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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Joel D. Fierstien, KGS*

The Order advances. '156', Tempus fugit! Wow.

It is incredible to witness the Order grow and advance. With new lodges, the latest in California, new members, and most significantly women, the future is bright. Welcome and congratulations to those who have recently joined and to those having a role. There are unlimited opportunities for ingenuity, community service, and public relations. You might even view this growth as a rebirth of the Knights of Pythias.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Spring 2020

**All dates, Locations and positions have not
been finalized**

Supreme Council Meeting Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 - Newark, NJ

South Carolina Columbia	March 6-7 GP Mead
Nebraska Hastings	March 27-28 SIG Schwartz
Oklahoma Tulsa	April 5-6 SIG Schwartz
Maine Bangor	April 23-25 SS Morris
New Hampshire/Vermont	ST Ast
Florida Ft. Lauderdale	May 11-15 SMA Ward
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 14-15 SP Mead
Massachusetts Peabody	May 21-22 SVC Brown
Texas Fort Worth	June 5-7 SC Fierstien
California La Palma	June 12-13 SIG Stamm
Tennessee Pigeon Forge	June 12-14 ST Ast

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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There is excitement, optimism, hope, and inspiration. Take pride in where we are and the untapped potential. Give an ASK pin; smile, you will feel great. Wear a new shirt and help expand the reach of our beloved Order. Celebrate Pythian Awareness Week/Pythian Recruitment Week, February 16-22, the founding of the Order, and our 156th anniversary.

Being Supreme Chancellor, I see challenges, issues, and questions. The term, however, has been great for me, but it will have been fabulous especially with the 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention in New Jersey, a first even considering that the initial supreme chancellor was the state's Samuel Read.

156 years of history and the arrow points up.

E- feel the electricity, energy, and enthusiasm, but importantly be focused and passionate for the future, yours and ours. Accept the challenge to do more.

Wow! Thank you for sharing this magical and continuing journey.



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

We are about to embark on our 156 year of existence, the date is February 19... Its just around the corner. Domains are conducting Rank Work in and around that date. Indiana has the Rathbone Bible for a Three - In - One this weekend, from there the Bible traveling to South Carolina. The Supreme Lodge hasn't had much of a call lately for the Bible, its history and our Founder make for an impressive story to tell the new Knights.

A quick note to our Grand Secretaries... We're almost at the mid-point in February. Annual Reports from your subordinate lodges should be in your possession by now, and we should be hard at work making out the Annual Report to the Supreme Lodge. The office is open to assist you, should you need it. If you need to contact the Supreme Lodge Office, feel free to call 781-439 5966 or email us at supremelodgekofp@comcast.net.

Plans for the upcoming Supreme Convention are being worked on. Information on the banquets, and there are two, as well as preliminary information on tours is contain toward the end of this issue. I hope to see to there – travel safely.

Allen S. Morris, KGS
Supreme Secretary

CRESCENS LODGE #33, NEW CASTLE, INDIANA

Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle, Indiana conducted its 30th Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade for the city as the highlight of its annual Holiday Festival. The festival includes a chili cook-off, car show, Christmas parade, outdoor lighting contest for homes and businesses, the Kris Kringle 4 mile Run and 3 Mile Walk and the free Santa headquarters in the Pythian Castle Hall where children can come for the entire month to visit Santa for free and get pictures and a free treat. Hundreds and hundreds of people young and old line the parade route to see Santa arrive on the traditional third Saturday in November, the start of the Christmas season in New Castle.



Pictured below are Santa Claus, portrayed by Supreme Chairman of Finance Denny Adams. This is Brother Adams 50th year to portray the jolly old elf! He is surrounded by his daughter, PGC Jodi Goff (Mrs. Claus) and Jr. PGC William Keith Goff, Jr. (Bernard the Elf) in the Santa headquarters in the Crescens Lodge building.



Brother Adams and Sister Goff in moment of remembrance of Brother Adams wife, Maridene, who passed in 2015. She portrayed Mrs Claus until her passing.



Crescens Lodge, led by the expertise of Brother Chris Adams, annually decorates the county Courthouse for Christmas. Here, an awesome picture of the courthouse is captured by a drone....really breathtaking! You can detect the Santa, sleigh and reindeer flying from the tower right behind the American flag. Plans are already in the works for the 31st annual Crescens Lodge Holiday Festival!

SOUTH CAROLINA IS IN THE NEWS

South Carolina Supreme Representative, Clarence Kuykendall, a.k.a. SANTA, poses with Miss South Carolina, U.S.A. (Miss Hannah Jane Curry) on Christmas morning. The Charleston Chapter of Toys for Tots, goes out every Christmas morning delivering toys to needy children in the Charleston, S.C. community. About five hundred volunteers in about 20 groups canvas the Charleston area surprising Children who would not have had much for Christmas. Groups include: Local Mayors, Congressmen, Police Chiefs TV personalities, and local sports Celebs.



