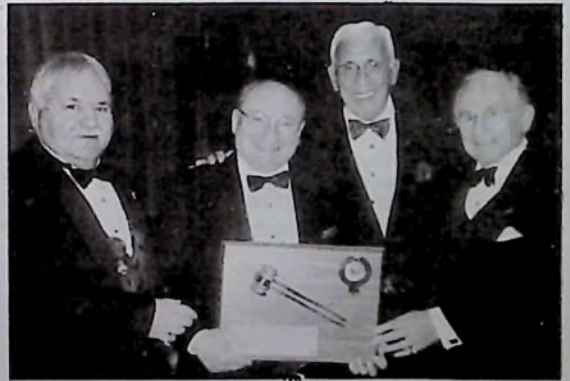
His charisma and "down to earth" approach to fund raising activities brought

money into the coffers, permitting more and more children to have their three week respite in the fresh air . . . away from the sidewalks of New York.

The Pythian Camp along with Membership Increase and Retention are in the forefront of his ambitious Program.

His support corps or Grand Lodge Officers are: Jordan Levy, grand vice chancellor; Lloyd Merson, grand prelate; Steven Krochmal, grand secretary; Alan Krell, grand treasurer; Lawrence Hoffman, grand master at arms; Jerry Silver, grand inner guard; Martin Fastings, grand outer guard.

TRADITION
FOLLOWED
PREPARING
GRAND
CHANCELLOR
FOR HIS
BIG DAY



New York — When Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh opened the New York Grand Lodge Convention sessions, he was sartorially splendid and Preliminarily correct.

He wore the robes of a Chancellor, to wit: a Blue Jacket presented to him by the 46th Pythian District and a Red Jacket given to him by Mid Island Lodge. These were topped by the "Ermine Collar," the Red Collar presented by Excelsior Lodge.

To fulfill his role of a Commander he had the Genesis Gavel supplied by Genesis Lodge. He used this to open and close the sessions, as well as command order.

Outfitting the Grand Chancellor for His Convention is a Tradition that goes back 30 years. The Grand Chancellor advises the attending Past Grand Chancellors the order in which he will wear the Jackets and the PGC's follow the dress code.

From left, PGC William D. Rubin, KGS; Morton Hirsh holding the Genesis Lodge Gavel Award; PSR Milton Schultz, KGS; and PDSC Sol A. Levin, KGS.

MINERVA TEMPLE HONORS LONG TIME MEMBERS

New Hampshire — Two Minerva Temple members were honored at a June Recognition Night ceremony as Avis Cushing and Jane Belyea each received 50-year membership credentials. Other certificates were presented to twenty 30-year members at a bountiful buffet.

The hall and tables were decorated in red and white. A decorated cake was served following the ceremonies. Other special service awards were presented to community folks for their continued help and support of Minerva Temple #40.

COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS WITH UPBEAT ATTITUDE



JOYCE H. WRIGHT
Supreme Chief

Terry Brodeur Is Impressive, Astute Ontario Pythian Leader

Ontario — A member of Rokeby Lodge #9, Wallaceburg. Brother Brodeur is a 'recycled second time Grand Chancellor of Ontario', was installed during the June sessions at Wallaceburg. The convention enjoyed the presence of Supreme Master at Arms Norman (Tim) McLaurin and his wife Jennie of North Carolina.

Brother Brodeur, a true Pythian is committed to promote a positive, profitable and progressive Canadian organization within the Supreme Domain, promoting Supreme Lodge programs.

During the past term, Terry chaired the domain fund raising program and is happy to report that Ontario is on the road to a bigger, better and profitable grand lodge. He has been involved with Boy Scouts and Special Olympics programs.

Devoted to his wife, Jo-Ellen and their

KELLOGG DONATION TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Idaho — Ed Bailey, representing Galena Lodge #12 and Trudy Bircher, representing Evergreen Temple #11 of Kellogg, were on hand to make July check presentations to athletes and executive members of the Silver Valley Special Olympics Chapter in Kellogg. A picture of the presentation appeared in the local newspaper.

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This past year, I have traveled many miles throughout the United States and Canada attending Grand Temple Sessions. As I see the number of members decline, I realize just how vulnerable we are as a fraternal organization. As we lose, through death, members of our Supreme Temple family and members of our Grand Jurisdictions, I realize how fragile and uncertain life is for us as individual. We need to, each of us, take the time to really count our blessings.

I feel truly blessed to have had the opportunity to meet, greet, and break bread with so many of our Pythians. Each of you have met me with warmth and Pythian love, even when my flights have been delayed, when you have driven to meet me in fog and rain and when your schedule has been as hectic as mine has

I thank you for the upbeat attitude you have about the Pythian organizations, and I thank any of you that are a bit discontented, as it is said that those who are discontented will move ahead and make changes in their search for happiness and contentment.

Although we have lost many members this past year, I see an upward trend as new members are initiated, new Temples are instituted, Bible classes are held and Sunshine Girls grow, and many inquiries arrive via email. We are becoming better known through all of our efforts.

I thank you for your love, your contentment, your discontentment, your hard work and your desire to keep our Pythian order flourishing.

I look forward to this new term. I feel that, because of each of you, we will as Pythians, continue to be blessed by our associations with each other. When you greet me, I feel like I am truly walking in the sunshine.

ED BAILEY HEADS IDAHO PYTHIANS

Idaho — With the Grand Sessions convening in Kellogg, in June, there was a distinctive void as for the first time in many years, the Grand Temple Pythian Sisters, which had curtailed activities a year ago, were missed as a leading factor in sharing the activity.

Hosted by Galena Lodge #12, a number of Pythian Sisters helped with arrangements and took an active part in a Memorial Service and banquet.

The convention welcomed the presence of Supreme Outer Guard Dan Cowan, KGS, from California, representing the Supreme Lodge, who participated with discussing the Supreme Lodge programs and convention business.

Ed Bailey, a member of Galena Lodge #12, Kellogg, was installed to the Grand Chancellor office. Part of his long range programs include membership acquisition with approaching new people in the community and to encourage their interest with the Order; to continue programs in supporting Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, Scholarships awards and Special Olympics. The Grand Lodge gave a \$1,000 scholarship award to the lodge at Kellogg and Bonners Ferry.



TERRY BRODEUR
Ontario Grand Chancellor

three children; two grandchildren, with one grandchild having autism, Terry lends much support to fundraising along with Rokeby Lodge as they sponsored a golf tournament with funds to Autism Society.

Terry's goal is to free the domain of any adversity and promote brotherhood. He is also committed to make the grand lodge a positive and profitable force within the supreme domain.

