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A Message from the Supreme Master at Arms

The following is an article from a 1937 Damon and Pythias magazine. While the message is 80 years old, the details continue to resonate for our Order. Enjoy.

*By S. W. F. Garnett, Editor Michigan
Pythian May 1937*

All the responsibility of contacting the subordinate lodges with the spirit, pep, and program of Grand Lodge should not be laid upon the shoulders of the Grand Lodge. While it is true that the Grand Lodge must assume the greater share, and spend the greater amount of energy in this direction; it is nevertheless true that the majority membership of the Grand Lodge is composed of representatives selected by the subordinated lodges, authorized, and delegated to represent the local lodges in the annual convention.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Winter/Spring 2018

All dates & Locations have not been finalized

Supreme Council Meeting February 24 Rockville Center, New York

South Carolina Ellore	March 1-2 or 8-9 PSC Stooksberry
Nebraska Hastings	March 23-24 SP Brown
Oklahoma Tulsa	SMA Mead
Maine Bangor	April 26-28 SIG Ward
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	SC Krell
Florida Miami	May 5-11 SS Morris
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 11-13 SVC Fierstien
Massachusetts Norwood	May 11 SMA Mead
Tennessee Pigeon Forge	June 8-10 SP Brown
Arizona Tucson	June 8-10 SS Morris
Texas Longview	June 10-12 SC Krell

FEATURED ARTICLE

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BADEN-POWELL LODGE #1907 * LONDON, ENGLAND INSTITUTED OCTOBER 28, 2017



Grand Treasurer Richard Neal, Grand Secretary Denny Adams, Grand Chancellor Gerald Randle and Past Supreme Representative Bobby Simmons show off their new Pythian aprons which were gifts from the Brethren of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 in London, England.

MEET YOUR NEW BROTHERS



(L-R) – Front Row – Ian William Mackenzie, Paul Butler, Steven John Turner, Michael Norman Buckley, Alan David “Archie” Moore.

Middle Row – Henry John Adams, Trevor Clive Gray, Andrew Stevens

Back Row – Simon Edwin Polkinghorne, Andrew Vincent Robert Smith, Clive Warham, Alun Thomas-Evans, John Warham, Ronald Ball, Mark Phythian, Gary Turner, Ian Wilson Tough, Paul Gabriel Keeley, Howard Francis Doe, Michael Marlo Ramos Duque

The day started at 10:00 am with all three ritualistic ranks performed in full. A short break was taken after the Rank of Esquire. Following the Rank of Knight and the dubbing ceremony, the Brothers of 1907 who had been chosen were elected and installed as the first officers of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907. Congratulations! Brother Steven Turner will lead the lodge as the first Chancellor Commander, pictured above proudly holding the Rathbone Bible. Brother Michael Duque, far right, will be taking on the duties of the lodge Secretary.

Following the officer installation, the lodge was officially and constitutionally instituted. It was truly a great day in Pythian history for the Order Universal and for the Domain of Indiana! After the institution, we went into an instructional session and a question and answer period.

In the evening, most of the Brethren met in one of four restaurants located in the HUGE Royal National motel for a very lovely evening of dining and toasting. We were honored to have four of the ladies of our British Brothers join us for dining and our momentous celebration of the beginning of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907!

This was certainly a once-in-a-lifetime experience and we four Americans were VERY proud and honored to represent YOU! THANK YOU for this opportunity!

ON A DOUBLE-DECKER BUS



In the top photo we are running on low energy as we had been up over 24 hours. Richard, Bobby, Gerald and Denny getting ready to enjoy the sights of London on the double decker!

Our English Brethren wanted us to pose with 16 out of the 20 new Brothers for a photo shot with them and the Rathbone Bible. The team surprised our new Brothers by having the Rathbone along and were indeed honored to take their obligations on it.





Brother Paul Butler of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 wearing his Pythian T Shirt and holding a Wreath to commemorate Britain's Remembrance Day. They celebrate Remembrance Day on November 11th, the same day as our Veterans Day, but it is in fact the equivalent of our Memorial Day.

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Too often the subordinate lodges make the mistake of sending representatives the Grand convention with no other thought in mind than that of conferring an honor upon some past Chancellor. That may be a fine thing to do so far as the past chancellors are concerned. But it is not always the wise thing to do from the standpoint of the lodge. The average delegate, going up the first time from his lodge- for a short two-day convention, seldom knows what it's all about when it is all over. All that he can do is to take notes on the convention and bring a report back to his lodge. He gets acquainted with two or three of the officials, perhaps, and pals around with some other delegates whom he has never met before. But the routine of business is new to him, and he is new to the members of the Grand Lodge. He might be interested in something for the good of his, and other, lodges. But he is new, unacquainted, and hesitant. He doesn't form a very large acquaintance in two days, when it is all over he returns home to tell his lodge what the Grand Lodge has done. He has been an interested hearer has absorbed inspiration and pep like a sponge, has voted on Propositions entirely new to him, and wondered afterwards if voted right. He has voted for somebody for the office of Grand Outer Guard, probably because somebody-else who was to know told him that this man was the logical one to vote for. He has supported other issues in the same way. What else could he do? He was never there before, and in all probability his lodge did not instruct him to regards to any matter that was to come up. But he has contributed very little, if anything, to the Grand Lodge.

It is a serious mistake for any subordinate lodge to act on the supposition that every past chancellor should go to Grand Lodge. The old rule of electing representatives for

two years recognized the need of selecting a worthy past chancellor as representative and continuing him in Grand Lodge for two years or more. Subordinate Lodges will find it greatly to their advantage to select from their past chancellors one who is capable, willing to work and to sacrifice, who is loyal to the principles of the Order and re-elect him for several years, until he shall become, in the full mean all meaning of the term, a representative of his lodge, in this manner, greater value will accrue to the subordinate Lodge as well.