Lets guess... The good looking lady on the left is Hannah Jane Curry, Miss South Carolina

Brother Clarence said, "Working in the Community, in the name of KOP, has it's PERKS!"

Members of Stonewall-Jasper Lodge No.6 and Elizabeth Temple No 2 delivering toys to TV Channel 2 WCBD for Toys for Tots.



L to R: - Brothers Jon Zelasko; Jamie Brow;, Ron Brown; (in back Andrew Hassinger) Clarence Kuykendall (without Miss South Carolina); TV 2 Weatherman Rob Fowler; and Sister Missy Zelasko



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Two Cove women the first females to join male-only fraternal organization

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By **LYNETTE SOWELL**

Cove Leader-Press

History was made on November 9, when two Copperas Cove women joined the ranks of Knighthood into the Order of Knights of Pythias.

Pamela Knutson and Madison Youngblood, mother and daughter, became the first two women in the 155-year history of the Pythian Order and its 145-year history in Texas.

Knutson's husband, Wayne, is the current District Deputy Grand Chancellor for district #1 and is the Representative for the Knights of Pythias of Texas to the Supreme Lodge, Order of Knights of Pythias.

After successfully meeting the required test, both Knutson and Youngblood received their honors of knighthood at the Nov. 9 ceremony. Also in attendance was Robert Lautenschlager, Grand Treasurer for the Knights of Pythias of Texas.

"For several years, I have seen and heard about what the Knights of Pythias does for children, especially with the Read & Ride Program, where bicycles are given to students for participating in their schools' reading programs," said Pamela Knutson, who teaches at S.C. Lee Junior High, on what drew her to the organization. "They take literacy so seriously, not to mention what happens at the Texas Pythian Home. Seeing that place firsthand and knowing the amount of love that is put into that place to take care of children who were in a horrible situation, is inspiring. Knowing what I know, why wouldn't I want to join and be a part of a group that promotes so much for children? I'm glad that the opportunity now exists, and it would be great to see more in the community get involved with the Knights of Pythias."

Youngblood also shared her reason for joining the organization. "What attracted me to join the organization was its philanthropic nature. Their community involvement, especially when it comes to youth, tugs at my heart strings," said Youngblood. "I've seen firsthand the good work that they do to promote literacy and enrich live of students and children that I personally know and many more that I don't. It's a privilege to now be a part of something, bigger than what I do in the classroom for my community."

Both Knutson and Youngblood are members of Davy Crockett Lodge #193, which is in Copperas Cove.

The Order of Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington, D.C. on February 19, 1864, with the Knights of Pythias of Texas formally organized on April 6, 1874, in Houston.

The Order was the first American Order chartered by an Act of the Congress of the United States.

In 2018, an amendment to the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias's constitution was made and was subsequently passed in 2019 by a majority of grand domains across North America. This action and its passing formally opened the door for women to join the organization.

The Knights of Pythias of Texas provides financial support to the Pythian Children's Home in Weatherford, Texas. Known as the "House that Love Built," the home provides a place for children, whose parents or grandparents, due to circumstance, have difficulty properly caring for them. The home cares for children ages 3 – 14 from across Texas.

Locally, the Knights have distributed bicycles to elementary students in CCISD who have successfully completed reading logs.

PHOENIX LODGE #2 - ARIZONA

Susan Bennett is the owner of an engraving business in Youngtown, Arizona. She is also a novelist with 13 books already under her belt. She has always had an interest in her community and is active with several of the charities that Phoenix #2 currently works with.

When she heard that KOP was now accepting women in their ranks, she filled out the application immediately and submitted it to the lodge. She embraces the KOP motto of Charity and Benevolence and plans to be a very active member and bring new service ideas to the lodge.

As a native Arizonian, she is proud to be the first woman to join the KOP in the state of Arizona.



One would have to take for granted that the woman on the center of the picture is Susan Bennett



USS MILIUS DDG-69

One of the ongoing projects of Supreme Lodge and the Domain of Oregon is to support our troops. Phoenix Lodge Member Cameran has been serving in the US Navy for several years. He has been assigned to the 7th Fleet serving on the USS Milius that's been "deployed to deal with activities near China, Russia, and Korea". He has asked us to help with items not readily available to him and his 14-member crew.

Members of Phoenix lodge went shopping for items requested, we were able to gather up most of the supplies they requested. One request was for letters from Student and community members. We contacted Imlay Elementary Grade School in the Hillsboro School District where we ran a successful Read -n- Ride program with their first graders. The 4th Grade Class teacher answered our request her students wrote 28 letters of appreciation plus each of the 14 Sailors received a gift bag of requested items.



Respectively Submitted
Charlie VanDomelen
Phoenix Lodge #34
Hillsboro Oregon

HABIBI TEMPLE 72 DOKK DONATES TOYS TO LOCAL HOSPITAL

Habibi Temple 72 DOKK presented toys to Montefiore Nyack Hospital, Nyack, NY, on December 20, 2019.

The Dokeys proudly made the donation to the volunteer department director of the hospital, Helen Hayes-Perkins. The gifts are used in the pediatric ER and the pediatric ward.

