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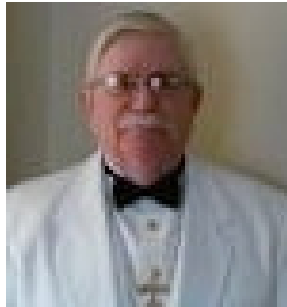
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## *A Message from the Supreme Inner Guard*

I have been reading a book on "Successful Aging" and it dawns on me that a lot of our members and lodges are aging but not successfully! Although aging may mean stiffer joints and some wrinkles, it also comes with benefits such as insight, wisdom and the time necessary to pursue one's favorite passions. Is your lodge one of your favorite passions? Successful aging can be described as enjoying the maximum quality of life at any age. A hallmark of successful aging is the ability to experience pleasure. One way of experiencing pleasure can be having a purpose in life. For us that pleasure might be growing our order, saving a dying lodge, helping getting our name in front of the public or helping a brother or neighbor in need.

If we would eat healthy, exercise and sleep well we will be on our way to improving our lifestyle and outlook which can go a long way to improving our order. With an improved outlook, it is easier to attack our problems.

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### Grand Lodge Conventions Summer/Fall 2017

Pennsylvania Gettysburg	August 13-15 SIG Ward
Maritime Provinces Fredericton	August 25-27 SOG Stamm
Ohio Fairborn	Aug 28 – Sept 2 ST Ast
Maryland Ocean City	September 7-9 SVC Fierstien
Nevada Las Vegas	September 7-9 SS Morris
Washington Yakima	September 14-17 SIG Ward
Michigan Lansing	September 15-16 ST Ast
Illinois Peoria	September 16 SP Brown
New Jersey Livingston	September 17 SMA Mead
Iowa Des Moines	September 22-24 SP Brown
New Mexico Lordsburg	September 29-30 SOG Stamm
Missouri Nevada	October 5-7 SOG Stamm

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We all know people who always look and act younger than they really are. On the other hand we know too many people who have a cynical negative attitude that sends others running away. Have too many of us become "sour old poops"? "Sour old poops" can kill the Knights of Pythias as fast as any problem we may have. Don't be that person, be optimistic, pleasant and willing to try new ideas. If a new member has an idea—try it—it might work. Dry business meetings are easy to hold but not much fun to set thru. Have a meal, plan an outing once a month, invite a speaker, make plans for the future so members can plan to attend. These ideas are much harder to plan than a 15-30 minute business meeting, but in the long run, may actually give members a reason to attend. I know of lodges that plan a 4<sup>th</sup> of July cookout, state bowling tournament, golf outing(if only miniature golf), a trip to a ballgame, fishing outings, Christmas parades, Labor day picnic, trips to see a play or a concert and the list goes on. Some brothers are even willing to try yard signs as a new idea that just might work in their area. Most agree that there is a first time for everything. As the years go on, it is easy to get into a rut. The result is deadly. The rut turns into a groove and the groove turns into a grave. Many of our lodges may be falling into this pattern. Try something new!

Enthusiasm is contagious. So is the lack of it! Enthusiasm is easy when all is going well, the trick is maintaining it when you are tired or broke or bored or when membership continues to fall or when attendance at meetings tends to dwindle. A good way to increase our enthusiasm is to tell others of our accomplishments and the good we do. It is amazing what we can do if we just believe we can.

In closing, I offer some ideas that if followed and lived on a daily basis may just help us to help ourselves and to help save our lodges and our beloved Pythian Order: Look for the good,

Let go of grudges, Dare to be different, Exude energy, Can the criticism, Do unto others, Open yourself to optimism, Complain no more, Be involved with all ages, Adjust your attitude, Maximize your skills, Enjoy being generous, Pray peacefully, Forgive freely, Reflect regularly, Love lavishly, Pursue your purpose, and Fabricate fun.

Mark Ward  
Supreme Inner Guard



*From the  
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

The yard signs Supreme Chancellor Krell spoke about in the last issue of Pythian International have been delivered and have been well received. I've seen pictures of the signs in front yards, on the property of Castle Halls, a one Grand Lodge Convention where they were displayed within the hotel and meeting room – taken home by the members to put out in front of their home advertising the Knights of Pythias. A brilliant win-win idea for all of us. I am truly proud to be a Pythian.