A convention highlight was conferring the Degree of the Golden Spur upon Grand Secretary George Symons of Thunder Bay.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS VOLUNTEERS

Many challenges confront us today, but its been said, "The harder the conflict, the more glorious the victory." Things are changing today and we can't go back to the past. There are no spare Pythians, we all should have a commitment to help and develop new Pythians and continue our efforts to promote our principals. Not only do we need to promote internal education to our new candidates, but my brothers, also to our regular members who sit on the sidelines

Attending a Grand Convention recently, I noticed at the motel a "Do Not Disturb" sign on a motel room. My brothers, I believe we have some members with the do not disturb attitude in our lodges. We all recognize our responsibilities to our lodges to do a good job, but there are times when it becomes necessary to ask questions, make suggestions, discuss issues and take a second look at what we are doing, WE MUST DISTURB.

Maybe it's time for a change. Two way communication is the key to improving how we operate our lodges, to identify potential problems, ask questions, voice concerns, present ideas, resolve issues and solve problems.

As a volunteer organization, I know each member is proud of our heritage and the principals upon which our Order was

founded. Every once in a while, I think it's a good idea to remind ourselves of the reasons for our existence. Let me remind you of some purposes:

◆ EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT — To promote and improve the true purposes of our Order to new and also old members.

◆ STRENGTHEN LEADERSHIP — To improve all of our roles in leadership positions and to improve the role of promoters and motivators.

◆ PROMOTE COMMUNICATIONS — To improve both written and oral communications to each member and to the public.

Let's move forward in a positive direction and exciting things will occur because we will know where we stand.

Don't lose sight of our functions and purposes, let not failure — but success become a probability. Let us remember what we stand for.

To all our Volunteers I salute you, I offer you these Bill of Rights:

- The right to be treated as equal, as a co-worker with respect and honesty.
- The right to know as much about the organizations policies, members and programs as possible.
- The right for proper training that's thoughtfully planned and effectively presented.
- The right for continuing educational training and information for greater responsibility.
- The right for informed, experienced and sound guidance.
- The right through advancement to assignments of more responsibility.
- The right to be heard, to offer suggestions, recommend plans and to receive respect for an honest opinion.
- The right for recognition in the form of awards and assignments.

So my brothers, sometimes we must disturb, after all if there is not a good reason for doing something, then maybe we shouldn't be doing it at all.

If you have an idea on how to improve your lodge then identify it to your Chancellor Commander. He may just appreciate your potential solution and involvement.

Quote — Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are and doing things as they ought to be done - C. E. Stone



BOBBY G. CROWE
Supreme Chancellor

MARYLAND SISTERS DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

PSR Shirley Lowery, DDGC, for District #1, of Potomus Temple #28, Keedysville, presided at a District Convention in Frostburg. To help raise funds for the Grand Project of Stroke Awareness, Shirley asked the Sisters to collect loose change in a sock and bring to the convention — "To Sock It To Her" — with thanks for contributions, \$900 was collected.

PSR Peggy Luber, DDGC for District #2, of Laurel Temple #33, Laurel, presided at a District Convention in Randallstown. A day of informative and instructive learning took place as there were many questions and coverage on all aspects of Ritualistic work.

Both Conventions were well attended including Grand Chief Julie Smith and Officers. These annual School of Instruction include a time for fun and fellowship, enjoyed by all.

Betty Puffer Shares Janet Berry Legacy

Wisconsin — Sister Betty Puffer of Zenith Temple #31, Appleton, was asked to attend and participate in the 10th anniversary celebrations of Janet Berry Elementary School, for handicapped and regular students, which was marked on birthday anniversary of its namesake.

It was a fun day for Betty who visited the classrooms to tell students about her friend, sharing memories and stories as to how Betty, an incredible woman and Appleton citizen, was able to overcome disability to contribute to the community.

Teachers expressed thanks to Sister Puffer for funding contributions that have been made to the school, over the years.

Bobby Crowe and Joyce Wright Attend West Virginia Sessions

Joint sessions of the West Virginia Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened at the Days Inn, Flatwood, July 12- 14, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe and Supreme Chief Joyce Wright. Each took active parts in social and business activities.

Pythian Sisters activities began with an impressive School of Instruction conducted by Grand Senior Beverly Grove. A meeting of Secretaries and Treasurers took place. Joint Opening Ceremonies was followed by a reception in honor of Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Chief along with Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers.

Opening day evening events included a Past Grand Chiefs dinner and meeting with theme of "Christmas in July", with President Mary Jane Lisk who presented each guest with a Christmas card and gift.

An impressive Joint Memorial Service took place with PSR Nellie Dickerson as mistress of ceremonies. It included parts done by Brother Crowe and Sister Wright. Roll call of deceased Sisters and Brothers was called and a candle lit in their memory. Rev. Kenneth Hayes gave the message and benediction was by Boyles Carter.

A Fun Time program included a young dance troupe from Ansted, followed by a 'mock' Millionaire Show, with some very expensive gifts presented, such as a fly swatter and a back-scratcher.

As part of business sessions, Grand Chief Marilene Bibb, whose charity had been support for the Heart Fund, reported that a donation will be made to the

Charleston Area Medical Center. West Virginia Pythians support charities of Heart and Cancer Funds, Ronald McDonald House, Muscular Dystrophy, Cerebral Palsy and many others.

With Committee reports completed, a resolution was endorsed to change the, Endowment Fund for Children of Pythians to include grandchildren as well, will be submitted to Supreme Temple.

With her message, Supreme Chief Joyce Wright, gave informative remarks, asking members to do what they can in seeking additional membership, support to Special Olympics and to attend the sessions in Nashville in 2002.

Joint installation of Officers ceremonies were carried out in an impressive manner with seating Grand Chief Beverly Grove of Kearneysville and Grand Chancellor Loye Harmon of Buckhannon, along with their slate of Officers.

A Joint Pythian Banquet, with a delicious meal and remarks by several present, included an evening of much fun. The sessions ended with Grand Chief Grove giving a list of committees and announcing that her project will be in support of the Diabetes Foundation.

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Membership

REPORTS ARE IMPORTANT

by VIRGINIA KELLEY, SR
Supreme Membership Chairman

Thank you to those who have mailed reports, some show an increase and have more applications in hand, some Temples are just holding on, no gain and no loss.

Pythians have a lot of work to do and it is our wish that every member will do their part faithfully and well.

Congratulations to Maine for working hard for a Bible Class and to Nevada and Tennessee for the enthusiasm and hard work to institute new Temples. There is great expectations for the growth of Our Order and in making an effort to keep our members. Every member suspended is a net loss to the Subordinate Temple, Grand Temple and Supreme. Use discretion in suspending Members. No member should be suspended who has a desire to remain in the Order. Let's regard our membership as a valuable asset.

I have enjoyed hearing from the Membership Chairpersons and the different activities that are being done. As you may guess, the favorite is eating - picnic, pot luck dinners, birthday gatherings and a lot of socials with Sisters and Knights. This is good news, the only way we can grow is by working together. Ask for members to help Build Our Bridges.

Please let me hear from each chairperson and tell me how your State/Province is doing. Advise to 1209 Windy Meadows Dr., Burleson, Texas 76028.