Perhaps a desire to confer honors may become a hindrance to the welfare and progress of the local lodge thereby defeating the purpose of the organization.

Furthermore, it is the bounden duty of each and every representative to make the coming session of Grand Lodge what it is to become, to go back to the subordinate lodge that has honored him with membership in the grand convention this year, and work like a Trojan in his local lodge, making even greater sacrifices than he did when he was Chancellor Commander, to help his Chancellor Commander and other officers to put over the greatest program of activity ever attempted in his lodge. Every Grand Lodge Representative ought to be good for at least five or ten new members during the coming year. And he is good for it if he is good for anything at all. A little more sacrifice and a little more work for the lodge by the men who have the vision will turn the tide in the Grand Domain. It is a crime against the Order to accept from the Grand Lodge mileage and per diem as representative and simply make attendance upon the session a two-day vacation, and then go back to lounge around a whole year at the expense and sacrifice of the lodge which elected you. By accepting the honor

of the office and the Grand Lodge check, you obligate yourself and you should not be satisfied that the obligation has been met until you have turned in at least five applications for membership by initiation to your Keeper of Records and Seal. Is that too great a challenge, Brother Representative, or must we admit that we are not big enough for the job that we are endeavoring to hold? If knights who have vision are too lazy to try how may we expect those of impaired vision to step into the place of leadership that belongs to the Grand representative? It is where there is no vision that the people perish.

If each Representative in Grand Lodge this year will get five new members before the next session the revival will be on and the next convention will go down in the history of the Grand Domain as the Hallelujah Convention because of the rejoicing that will dominate the sessions.

There is only one way to do it, and that is to do it. We do everything else that we want to do, so let us really want to do this.

What say, Representatives, shall we tackle it? What has been done can be done again!



IN MEMORIAM

Wayne Bennett, PGC (VA) 10/23/17



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

It appears we've found a new jeweler, her name is Jen; not sure yet what the name of the company is – she worked for Klitzner for more than 8 years and is familiar with our needs; she is in possession of all the castings and dies, and for the remainder of this year will hold the prices on all, with the possible exception of pocket badges; I will be ordering a few badges on Monday, 11/27 to see how that goes.

I have ordered PGC Lapel Pins, as there are none left in stock, but we do have PGC Jewels. By the time the Grand Lodge Conventions start in the spring we should be set to fill your needs.

Feel free to E-Mail us at
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Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS
Supreme Secretary



ARIZONA'S RELAY FOR LIFE

An award was presented for Arizona's participation in an American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Accepting the award on behalf of the team was team captain, PSR Larry Swanson



THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, PIMA LODGE 47

AND

TUCSON PARKS AND RECREATION

PRESENT THE DEDICATION OF A WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE ADA SWING

CITY OF TUCSON, REID PARK, FESTIVAL LAWN PLAY CENTER

NOVEMBER 29, 2017 AT 10:00AM

SWING PRESENTED IN THE MEMORY OF PAIGE STOUT



MASSACHUSETTS SAYS THANK YOU

As a show of gratitude for the assistance provided by Walmart regarding the Read & Ride bikes and safety helmets (58 this past summer) the Grand Lodge presented the store with a framed Certificate of Appreciation.



Left to right: Kessjhon DePina; GMA Richard B. Albert; Karina Guevara; GVC Harvey L. Slobodkin; Monica Montag, store manager; Alan Zamansky, KGS/GT, overall Read & Ride Coordinator; Mark Jank; and Peter McGurk. Taking the picture was Allen Morris, KGS/GS.

PATRICK HENRY LODGE (VIRGINIA) PRESENTS EAGLE SCOUT CERTIFICATES



Chase Arrington receiving his Eagle patch from the Knights of Pythias. All with Chase are members of Patrick Henry Lodge in Bassett. Chase is a member of Troop 167 and the Eagle Scout ceremony took place at Bassett Church of the Brethren.

L to R: Charles Anderson, Bill Richardson and Roger Shelor.



David Pollock, also of Troop 167 and it is at Bassett Church of the Brethren.

L to R; Charles Anderson, Bill Richardson and Roger Shelor. Those with David are all members of Patrick Henry Lodge in Bassett. Charles and Roger are Scout leaders.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DIABETES RESEARCH ASSOCIATE HONORED BY DIABETES RESEARCH INSTITUTE

On November 6, 2017, The Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) Foundation presented the New York Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association Inc. (DRA) with the Hypothesis Award of the Diabetes Research Institute for having contributed in excess of \$50,000 to the Institute. Bruce Siegel, Chairman of DRI's Northeast Board of Directors, presented the award to the DRA President Deputy Supreme Chancellor (NY) Craig Shink.

Designed to acknowledge DRI's generous donors, the award is part of the Foundation's "The Cycle of Discovery," an elegant series of eight crystal sculptures portraying the scientific journey through the evolution of an idea.



Pictured (L-R) Deputy Supreme Chancellor (NY) and President of the Diabetes Research Association, Inc. Craig Shink with the Hypothesis Award Presented by Bruce Siegel, Chair, Northeast Region Board of Directors of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation.

FREDERICTON LODGE #6, NEW BRUNSWICK

Fredericton Lodge #6 donates \$2,145.00 to Hospices House in memory of Margaret Libby.



Center (l to r): Jessica Carriere and Pam Thorp from Hospices House.
Left to right: DSC H. Eugene Mattinson; PSR Bill Field; PSR Stan Bowser; PSR Arnold Libby;
and Debby Dow

**WISHING ALL A HAPPY, HEALTHY HOLIDAY
SEASON – AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**