Fraternally,  
Allen S. Morris, KGS  
Supreme Secretary

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My Brothers:

The two (2) Constitutional Amendments that were agreed to at the 2016 Supreme Lodge Convention in Ohio (giving the Supreme Chancellor the authority [under certain circumstances] to pardon and/or commute decisions of the Supreme Tribunal; and giving members of the Knights of Pythias Foundation a voice and vote at Supreme Conventions) have both been ratified by an overwhelming majority of the Grand Lodges. They are now Law.

Official notification of this has been sent all Supreme Officers – past and present; Grand Secretaries; Supreme Tribunes, and Supreme Representatives. Please contact your Grand Secretary for a copy of the updated Supreme Index and Constitution.

Alan Krell, KGS  
Supreme Chancellor



**IN MEMORIAM**

James E. Reiner, PGC (MO)

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# PYTHIANS HELPING PYTHIANS



To quote Supreme Chancellor Alan Krell's motto for this Biennium, "We Help People." The Knights of Pythias Foundation, along with the Imperial Palace Foundation and the Imperial Santha have generously pooled their resources and donated \$25,000 to the Texas Pythian Home in Longview, Texas. Overnight storms on August 7 wreaked havoc on the historical building in Longview (pictured above). That \$25,000 will start the rebuilding process, but please feel free to make a donation to <https://www.gofundme.com/repair-the-pythian-home>. You may also log on to [pythianhome.org](http://pythianhome.org)

It would be great to see this very fine thank you letter to the servicemen and veterans committee of the Knights of Pythias to be published in the Pythian International for all to see what this committee work does for our serviceman and women serving IN HARMS WAY.

Yours in F.C. B.

/s/ Sir Joseph Robinson PC / DGC

Chairman, Supreme Support Our Troops Committee

Sir,

I was really delighted to receive the great care package you sent! It's great to know that there are great people and organizations that support us while we are serving over here. We are a group of MPs from all over NY State with most of us on our second or third tours overseas. I keep telling my wife that this is the last time, but then again, I've told her that before. She realizes with groups like yours that the Military is a giant family that takes care of our own forever.

I am third generation Military in my family and my father did over 40 years in the Navy retiring as a full Commander. We are active members of the VFW 1310 from Merrick/Freeport and our Commander Paul Zyder runs a tight ship! I hope that in the future we can meet up over 25 beers and all swap stories!

You would be happy to know that we work really close with the Marines over here and just today I was training with them to teach some Air Force soldiers some offensive techniques. I was laughing because it was one of the few times there was three branches of the military in the same room training, and not making offensive jokes the entire time. The relationship between branches seems to be getting closer as we realize the drawdown has limited our numbers and resources making us one big team. Things have changed for the better in our Military.

Tell everyone in your organization that we appreciate you supporting us and that we are trying to get mementos sent back to the states to thank you. I know a few guys over here who's marriages went to hell the moment they got on the plane and I will make sure to ask if they need anything.

Once again, thank you for that thoughtful package and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

V/R

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SFC Seidenstein, Steven

Operations NCO

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## *EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNIZED BY ILLINOIS*