Thank Gavin Davis For 50-Years Pythian Service

British Columbia — During a supper hosted by Calanthe Temple #26, Pythian Sisters of Pentiction. Knight members of Pentiction Lodge #49, took the opportunity to recognize and thank PC C. Gavin Davis with presentation of 50-year Membership Credentials.

PSR Marv Wilson, making the presentation, observed that while Bro. Davis had been initiated in 1944, he lost some years of membership with no lodge at cities he had been transferred to with his work with the Government Liquor Control Board.

With his transfer to Pentiction as manager of the store in 1962 and a contact by Brother Wilson, Bro. Davis reinstated. He was thanked for his mannerism and dedications to the Order.



GAVIN DAVIS



Members enjoying the events of a picnic, from left, Sue Hendricks, 3rd member of supreme law com.; Chad Hartley, Florabelle Etchison, grand temple mother and Jim Smith.

SUCCESSFUL DISTRICT #4 PICNIC

Indiana — The annual Pythian picnic for District #4 took place at the home of Florabelle Etchison in Frankton with 64 members and guests, including Grand Chief Angie Wood, all enjoying themselves with games and an abundance of food, despite the 90 degree weather.



JUDGE ARTHUR FORT
Texas Grand Chancellor

TEXAS PYTHIAN LODGE AND MEMBERS WIN GRAND LODGE AWARDS

Texas — The 128th session of the Grand Lodge convened at Fort Worth, June 7-10, with extending a hearty welcome to Supreme Secretary Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, representing Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Lodge, installed Judge Arthur Fort to the Grand Chancellor leadership office, along with his fellow corps of officers.

Brother Fort, a member of Pythian Lodge #26, Longview, served as co-host for the Awards Banquet and served as Domain Chairman for the Poster Contest.

Pythian Lodge #26 had 13 members attending the convention and won the Attendance Award. First Place in the Ritualistic Work was won by Pythian Lodge Brother Roy Stone. Other Pythian Lodge honorees included Allen Sinclair as Outstanding District Deputy and Joe Bennett was awarded Outstanding Knight in the State.

Pythian Lodge won the Lodge attendance award with an average attendance at lodge conventions of 22 members present. In addition, the lodge's scrapbook won first place. The Texas Domain Poster of Alerandra Alanit of White Oak was judged to advance to the International Contest where it won Honorable Mention.

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Popular Pythian Couple Oversee Christmas In April * Long Island

New York — DGC Sol Goldstein and his wife Elaine, a Pythian Sister, wear many hats in and out of the Pythian Order.

Sol started his serious "hat wearing" as a Marine Sergeant from 1951-1953. He first donned his Pythian hat in 1956 when he joined Conqueror Lodge in Brooklyn, New York. Through his move to Queens and the eventual merging of his Queens Lodge, he became a charter member of Alliance Lodge. He wore all the hats of an officer of Alliance Lodge, as well as the 11th Pythian District. This led to his Deputy Grand Chancellor's hat.

Outside of the Pythian Order Sol Goldstein can brag about the hat he wore as a founding member of the Rochdale-Springfield Volunteer Ambulance corps, where he also served as an Emergency Medical Technician. The hat he wears with great pride at this moment is that of President of Christmas in April*Long Island. He was its founder in 1992.

Christmas In April*Long Island

50-YEAR PRESENTATIONS

Maine — Members of Kennebec Lodge #42, Bowdoinham, met for a supper and social evening to mark an occasion of presenting 50-year memberships to Brothers Calvin Prince, Philip Prescott and Gordon Bragg.

Chancellor Commander Henry Libby, on performing the honors shared a story. The event took place at Curly's Restaurant, in Monmouth, renowned for good food with members enjoying themselves to time of closing.

NEW OPERATION FOR OHIO PYTHIAN SISTERS HOME

The Sophia Huntington Parker Home in Medina, Ohio, is full, but not with little ladies, as it was for many years. It now houses the Ohio Pythian Museum, along with Medina's Comet Lodge #60, Knights of Pythias; Comet Temple #259, Pythian Sisters and Amena Santha #18, Nomads of Avrudaka.

To Sophia Place they bring 300 years of Pythian works as the Lodge was organized in Sept. 1873; the Temple, Feb. 1905 and the Santha, Jan. 1921.

Dedication ceremonies took place during Sophia's Homecoming, with a compliment of officers, from various areas, representing the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Sisters and Nomads.



*Deputy Grand Chancellor Sol Goldstein, President of Christmas in April*Long Island, along with his wife, Sister Elaine who serves as project Treasurer.*

(CIA*LI) is a program to repair and rehabilitate the homes of poor, elderly and disabled homeowners. It brings together people of all faiths and walks of life in an effort to assist people in need. It is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit.

They perform various services such as building wheelchair ramps, interior and exterior; painting, yard work, plumbing, repairs, electrical work, smoke detector installation, carpentry and minor repair. The aim of CIA*LI is to restore the homes of their needy neighbors, so that they may continue to live in dignity and independence.

Elaine Goldstein wears the hat of a Sister of Mid Island Temple. She wears the hat and carries the pom poms of a cheerleader for Sol's work. She wears the hat of mom and grandmother and if that isn't enough she proudly wears the hat of the Treasurer of Christmas in April*Long Island.

Sol and Elaine Goldstein not only believe in our tenets of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, but live it . . . with lots of love thrown in.

For more information on CIA*LI Sol can be reached at (516) 541-7322 or (516) 741-5291.

**SPECIAL
PERSONS
ENJOY
FUN
DAY
OUTING**



Mid Island Lodge #828 Brothers pictured along with residents and chaperones, include Dave Ehrenfreund, Howie Atlas, Craig Mondschein, Herb Gold, Dave Cohen. Also present were Jerry Silver, grand inner guard; Morton Hirsh, grand chancellor and John Venditto, town supervisor.

New York — Members of Mid Island Lodge #828 were privileged to have Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh and Oyster Bay Supervisor John Venditto, who serves as Chancellor Commander of State Lodge #1, to be present for a worthwhile Altruistic event.

Members were privileged to have had the opportunity to take part in sponsoring a group of children and young adults from the Center for developmental Disabilities to a day of fun and lunch at the Adventureland Amusement Park.

The Lodge looks forward to continued service to the residents of the community and these most worthy organizations in the future.

**CLEARWATER TEMPLE
CELEBRATES 76 YEARS**

Florida — During a Spring meeting, Sister Garnet Reichelderfer put together a resume since the Temple was instituted, March 12, 1925, revealing that De Leon and St. Petersburg Temples assisted with the initiatory work.

There was consideration in 1944 of surrendering the charter but dispensation was granted to meet with five members. This followed an event with St. Petersburg Temple once again coming to the rescue when seven members were initiated and the Temple soon increased to 75 with a staff of 12.