Habibi Temple has been donating toys to the hospital for the past few years and will continue to do so in the future.

Living up to the DOKK motto: "Lift up the fallen".



Top row: Sir Roger Siegel, IP; Steven Herbst; Steve Gold, RV; George Grey; Sir Ron Klare; RP Erwin Grill; RP Harvey Rosenshein.

Bottom row: Helen Hayes-Perkins; Sir Michael Sulenick; IB Randy Silverman

FRANKLIN LODGE No. 2

Franklin #2 is the oldest lodge in the Order, founded April 12, 1864, a successor to Washington No. 1, which consolidated with it October 9, 1865.



Photo from Franklin Lodge No. 2 installation, January 12, 2020, Somer's Point, NJ.
L-R: Sec Fr. Don Page; OG Wally Welliver; MA Alan Reinheimer; CC Fr. Justin Falciani, DSC; VC Craig Applebaum; IG Sheldon Reinheimer; SC Joel Fierstien; Prel. Don Franks, PC; and Treas. Dennis Huey.

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

On December 22nd, PDSC Sir Bob Epstein and The Home Owners of Covered Bridge hosted an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The event was held in the Covered Bridge Ballroom as it has been for the last 6 years. More than 100 family members and friends attended the honors presented to four deserving scouts.



Pictured are (L to R) Eagle Siddarth Kolli; Eagle Patrick Kimberlin; Supreme Chancellor Sir Joel Fierstein; Eagle Thomas Evola; and Eagle Tarun Pilavulathil.

TEXAS PRESENT AT EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR



Jared Elijah Weber, of Magnolia, Texas Troop 623, received the recognition of his Eagle Scout rank at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor conducted at the Wildwood Methodist Church in Magnolia on January 26, 2020.

Representing the Supreme Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Texas, Brother Herman R Weber, Texas Grand Master At Arms presented Jared with his Knights of Pythias Eagle achievement certificate and badge. Brother Weber is Jared's grand-uncle.



80th SUPREME LODGE
&
65th SUPREME TEMPLE



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**Supreme Convention 2020 Banquet Reservation form
Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters**



**Honoring our Current Officers of the
Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters**

To be held On Sunday August 2nd, 2020; 6:00pm until 10:00pm

The menu and price for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner with live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Choice of Entrée:

Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast - \$75 per person

Grilled Mahi-Mahi - \$75 per person

Braised Boneless Short Ribs - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

**Honoring our Newly Installed Officers of the
Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters**

To be held on Wednesday August 5th, 2020; 6:00pm until 10:00pm

The menu and price for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Chicken Francese - \$75 per person

Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon - \$75 per person

Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request) - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

2020 BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Sun 8/2	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Banquet in Honor of Current Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2018-2020			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast	\$75.00		
		Grilled Mahi-Mahi	\$75.00		
		Braised Boneless Short Ribs	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		\$
Wed 8/5	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Banquet in Honor of Newly Installed Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2020-2022			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Chicken Francese	\$75.00		
		Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon	\$75.00		
		Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request)	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		\$
			Grand Total		\$

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Lodge / Temple _____

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Please send this reservation form and your check made out to
The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of New Jersey to:

PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner
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2020 Supreme Lodge/Supreme Temple Biennial Convention

7/30 - 8/6/2020

Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel and
Conference Center

Preliminary and
Basic Agenda
Outline

All Pythian offices may be closed during Supreme Lodge/Temple Sessions.

Registration desks opening & closing times as posted, subject to closure after morning business sessions, and all day Wednesday.

Hospitality Suite opening and closing times will be posted each day and will not be open during business sessions, social events, banquets, joint opening ceremony and joint installation.

Agenda

Thursday 7/30 - Staff Arrivals and hotel check-in; All day

Friday 7/31 - Staff & Guest Arrivals and hotel check-in; All day

Offices set-up and open; 10:00am - 4:00pm

Saturday 8/1 - Guest Arrivals and hotel check-in, All day

Offices open 10:00am - 4:00pm

Registration desk 10am-4pm

Liberty Science Center Tour

Sunday 8/2 - Guest Arrivals and hotel check-in

Offices open 9:00am - 2:00pm

Registration desk 9am-2:00pm

Statute of Liberty & Ellis Island Tour 8:30am-1:30pm

Opening Ceremony, 3-5pm

Current Supreme Officers Banquet, 6-10pm

Monday 8/3 - Late guest arrivals and hotel check-in

Offices open 8:30am - 4:00pm

Registration desk 8:30am-1pm

Luncheon and Tour at Newark Art Museum 1:00pm-5:00pm

Tuesday 8/3 - Offices open 9:00am - 3:00pm

Registration desk 8:30am-10:00am

Budweiser Brewery tour and Dinner 4:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday 8/4 - Offices open 9:00am - 12:00pm

Joint Installation of Officers 1:00-4:00pm

Newly Installed Officers Banquet 6:00pm - 10:00pm

Additional Information