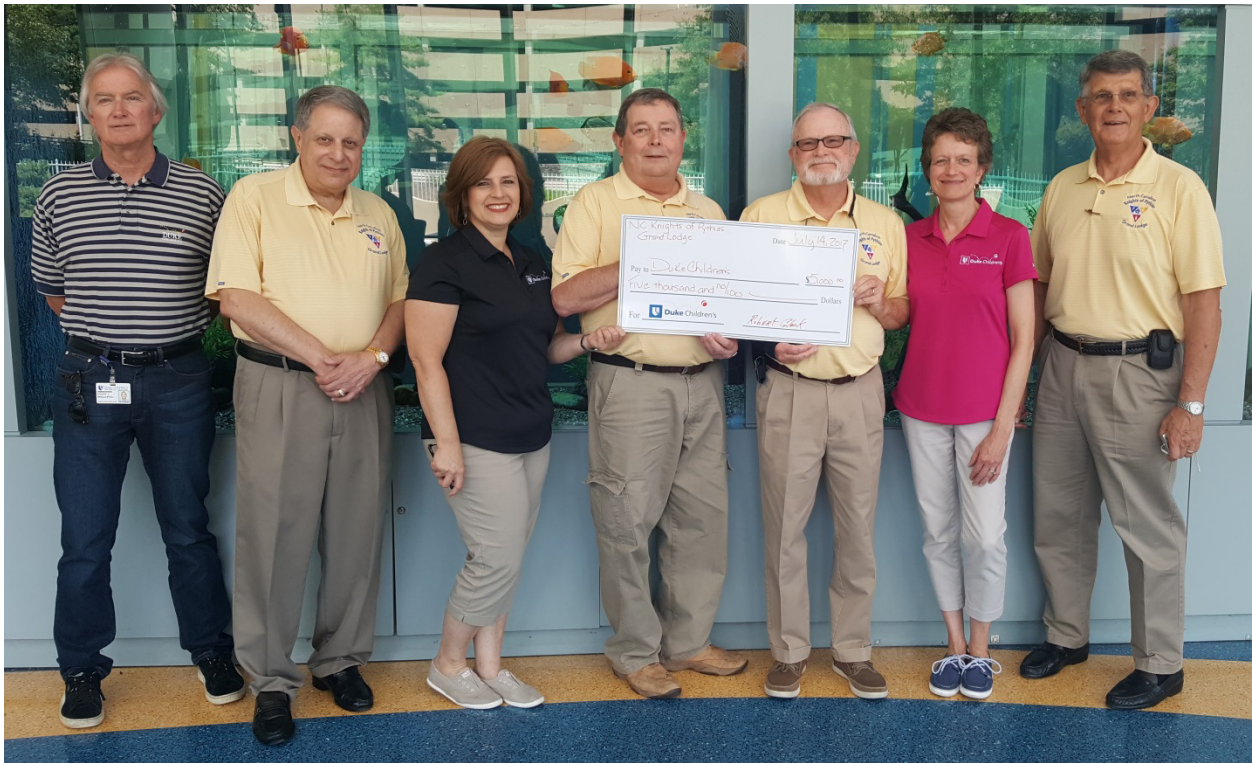
Logan Tyler Monast (right) receives his Eagle Scout Recognition and Pythian Patch at his Court of Honor from PGC Perry W. Foltrz II.

## INDIANA GRAND LODGE OFFICERS INSTALLED ON JULY 22



Left to right: GOG Jeffery L. Strahan; GT Richard P. Neal, PGC; GVC William Keith Goff, Jr.; GIG Keith Ruetz; GMA Michael Langdon; GC Gerald Randle; GS Dennis O. Adams, PSR; and Jr. PGC Jerry Dann Weilenman. GP H. Wade McIntosh III was not present for the picture.

## NORTH CAROLINA IS IN THE NEWS



On Friday, July 14, 2017 GC Richard Alligood and PGC Robert Glock presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the Duke Children's Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. The Grand Lodge of North Carolina has donated more than \$15,000 in the last four years to this statewide charity supporting the Children of this state. We are both pleased and proud to work and give to Charities that exemplify Our Order.

## FLORIDA - KNIGHTS OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON

The Grand Lodge of Florida reinstated its "Knights of the Year" luncheon, which was held at Benvenuto's Caterers in Boynton Beach, Florida on March 17, 2017. Five (5) honorees from five lodges were represented, and each received their beautiful "Knight of the Year" plaque for their dedicated service to their lodge and the order. One hundred and seventy one persons attended this gala affair subsidized by the Grand Lodge. A chuck-a-buck was solicited with over \$150.00 being donated to the Pythian Youth Foundation, Inc.

Grand Chancellor Robert Cheskes, surprised DSC/SR Sir Irv Margulies, by awarding him the "Grand Chancellor's Award", "in recognition of his most loyal and dedicated service on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Florida". The Knight of the Year honorees are: GS Sir Allan Fogelman, GMA Al Shears, DGC 10<sup>th</sup> Dist. Jerry Feldman, DGC 11<sup>th</sup> Dist. Mel Farber and CC Howard Silver.