Sister Lucy Anderson of Clearwater was installed as Grand Chief in 1952. Sisters Eula Jones and Enid Miller later served as Grand Chief. Through Temple mergers, Clearwater Temple now boasts eight Past Supreme Representatives, a Supreme Representative and one alternate, three Past Grand Chiefs, five Grand Ritualistic Officers and all others are on the Past Chiefs list.

A time was enjoyed with reminiscing about the good old days. Sister Helen Cassel, 54 years; Enid Miller, 53 years; Erma Haslam, 77 years; with long time membership by Evelyn Frickert, and Garnet Reichelderfer, made the rest in attendance a little envious that they couldn't share in all of the remembrances.

NEBRASKA GRAND SESSIONS

Nebraska — The joint grand sessions of Pythian Sisters and Knights of Pythias met at the Ramada Inn, Lincoln, on March 17 and 18. This was the 100th Session for the Sisters and 135th Session for the Knights.

The Knights were honored to have Supreme Master-at-Arms Tim McLaurin as their guest.

A joint banquet was held March 17 with a Shamrock theme. Grand Chief Tharon Dahlgren introduced her Grand Officers and Grand Chancellor Robert Vocasek introduced his Grand Officers.

Supreme Representative Dick Meyer, Lincoln, gave a slide show and talk on his helping restore a Landing Ship Tank boat in Greece and bringing it home. It is to be used as a Museum for the Maritime Service. It was a very interesting story. What was to be a six week trip turned out to be almost four months.

Installed into offices for the Pythian Sisters were: Grand Chief Barb Blunt; Grand Senior Shirley Korinek; Grand Junior Pauline Homolka; Grand Manager Berdine Payne; Grand Secretary Dorothy Vocasek; Grand Treasurer Adela Amisek; Grand Protector Mayis Houser Grand Guard Virginia Craft.

Installed into the Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge offices were: Grand Chancellor Dave Waters; Vice Grand Chancellor Larry Bates; Grand Prelate Dan Magner; Grand Master-at-Arms John Dahlgren; Grand Secretary Bill Vocasek; Grand Treasurer Bill Holton; Grand Outer Guard Robert Vocasek; Grand Inner Guard Edward Vocasek;

During the session the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias presented the Grand Temple with a check for \$1,500 to help defray operating expenses.

MAINE GRAND TEMPLE OFFICERS



Maine — The spring sessions of the Grand Temple convened in Bangor, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chief Joyce Wright along with Sisters from the Maritime Provinces. With the institution of a new Temple in Boothbay Harbor last year, there are hopes of setting up a new Temple in Brewer. Grand Chief Bev Hubbard is urging for support in Altruistic work with assistance to Special Olympics.

Grand Chief Bev Hubbard, seated front, center, is joined by Lois Barker, grand senior; Carleen Wallace, grand treasurer; Frances Elwell, sitting past grand chief; Kim Rice, grand secretary. Back row: Pat Dow, grand musician; Colleen Stanley, grand manager; Pat Young, grand protector; Wendy Smith, grand junior; Janice Bennett, grand guard.

WILLING, READY TO WORK ON DUTIES FOR THE ORDER



PLANNING opportunities for additional membership with the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters in New Mexico, takes place during an annual summer picnic at Walter Canyon. Pictured, PGC Jean Spurgin of Socorro and PGC William E. Tarry of Lordsburg compare notes as all members invites friends, neighbors and relatives in a concerted effort to win new members.



LEWIS L. PLEASANT, Sr.
Indiana Grand Chancellor

Born in Madisonville, Kentucky, June 25, 1942, Lewis L. Pleasant, Sr. moved to Hammond, Indiana at age 16 and attended Hammond Tech High School. He and his wife, Daris, were married Dec. 14, 1963, and have resided in Northwest Indiana most of their lives.

They have a family of three children. Lewis Jr., and Daniel, both Pythian members along with daughter Laura. They have seven grandchildren.

Brother Lewis is a carpenter by trade and a 30-year member of Local One in Chicago. Involved as a construction supervisor, his sons work with him in the trade. They build roads and bridges mostly in the Chicago area.

Indiana — On his election to Grand Chancellor office during the sessions, July 12-14, Lewis L. Pleasant, Sr., has been a member for 20 years, enjoying service in offices of Lake County Lodge #215 as well as serving in the Grand Lodge line, observing that it is a pleasure and great experience to work with so many people to expand the work of this great order.

It is the goal of Grand Chancellor Pleasant to encourage all lodges and temples in the state to use his motto: "Forgiveness". This is the challenge he places on each member. If Pythianism is to remain alive, well and growing — to be a light to others — we must practice what this Order teaches us.

It is also a goal as Grand Chancellor to attend as many domain functions and help out in any way possible that time will allow.

Brother Pleasant reports that the grand sessions was a success with few obstacles. Everyone had a good time, good food, and shared some experiences in Pythian friendship. Out of state guests were welcomed from Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, along with Supreme Inner Guard David Mead of Virginia, representing Supreme Lodge and installed new-term grand lodge officers.

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MONTANA GEARED-UP FOR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

The 66th District Meeting convened in Livingston with Gateway Temple #14 as hostess and DDGC Mert Berryman presiding. An address of welcome was given by Grand Chief Frances St. Pierre.

Members are excited with planning for Montana's 100th anniversary to take place at Butte, Sept. 14-16, Sisters are asked to wear vintage clothing for the occasion.

A project is in progress with supporting a Special Olympic program. Calanthe Temple #3 of Butte, donated \$1,000 to a family of six whose house had been completely destroyed by fire.



KNIGHT MEMBERS DO FIRST BABY SHOWER

Texas — Enterprising Knight members of Ft. Worth Lodge #101 gave their first ever baby shower as their newest and youngest member Jaime and his wife Ericka Delgadillo are the proud parents of a beautiful healthy baby boy, born June 11. The guys served cake, coffee and cold drinks. It is wondered if they will do it again?



Acting MEC Shirley Korinek, left, Illinois Grand Chief Laura McClister, center and Nebraska Sitting Past Grand Chief Sharon Dahlgren.

A GRACIOUS AND WARM WELCOME

Illinois — While on a vacation, Illinois Grand Chief Laura McClister had occasion to enjoy a visit to Parthenia Temple #9 of Wilbur, Nebraska. Sister McClister has much thanks for the courtesies and warm welcome along with praise in the manner that Parthenia Temple operates with observing that it was a heartwarming experience.



The Canadian Mint has struck a special quarter dedicated to the "Year of the Volunteer" and a special "Care Bear", wearing the mint currency. DSC Gerald Weinstein, KGS, Teletthon Chairman, hopes to generate a great deal of revenue with the cute Care Bear, with helping in fund raising for Research into Children's Diseases. Brother Weinstein had the pleasure to present a Care Bear to Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant on occasion of his visit to the Grand Lodge in June.

PYTHIANS TO CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY OF TELETTHON

by John Derrick, PGC, Grand Secretary

Quebec — Each year, in December, the people of Montreal open up their hearts and wallets and show how much they care by partaking in the annual Teletthon of Stars.

