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*A Message from the  
Supreme Vice Chancellor*

**PROMOTE THE ORDER,  
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
PYTHIAN AWARENESS WEEK**

Community Service, adopted as a core principle of our Order in 2010, offers tremendous opportunities. We are all about volunteer service. Contributing a project to the community or participating in ongoing activities is exceptional, benefitting the public wherever there are Pythians. The choice of project is up to each lodge, gauging what may make a difference. Community Service provides unlimited opportunities for media releases at a number of steps along the way, for example, we are constructing a bocce court, we need people, the opening, at the event. And, Pythian Awareness Week/Pythian Recruitment Week throughout the Order is an ideal time for events and promotion.

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**Grand Lodge Conventions  
Winter/Spring 2017**

(not all dates and locations have been finalized)

**Supreme Council Meeting February 25  
Rockville Centre, New York**

South Carolina Ellore	March 3-4 PSC Stooksberry
Nebraska Hastings	April 1 SP Brown
Oklahoma Tulsa	April SMA Mead
Maine Bangor	April 22-24 SIG Ward
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	May PSC Stooksberry
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 9-11 SVC Fierstien
Massachusetts	May 12 SC Krell
Florida Miami	May 8-12 SMA Mead
California Fresno	June 16-17 SC Krell
Arizona Tucson	June 9-11 SS Morris

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## Supreme Vice Chancellor's Massage

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Pythian Awareness Week for 2017, February 19-25, allows for events for the community to promote and to increase the visibility of the Knights of Pythias and for recruiting as well as for events within the Order even recalling some facet of our history or for a re-enactment. Internally it is called *Pythian Recruitment Week*. This was adopted in 2012 as a time for brothers and lodges to participate in events, promotion, recruitment, or celebrating our rich history with everyone potentially doing something during the same week. It was created specially to include February 19, Founder's Day, with 2017 being the 153<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding.

Take advantage by doing things to benefit the community, Community Service, and participate in Pythian Awareness Week/Pythian Recruitment Week, and the vast opportunities for promotion, recruitment, and working with friends.



*From the  
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

An interesting question was asked of me the other day; are the subordinate lodges still to pay the \$20.00 assessment for Pythian International.

Subordinate Lodges were never responsible to pay the assessment for PI, it was the Grand Lodges that were responsible for that cost, and as of now, with the Pythian International being sent out electronically, there is no cost to the Supreme Lodge, so why pass a cost on to the Grand Lodges. At lease for the time being, there is no assessment being levied, and I believe the line to indicate the same has been deleted from the Annual Report forms that were sent to the Grand Secretaries.

We are always looking for articles of interest to publish. If you send a picture, please send it digitally via email, and send an article with it; and include, your domain of course and/or you lodge name and number, what the event was and when, and the names of those in the picture – including titles.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**Shirley Bach, PSC (FL)**

01/04/17

## OHIO IS ON THE MOVE

### OWATONNA LODGE #62 (Cleveland) PRESENTS SPECIAL STARS BOWLING AWARD MEDALS

Owatonna Lodge #62 Knights of Pythias continues its support of Special Olympics by working with the Special Stars (Bowlers) presenting six Bowling Awards Medals at the Special Stars Christmas Party. The Party was held at the West Side Irish American Club in Olmsted Twp, OH on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The “Bowling Awards Medals” were presented after dinner. by Sir Ron Kiessling, PGC with *the assistance of Les Brandais, PGC, Sir Sid Wakser, Trustee and Stan Wolski, PGC*. Six “Bowling Awards Medals” were presented to Special Stars members. There were over 200 in attendance. After the awards were presented the Special Stars donated over 60 pounds of Tabs to Owatonna Lodge for their McDonald House project. Owatonna Lodge presents them to the McDonald House in Cleveland, Ohio, along with items such as toiletries, cash, etc.



(L to R) front row Isaiah White, P. J. White, Katie Tucker, Joseph Corson, Gabe Finney, Sir Sid Wakser, Trustee, back row Les Brandais, PGC, Sir Ron Kiessling, PGC, Erick Supple. Received Awards at the Special Stars annual Christmas Party. Stan Wolski, PGC took the photo

## MASSACHUSETTS IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**BAY STATE LODGE #141** held their 7<sup>th</sup> annual charity dinner and auction on Saturday evening, November 19, 2016. The Lodge donated \$5,243 to the Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton (FPFS) in Stoughton, MA.



(Left to right) Sir Roger A. Kahan, PSR; Burt Snyder, PC; Thomas P. O'Connor, PDSC; Dori Frankel, Treasurer FPFS; Chris Petrie, President FPFS; David M. Kahan, PGC; CC Earl Gashin, GIG; and Henrietta Polanzak, Ilse Marks Food Pantry Assistant Director

### **Testimonial For: Bay State Lodge #141 Knights of Pythias**

**Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton (FPFS)** would like to formally thank our friends at **Bay State Lodge #141 Knights of Pythias**, especially *David & Roger Kahan, Thomas O'Connor and Earl Gashin*, for the wonderful support they have provided, for the past three years, to our two Stoughton Food Pantries!

Their auction, which happens on the third Saturday in November, has raised close to **\$20,000.00**, to provide for our food pantries, which helps their clients and our neighbors!! This local chapter, along with the National Organization, provides resources for several who are in need nationwide!!



GVC Harvey Slobodkin (left), Chairman of the Massachusetts Knights of Pythias Charitable Presentations Committee, is seen presenting the Annual Donation to Toy for Tots. Accepting the check is Master Sargent Jack Kinsherf. GC Joseph B. Haskell, SR is on the right.

## NEWS FROM THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



GC Ralph Owen (standing, left, behind the table) and GS Jozsef deKovacs (standing next to GC Owen) address the membership of Franklin Lodge #2 (the oldest existing lodge in the Supreme Domain) congratulating them on initiating 5 new members over the past 9 months. Lodges in DC, according to Brother deKovacs are doing very well!