Sir Irv Margulies - Chair thanked his committee: GC Robert Cheskes, GVC Norman Bernstein GP Ed Granoff, PSR Sir Martin Deringer, PSR and PDSC Norman Bergstein, for all doing an outstanding job of reinstating this very successful luncheon. The 45 minute Open Bar with Hot Hors D'Ouevres on every table, a very entertaining DJ, a delectable meal of Steak, Chicken or Salmon, and the camaraderie, was enjoyed by all. See the website: [knight203.blogspot.com](http://knight203.blogspot.com) for additional videos and still.





## SAM DAVIS LODGE #158 OF TENNESSEE



Pictured in the red shirt is GMA Robert Mitchell, presenting a \$1,000 check to David Dansby for the Imagination Library in Centerville. Sam David Lodge is an annual supporter of the Imagination Library program in the local community. Immediately behind GMA Mitchell is PGC Steve Gregory with other Sam David members.

## Battleground Centennial Lodge #100, Domain of New Jersey



On April 28th, 2017, Battleground Lodge presented to Shawn Triggs, the Community Manager of the Freehold New Jersey American Cancer Society Relay for Life, a Donation check in the amount of \$2,200. This money was raised by the Brothers of the Lodge during the Summer and Fall of 2016 through their efforts collecting at retail locations throughout the Lodge's geographic area. The Brothers in the photo from left to right are; Supreme Vice Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien, Grand Secretary Sir David N. Bellask, Shawn Triggs of the ACS Relay for Life, DSC Sir Joe Spindel, PGC Melvyn Feldschneider.

The photo was taken at the Stonebridge Community Clubhouse in Monroe Township, New Jersey where Brothers Fierstien and Bellask live along with members of Battleground and Fortitude Lodges.

## DOMAIN OF MISSOURI ON TARGET WITH MEMBERSHIP GOALS



### **Grand Lodge Officers from Fraternal #14 and Syracuse #437 – MO**

left to right: Immediate PGC James Mercer; GMA Ken Smith; GC Gary Lee Benskin; Grand Treasurer Steven Willis; GP Dan Wakefield. Not pictured – GP Patrick Hill, GIG Larry Caudle & GOG Jim Watson

As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the Grand Domain of Missouri has had a 7% net increase in membership since January 1, 2016 – thanks to the efforts of Syracuse #437, Fraternal #14 and Sicilian #39. Syracuse #437 was instituted back in 2001, has continually brought in new members – and has nearly tripled its' membership since their institution date. Fraternal #14 continues to have the largest membership in the Domain and has had a net increase, as well as Sicilian #39. A member of #39 is working to establish a new Lodge in west-central Missouri.

The annual Grand Lodge convention is to be held in a newly renovated hotel in Nevada, MO. on October 5-7. It is hoped this new location (halfway between the Kansas City area and Joplin) will see an increase in attendance.



# SUPREME CONVENTION 2018

## AUGUST 5, 2018-AUGUST 8, 2018

SHERATON TIMES SQUARE HOTEL 811 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE, NEW YORK NEW YORK 10019

### Room Rates

Number in Room	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6	Tues 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10	Sat 8/11
1	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199
2	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199
3	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229	\$229
4	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259	\$259

**Please send in your Reservations to Committee as listed Below.**  
**Please Do Not Call the Hotel**

### Room Reservations (Mark Number in Room & Nights staying at Hotel)

Number in Room	Fri 8/3	Sat 8/4	Sun 8/5	Mon 8/6	Tues 8/7	Wed 8/8	Thu 8/9	Fri 8/10	Sat 8/11

### TOURS & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Sun 8/5	9:30am-1:00pm	Trip to National September 11 Memorial & Museum	\$45.00		
Sun 8/5	6:00pm-7:00pm	Cocktail Hour at Ballroom Area	Cash Bar	XXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Sun 8/5	7:00pm-11:00pm	Banquet in Honor Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2016-2018	\$65.00		
Mon 8/6	5:30pm-11:00pm	World Yacht Dinner Cruise Around Manhattan	\$75.00		

### COST FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Total Hotel Room Rates	
X Number of Nights	
= Total Cost of Hotel Registration	

### COST OF TOURS & EVENTS

Cost of Tours & Events	
X Number of People	
= Total Cost of Tours & Events	

<b>Total Cost</b>	
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