A quarter of a century ago, the leaders of seven Service Orders, much like the Pythian Order, decided to pool their talents and resources with forming the Inter Service Club Council. Their goals were simple, to raise money for the research into Children's Diseases, to support the three major Quebec Children's Hospitals.

They have many fund raising projects and charity events, but their biggest fund-raiser in the annual Teletthon of Stars — 24 hours of Television Programming, dedicated to raising as much money as possible.

Last year, under the leadership of the President of the Inter Service Club Council, our very own DSC Sir Gerry Weinstein, they raised close to Four Million Dollars. "Not enough," says Sir Gerry, and pledges to raise even more.

The Pythian Order is very proud to be part of the Inter Service Club Council, and to have had Brother Weinstein as President. This is just another example of Pythian commitment to the Order and the community.

THUNDERBIRDS PERFORM SPECIAL AIR SHOW

Washington — Thunder, smoke, fire and speed were, present on June 15, as McCord AFB, Tacoma, hosted a special needs air show featuring the United States Thunder-birds. This was an exclusive, invitation only event for disabled and Special Olympic participants. The athletes were treated to a full show and were able to meet each of the pilots. The pilot's autographs on the program proved to be a hot item for the athletes.

Grand Chancellor Dan Barnett was able to drive a van full of Special Olympics spectators to the performance. During the show, one of the younger athletes became frightened and wandered away in one of the large hangers. The boy was found and returned to the group by a search party. Air show organizer, Lt. Col. Dan Powers took time to talk with the athletes and signed programs.

Each and every airman and officer treated the special needs visitors with the greatest of respect and dignity, showing courtesy and deference to the less fortunate.

Supreme Temple

CHAT ROOM

By

Linda Bridges

Supreme Secretary



It almost seems impossible that a year has passed since I was elected Supreme Secretary in Florida. The year has gone fast. It has been a year full of surprises and learning experiences, some good and some bad. There have even been times that I wonder if I was in my right mind when I decided to run for this office. I feel more secure in my job as each day passes, and I am grateful to all of the sisters that have encouraged and supported me this year. There is still much to do if we are to move forward into this millennium.

I am still receiving checks without the invoice number on it and I would appreciate the Grand Secretaries passing this information on to the Grand Treasurers. Please note that your supplies need to be paid for within 60 days. We need this money to pay for new supplies ordered. All special ordered supplies, i.e., capes, flags, jewels, **MUST BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**. Call or email me for a price and I will send you an invoice.

NOTE: Please check your new floor book, page 9. The instructions say to march **COUNTERCLOCKWISE**, and that is incorrect. Please delete this line from your floor book.

There is a change of address for Past Supreme Chief Geri Worley. It is: 17853 Huckleberry Drive, Penn Valley, CA 95946 Phone: (530) 432-3497

Please make that change to your directory.

Supreme Temple has in its possession a new Pythian Sister flag that we are offering for sale. Please contact me for more details.

We still do not have a new Fraternal Order price list. I will do new price lists after the first of the year, and if we not have their prices, we will just call them for any item that is needed.

Sisters, I am encouraged that we are instituting new Temples in different states. We have a new one in Maine, and Temples pending in Tennessee and Nevada. We need to continually strive to get new members and Temples so we can perpetuate our Order.

I look forward to meeting each and everyone one of you as I spend the next few years in this office. Please contact me if you have questions, suggestions, etc.

All for this time — Linda

Grand Chancellor Project Complete

Ohio — Grand Chancellor Keith Barger selected an Aviary as the Grand Lodge project for the Castle Knoll Ohio Pythian Home. This project, costing over \$5,000 was made possible by generous contributions from Subordinate Lodges, Pythian Bowling Committees, Temples, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan and tributes honoring departed Brothers.

Since it's installation, the Aviary buzzes with activity from within and without. Birds have nested, eggs laid and little ones hatched. A visit to the therapy room reveals a line of chairs and spaces for wheel chairs in front of the Aviary. The residents of the home sit for hours watching and enjoying the birds. One Brother donated a popcorn machine to further enhance the viewing pleasure.

DALE WHITE HEADS ALABAMA GRAND LODGE



DALE WHITE

A Veteran of Stage, Screen and Television productions, Brother White recently finished a run in a play "Daddy's Dying — Who's Got The Will". He has also appeared in productions of "Oklahoma" and "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers". He has appeared on the Nashville Television Network and in nine motion pictures. He presently appears regularly at Historic Looney's Tavern.

Alabama — The 129th session of the Grand Lodge convened in June at the Florence-Sheffield Holiday Inn, hosted by Monte Bello Lodge #10 of Florence. The sessions enjoyed the presence of Supreme Prelate Ron Dickinson, representing Supreme Chancellor Brother Bobby Crowe.

Grand Chancellor Dale White of Arley, is working on a program aimed at increasing membership and creating renewed interest in several of the Subordinate Lodges. There are hopes to bring the Rathbone Bible to the Domain for a class of initiates.



Taking a break during the Alabama Grand Sessions, in June, at Sheffield, from left, Chester W. Ingram, supreme representative; Harry R. Slagle, Jr. grand secretary and Ron Dickinson, supreme prelate.

Assisting Brother White as Grand Lodge Officers include: James P. Donovan, grand vice chancellor; Thomas D. Slagle, grand prelate; Harry R. Slagle Jr., grand secretary; H. Ogden Sheerer, grand treasurer; Harry R. Slagle III, grand master at arms; George Waldrep, grand inner guard; Roy Nicholson, grand outer guard.

BOY SCOUT DONATION

Idaho — Galena Lodge #12 Chancellor Commander Ed Bailey and Vice Chancellor Tony Tawney, of Kellogg, had the pleasure to pass on a \$500 contribution to a Kellogg Boy Scout Troop to help with funding activities. The presentation of the funds, passed on to Scout Leader Ron Frank was displayed in local newspaper.

ENCOURAGES TEAMWORK

Washington Grand Temple Officers celebrated the 4th of July — Independence Day — during their quarterly luncheon meeting hosted by Grand Chief Gwen Rhodes.

Teamwork and friendship are enhanced as the officers meet to review their programs, explore new ideas and examine weak areas. Promoting the Pythian spirit inside and outside the Temple influences existing and prospective members.

HELPING WITH AIDS RESEARCH



From left, Bank of the West manager Don Jones, Sherry Logan displaying two \$500-dollar cheques — one from Delphos Lodge #39 and one from the Oregon Foundation, as presented by PGC Kurt Mueller of Delphos Lodge #39, Forest Grove.

Oregon — Sherry Logan, an elementary school teacher in Cornelius, found herself thinking and questioning her humanity after hearing of a plight to fundraising for a "Vaccineride for Aids". After much soul-searching, she committed herself to a 500 mile bicycle ride from Fairbanks to Anchorage, Alaska in five days, plus raise a minimum of \$3,400 to be donated to HIV/AIDS research. Although feeling outside of her comfort zone, reality of actions set in as she prepared herself with equipment and training, for the ride and appreciation for support from the Pythians.

JOE BENNETT JUDGED FOR TEXAS PYTHIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Texas — Joe L. Bennett, a member of Pythian Lodge #26, Longview was showered with Honors of Texas Pythian of the Year during the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, in June, at Fort Worth, receiving high praise for lodge and Dokey leadership service.

Brother Bennett has represented the lodge at the Cancer "Walk for Life Campaign", served as co-chairman for the American Heart Assoc. "Jump Rope for Life II" campaign at Pine Tree Elementary School, has worked with Special Olympics. He and his wife Shirley host the Young Street Crime Watch and Safe House programs as well as the National Night Out program.

Joe and Shirley sponsored a trip to the Build A Bear Workshop for the staff and children of the Pythian Children's Home, is working to improve facilities at the Pythian Home.

Serves as member of the lodge food committee and membership committee, served as chairman of the food committee for the 2000 Founders Day District Meeting and Roll Call. A member of Longview Temple, Pythian Sisters, helped with supply and serving food at the open house at Greenville Guest Home and helps with lodge family night activities.

In his spare time he owns and operates B.J.S. Products, Inc., which exports products around the world.



Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant, left, extended greetings on the installation of Quebec Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz, Center, along with Grand Vice Chancellor Louis A. Schwartz, right.



From left, PDGC Sid Weider, KGS; PACDGC Gary Walters; PACDGC Alan Greenberg. At back is PC Lowell Goldberg. Absent was PGC William Rubin, KGS.

\$15,000 FUNDS DISTRIBUTION AT CHARITY NIGHT PROGRAM

New York — At their Annual Charities Night, Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation Inc. distributed over \$15,000 to twenty Charitable Institutions, in and out of the Pythian Order. The recipients ran the gamut from organizations for Children such as "On The Mark", who assist autistic children to "Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric" facility for our Seniors.

The Pythian Charities that received their largesse were: Operation Hope Food Parcels for shut-ins during the Christmas/Chanukah and Passover/Easter holiday seasons; Pythian Camp, vacations for economically challenged boys and girls; Boy Scout Connection, Landon Bartel Fund for Transplants; Pythian Humanitarian Fund; and The Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association.

Facilities for the substance addicted were beneficiaries of their donations: Daytop Village, Renaissance House, Samaritan Village Cancer fighters such as: Cancer Care; Maimonides Hospital; Deborah Hospital; Hewlitt House were grateful for the checks they received. Homes for the Aged; Hospice Facilities; and many other health related facilities who are affected by cutbacks are effusively appreciative of the magnanimous gifts given by the Genesis-Alpha Sunshine Foundation.

Genesis Lodge through its various charitable arms seeks to be an Exemplifier of our creed of Charity. The brothers and their families not only help fund the donations of the Foundation, but are hands-on participants in many of the facilities.

PDGC Sir Sid Wieder, the Recording Secretary of the Foundation, was the very able Toastmaster and kept the evening moving at an interesting pace. President PACDGC Alan Greenberg and Treasurer PC Lowell Goldberg presented the checks to the grateful agencies.

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QUEBEC GRAND CHANCELLOR A PROUD PYTHIAN LEADER

Quebec — Members are pleased to introduce Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz to the International Brethren. No stranger to the Order, Brother Schwartz joined Sportsman's Lodge #41, at Montreal in October, 1979. He took interest in his lodge, his order and his community and soon began to rise to executive position, serving as Chancellor Commander for two years commencing in June 1990.

Serving as a Trustee for 14 years, he is a true guardian of the lodge assets, but he believes that the most important asset is the honor that is associated with being a member of the Knights of Pythias.

As President of the Past Chancellors Assoc., which supervises PC activities, he is an arbitrator of any potential problems that may come up, but under his leadership very few problems arise.

Brother Ivor joined Grand Lodge in 1990, worked closely with all committees. His favorite committee is that of the Pythian Appeal, in which thousands of dollars go directly to deserving, local charities.

With taking on the Domain executive leadership, he faces his toughest task. As Grand Chancellor he would like to put even more efforts into Pythian Projects, to get the Pythian Appeal moving ahead of its quota. He believes that the Pythian Appeal is the lifeline of the Domain of Quebec, as so many friends and neighbors depend on help of the Pythian Appeal and he is determined not to let them down.

One of his long term goals is to unite the brethren of the five subordinate lodges, and to turn around the membership from minus figures to positive figures, to attract youth and new blood into the membership to take over from the old guard.

Married to Nancy, they have one daughter, Cindy. He is president of a Montreal electronic and communications firm.

SUNSHINE GIRLS FOUNDATION PURITY, SERVICE, USEFULNESS

by Katrina Hyde, Supreme Royal Princess

It surprises me that so many Pythians do not know about the Sunshine Girls who have existed since 1930. The purpose of the Sunshine Girls is to lay a foundation of a life of purity, service and usefulness in all things that help to make the lives of those around us happier and the world a better place to live in.

To teach each girl that God is the very essence of our existence; to teach respect for their parents; to love our Country, our Flag, our schools; to practice Friendship, Charity, Hope, and to ever have Faith in all of God's children, seeing the good and trying to forget all that is unkind in people.

Our motto is to "Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the people you can." We currently have Sunshine Girl Councils in New Mexico, California, Ohio, Virginia. There has been an expressed interest in Kentucky, Michigan and another location in Virginia.

It takes 15 girls from the ages of 8-20 to start a Pythian Sunshine Girls Council. Many of these girls go on to join Pythian Sister Temples in their area when they reach the age of 16. We are proud of the fact that there are several past and present Supreme Temple Officers who got their membership start in the Pythian Order as Pythian Sunshine Girls.

The Pythian Sunshine Girls does make a difference in the lives of the girls, as well as those who work with them — it is a very rewarding experience. For further information, please contact Supreme Royal Princess Katrina Hyde, 1630 Stahleheber Rd., Hamilton, OH 45013. Phone: 513-856-9179. e-mail: hydelhorse@yahoo.com>

David Saunders Takes Another Term As Utah Grand Chancellor

Utah — The 118th session of the Grand Lodge convened in Salt Lake City in May, enjoying the presence of SVC Harris Breit of Arizona, representing Supreme Lodge. The sessions also welcomed PSR Don Appleton, Arizona Grand Secretary and PGC Kenneth Moder, Indiana Grand Secretary. Brother Moder holds honorary membership with Calanthe-Myrtle Lodge

When the sessions opened Grand Chancellor Bob Thundell was detained through illness, however, GVC Duane Daniel did a good job conducting the business.

Grand Chancellor David A. Saunders, having served in the office on a previous occasion, has a full schedule with the possibilities of starting new lodges in the cities of: Brigham City, Orem, Payson, Scofield, St. George and West Valley City. He and newly appointed membership committee will be visiting these cities that have had persons showing interest in starting a lodge. Keep on the look out. Brother Saunders observes. Utah is looking to grow.



Grand Vice Chancellor Dean Jeffries, right, presenting check of \$500 to Cynthia Felt, director of the area Boy's and Girl's Club.



Grand Chancellor Travis Brenden, right, presenting Bill Hein, director of the Cheyenne Animal Shelter with a check for \$600.

PROJECT RAISES FUNDS TO SUPPORT MANY CHARITIES

Wyoming — Cheyenne Lodge #122 held its 11th annual Haunted House last October, with the help of Lady Lignite Temple #10, Pythian Sisters and with more than 70 volunteers all adding to the usual success.

Proceeds from the Haunted House are

shared with Special Olympics of Wyoming, the Knights of Pythias Scholarship Fund, Cheyenne Animal Shelter, Safe House for Battered Women and the Boy's and Girl's Club of Cheyenne.

Apart from the picture presentation, Grand Vice Chancellor Dean Jeffries gave a check presentation in amount of \$800 to local Special Olympics.

The project has also helped with gaining new members for Cheyenne Lodge #112.



North Plain Elementary Principal John Matsuo, center, as he made awards to Ashley Bagenstos and John Lee.

PYTHIANS AWARD STUDENTS

Oregon — Glencoe Lodge #22 of North Plains presented the Annual Pythian Student of the Year Award to the graduating Boy and Girl from North Plains Elementary School. Students are selected from the graduating 6th grade classes for their outstanding exemplification of the principles of Charity, Benevolence and Friendship.

Each student received a plaque and a gift certificate for \$25 good at a local bookstore. Their names are placed on a perpetual plaque which remains at the school. The lodge presents this annual award to promote the principles that has made this order great and to show the youth of the community the value of these principles in our every day life.

SUPREME CHIEF ATTENDS NEW YORK CONVENTION



From left, Grand Chief Judith Shickler, Supreme Chief Joyce Wright, Sitting Past Grand Chief Susan Grill.

"Together We Will Reach For The Stars"

New York — The 109th Convention of Grand Temple #15 was held in the Catskill Mountains at The Fallsview Hotel in Ellenville. Grand Chief Susan Grill presided productively and in a most congenial fashion. The installation of Grand Temple officers was a most impressive ceremony, performed beautifully by Supreme Chief Joyce Wright, PSR Anne Gropper, SR Gertrude Siegel and PSR Edith Platsky.

The new-term Grand Chief Judith Shickler, in her acceptance speech, stressed the importance of unity and membership. In her closing remarks she optimistically said, "Together We Will Reach for the Stars!" On that note they ended a beautiful convention, with all looking forward to a successful year.



PAULINE MANNING
Past Supreme Chief

We regret to report on the passing of Past Supreme Chief Pauline Manning, of Scottsdale, Arizona. A funeral Service took place on Wednesday, August 1st and her final resting place is Greenwood Memory Lawn Cemetery in Phoenix, Arizona.

Sister Manning was born October 13, 1919 in Rockingham, Pennsylvania, one of 11 children to John and Anna Skero. Married to Horace Manning they had a family of six daughters. Past Supreme Representative Horace Manning passed away in 1992. Survived by six daughters, 11 grand children and 19 great grand children.

Sister Pauline joined the Pythian Sisters in 1957: was a member of Harmony Temple #25 in Phoenix and a dual member of Butte Temple #15 in Tempe. Served the Arizona Jurisdiction as Grand Chief in 1979 and again in 1998. Was elected to Supreme Law Committee for term of 1988-1990. Elected Supreme Guard in 1990 and served as Supreme Chief in the 1998-2000 term.

She was active in the Moose Lodge, Teamsters Retirees and the Presbyterian Women's Association as well as Covenant Presbyterian Church. She was a retiree from the Teamsters Insurance Company.

70th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

British Columbia — Members of Penticton Lodge #49 and Calanthe Temple #26 sponsored an hour-long boat cruise followed by a supper and social evening, in June, with taking the opportunity to extend good wishes to John and Nell Strand who had marked their 70th wedding anniversary a month earlier.

Both are life member Pythians.

The supper featured baked salmon with salads, hot dishes and desserts as well as servings of the cake.

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In Memoriam

ROSALIE E. BRAUNECKER

Past Supreme Chief

Idaho — We regret to report the passing of Past Supreme Chief Rosalie E. Braunecker of Boise, Idaho, this past June 13th, in her 99th year. Rosalie joined the Pythian Sisters in Boise, in March, 1933 and received her Past Chief's honors as secretary to which she served for more than 10 years.

She worked through the Idaho Grand Temple Chairs, serving as Grand Chief for two terms, 1942-1944, having no Grand Temple Convention during WWII.

Rosalie was elected Supreme Treasurer in 1958 and served until 1974, then one more year to complete a term when the Supreme Treasurer died in office for service of 17 years.

Through her efforts and expertise as an accountant, Supreme Temple has benefited and survived its dismal years of financial strain.

Born on November 19, 1901, in Miles City, Montana, she attended schools in that city and business schools in Bismarck, North Dakota and Pocatello, Idaho. She also attended the University of California in Berkeley.

Rosalie was married for fifty years to Francis Leon Leonard, III, prior to his passing, while living in Boise, Idaho. She has one daughter, Danaris Dawn, a past grand chief of Idaho, one granddaughter, deceased, and one grandson. In November, 1983, Rosalie was married to Richard William Braunecker, III, who has since passed away.

Pegge Davis Heads Calif. Grand Temple

The sessions of the California Grand Temple convened at Costa Mesa, in May, in connection with sessions of the Grand Lodge. Grand Chief Sally Kaminsky presided over the business sessions. A joint Memorial Service was held. A banquet and entertainment was enjoyed by all.

A joint Pythian Charities Luncheon was well attended with donations made to the Pythian Youth Foundation and the Children's Welfare Foundation.

The Convention was honored with the presence of "Santa" as most had not seen Mike Colwell since his stroke. Guests included PSC Ethel Nellist and PGC Marlene Powell of Burnaby, B.C.

PSR Ruby Stephan, cousin of Grand Chief Pegge Davis of Buena Temple #57, installed Sister Davis and her corps of officers. Sister Stephan was assisted by PSR Beverly Spies and PGC Lois Gelen. Motto chosen by Grand Chief Davis is Random Acts of Kindness.



A Majesty Casino Cruise was sponsored by the New York Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Assoc.

CRUISE FOR THE CURE

New York — Over 300 Pythian Brothers, Sisters and Friends boarded the Majesty Casino Ship, when players ate and drank until the legal 12-mile limit was reached. Then the slots, crap and blackjack tables sprang into action — along with some choppy water there was little distraction with the roll of the dice and turn of the cards.

A delicious brunch was served on the way out and desserts served on the way back . . . something sweet for the losers.

The Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Assoc. holds many fund raisers throughout the year. Trips to Atlantic City, Countryside weekends, pull tabs and raffles permits them to donate tens of thousands of dollars to the Diabetes Foundation in its ongoing war against Diabetes. They won't stop fighting until the cure is found.



PSR Thelma Sowers is shown holding one of the 30 Pythian Sister Tote Bags she had made with profits going to the Georgia Byrd Fund. Orders may be sent to Thelma Sowers, 1102 1/2 Gateway Village, Sturgis, Michigan 49091-2011.



BRONZE STAR AWARD

New Jersey — Past Chancellor Abe Kay of Passaic Lodge #155 proudly displays his Bronze Star medal and citation for his heroic action, April 9, 1945, at Okinawa Beach in helping rescue six wounded comrades. Brother Kay previously received a New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal from Governor Christine Todd Whitman.

CAMPING EXPERIENCE

Florida — DGC Tim Simmons of the 5th District reports that a young Cerebral Palsy girl enjoyed a trip to Camp Challenge with the Knights of Pythias sponsoring as her single mom, recently arriving from Russia, did not have the necessary funding. The young girl is also in Special Olympics, and will receive a Special Olympic coin at a fall picnic.

PYTHIANS NEED

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Develop a list of who to send it to, particularly the media — print and electronic. Type the article on 8½ x 11" paper with at least one-inch margins around the paper and double space. Don't forget to type a contact's name and phone numbers where he/she can be reached if there's a question (and there should ALWAYS BE QUESTIONS) from the editor/director/producer.

Your media list should include the name, address and phone numbers of the media. You should study the publication (print) or the program (broadcast radio/tv/cable tv) so you know what the 'GATEKEEPERS' want and will use. Call them. Ask them if they are on deadline; Set up a to meet them. This way they will know who you (we as Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters) are. Establish a relationship. Maintain credibility and be available. Remember to send THANK YOU NOTES.

For further information and advice, please contact Brother Kalb: Telephone and Fax (732) 920-7503.

Dokey - Nomad

IMPERIAL SESSIONS

The Biennial August sessions of the Imperial Palace of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan and the Imperial Darbar of the Nomads of Avrudaka took place at Huntington, West Virginia, with a full scope of business and social activities.

Imperial Prince Edward Friday of Dallas, North Carolina and Imperial Maharani Helen Thomas of Blaine, Washington, along with Maharajah Mark Erickson of Portland, Oregon, presided over the business sessions. They were honored with a banquet on opening day activities when Supreme Temple Officers performed initiation ceremonies. Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe and Supreme Chief Joyce Wright convened Supreme Council meetings. Brother Crowe convened a "Pythian Family Meeting" with respective officers and others from the four orders, is designed to improve communications, to work in harmony for the betterment of the Order.

The Imperial Opening and Memorial ceremonies were impressive with those honored who have passed away over the past two years.

The "Food Mania" events of late night offerings of 'breakfast' — the Texas cornbread and beef stew and . . . were sponsored by the 3-I-Society, the Ohio Society.

The usual Humanitarian support took place with check presentations to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington for equipment purchase.

Wayne "Buddy" Huber of Thunder Bay, Ontario is the new-term Imperial Prince; Mary Ann Froman of West Virginia is the new-term Maharani and serving with her is Maharajah Don Baker of Ohio.



WAYNE "BUDDY" HUBER

Imperial Prince
BANQUET / RECEPTION
OCTOBER 19 & 20

Thunder Bay, Ontario
Travelodge/Airline Hotel, 698
West Arthur St., Thunder Bay,
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473-1600; 1-800-578-7878.

Rooms: \$87 single-quad plus
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Deadline for reservations is
October 1st.

BANQUET

\$35 Per Person, Canadian

\$25 Per Person, U.S.

Choice of Veal Cutlet Milanaise

or Palermo Style Chicken.

RSVP by Oct. 1, payable to
Kathundra Temple #25; mail to
George B. Symons, 413 Rita St.,
Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 1H6.



Poster child Kyle Lane along with parents Jeffrey and Tracey Lane of Totowa, New Jersey, display a handsome plaque received in recognition of fundraising.

NEW JERSEY PRESENTATION

As well as the \$20,000 contribution as pictured on the front page. Honey Wagner made a generous donation towards the Knights of Pythias Pediatric Care efforts on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary of Community Lodge; and Rochelle Bellask presented crocheted blanket covers on behalf of the Ocean County Pine Needlers.

The Newark Beth Israel Medical Center is a member of the St. Barnabas Health Care System, the largest hospital network in the state.

Pythians Represented

At Boy Scout Jamboree

Several fraternal Pythian brothers participated in the recently concluded National Boy Scout Jamboree "Strong Values . . . Strong Leaders," according to Knights/Boy Scout Connection Chairman Sir Philip Greenwald.

Making the pilgrimage were Past Deputy Grand Chancellors of the Domain of New York Arnold Paget and Saul Black of Queens and brothers Bruce Streger, Farmingville, and Ken Spiegel of Medford. These brothers manned a booth at the Jamboree.

Supreme Inner Guard David E. Mead of Fredericksburg, Virginia, toured the jamboree as well.

The Knights/Boy Scout Connection Committee recognizes the achievements of Eagle Scouts with kits which include letter, patch, certificate, etc., as well as to encourage Pythian lodges to charter various Scouting groups, i.e., Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, Explorer Posts and Learning for Life/Special Needs units.

Email the Supreme Lodge office at kop@earthlink.net, or call at (617) 472-8800 for more information about its programs.

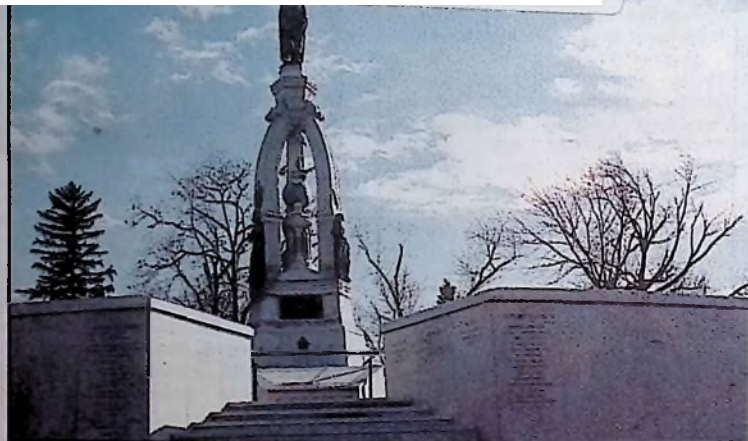
RATHBONE MEMORIAL & SHRINE

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: _____

TODAY'S DATE _____
NAME _____ TITLE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE: (BUS) _____ (HOME) _____

FULL PAYMENT ENCLOSED
 Amount enclosed \$ _____
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617-472-8800

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