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

“X”- Move ahead with an “X” in your life.

Exciting, excite, exude enthusiasm, extraordinary, excellent, excel, exceed expectations. What we look for to move ahead personally and for our great Order.

Experience and promote our focus FOR 2018-2020, Project Safety, GO Green, Coats and Food Drive, Buyer’s Edge, Ad Words, our new look newsite.pythias.org. Promote Community Service, visibility, our Cancer charities, bring in one new brother, ASK, start a new lodge. Share your success and contribute photos, captions and articles to *Pythian International*. Seek and encourage Diversity everywhere. One step at a time, we will reach more people, flourish, and grow. “X,” it’s your move.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Spring/Summer 2019

All dates, Locations and positions have not been finalized

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| South Carolina Columbia | March 1-2 SP Mead |
| Nebraska Hastings | March 29-30 SOG Schwartz |
| Oklahoma Tulsa | SOG Schwartz |
| Maine Bangor | April 25-27 PSC Wright |
| New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia | May 3-5 ST Ast |
| Florida Miami | May 5-12 SMA Ward |
| British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs | May 8-11 SP Mead |
| Massachusetts Peabody | May 9-10 SVC Brown |
| Tennessee Pigeon Forge | June 7-9 ST Ast |
| Arizona Tucson | June 7-9 SP Mead |
| Texas Longview | June 7-9 SC Fierstien |
| California Santa Ana | June 13-15 SIG Stamm |

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I need a project aimed at environmental concerns to help protect our planet for future generations, anything from trees, recycling, energy sources, global warming. Please help me with suggestions.

Direction, leadership, and motivation will make it all happen for a dynamic term of growth for our Pythian world and beyond.

PYTHIAN ANNIVERSARY AND PYTHIAN RECRUITMENT WEEK

Our own special anniversary, the 155th Anniversary of the founding of the Order is February 19. The milestone falls with Pythian Recruitment Week/Pythian Awareness Week, this year February 17-23, a time for promoting the Order, recruiting, and celebrating our history. We are grateful for the wonderful contributions of so many, and look forward to a bright future. Happy 155th Anniversary, Knights of Pythias and to our Pythian world!

“FRIENDS WORKING TOGETHER FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY”



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

It's that time of year again, by the time you read this issue we will be celebrating 155 years as the Knights of Pythias, Order Universal. In conjunction, the Supreme Lodge has had 155th Anniversary Pins made which we will be selling for \$5.00 each. However, if your Grand Lodge would like to purchase 100 or more of these gems in the same order, the Supreme Lodge will waive the cost of shipping. Such a deal! All of Our Brothers should be wearing one.

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, SS/KGS



Shown slightly larger than actual size.



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

Millions of people await the arrival of the shortest month of the year for the opportunity to remember special people in their life. Even though Valentine's Day is just one day a year, that doesn't mean it should be the only time to remember special people.

How about the people in care centers, shut-ins, the elderly, these people may not have someone to remember them. As Pythians we can show we care with our Friendship and Love. You ask how, we can visit care centers, take treats to shut ins or even send a card.

Remember the elderly, as they are the forgotten ones. Let us try to brighten someone day, and show them we care.

Whatever you do on Valentine's Day, share it with someone special. Happy Valentine's Day to all my Pythian Friends.

In P.L.E. & F
Connie F. Edwards
Supreme Temple Secretary

Greetings to all. I want to send a SHOUT OUT to all the members of Tempe Lodge #26 for their AWESOME work during the year 2018, and as they continue into 2019 with their events and making donations to their community.

It is awesome to belong to such a prestigious Brotherhood that goes above and beyond to help thy fellow Brother... It is with pride and Honor that we belong to the Knights of Pythias, we are always doing something within our communities and we don't always seek to be on the front page of the newspapers or to be the center of attraction... But we wanted to let everyone know, when a Lodge comes together – it benefits the Community... And it exemplifies what it means to be a Knight of Pythias.

A huge round of applause to all the Brothers who do a lot in their communities representing and in the name of the Knights of Pythias. Greetings to all.

TEMPE LODGE #26 (ARIZONA) IS ON THE MOVE



Grand Prelate Joe Emery from Tempe Lodge #26 presenting a check to the Boys and Girls Clubs of East Valley, Arizona.



Grand Prelate Joe Emery, Tempe Lodge #26 presenting a check to Octavia Harris, Staff Manager

ARIZONA - JOINT INSTALLATION OF LODGE OFFICERS



Saturday January 26, 2019 Tempe 26 Castle, Grand Chancellor Jack Schwartz presided the ceremony of Installations of Officers for both of these Lodges, assisted by Vice Grand Chancellor Jim Raymond, Grand Treasure Sir Bryan Schwartz and Grand Prelate Joe Emery.

It was an honor and pleasure to have attended this event and a big thank you goes out to Grand Trustee's Dick Blankemiere, KGS & Larry Swanson, as well as GIG Alan Handelsman, whom attended in behalf of and representing the Grand Lodge and to support our Brother Knights of these Lodges.

Most importantly..... were the conversations before and afterwards, building friendships, getting ideas on how to move forward and the overall camaraderie between Knights. Not to mention, the delicious meal.



A thank you went out to all of the newly installed officers of Phoenix 2, Tucson 9, Nogales13, Tempe 26, Pima 47, Metro 55 & Rio Rico 98 wishing all of you and our members the best for this year of 2019, may each one of you accept the challenge of your positions and continue in carrying the drive and enthusiasm in making this great Domain of Arizona the very best.

For those outgoing or better said Past Chancellor Commander's, you are now eligible to attend Grand Lodge Convention this year and receive the Grand Lodge Rank.

SAFETY: A MATTER OF ATTITUDE

A focus on safety is a national priority for the Knights of Pythias. Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien has asked all of us to work to improve the quality of life in our own communities. A good way to accomplish this goal is to promote safety. Safety comes as a part of our daily lives and is important in all we do. It is our goal to encourage every lodge to consider the promotion of some form of safety as a part of its program of work for the near future and beyond. Our success in promoting programs of safety will produce a benefit in our homes and communities that will have a positive lasting effect for all.

This program can take many forms, so a lodge can evaluate its own community and choose an area of concern that meets the unique nature of the place in which they work and live. For some water safety may be the focus while others may feel that fire safety is a higher priority. When outdoor sports are a predominant part of a community, promoting environmental related skills may be the choice.

It all boils down to evaluating the need and picking a safety program that everyone can support and feel that the effort is meeting a need, one that protects people and prevents pain and suffering. An advantage of this kind of program is that there are resource people with methods and materials to share in each of our communities. Fire departments have programs aimed at prevention and safety. Police science programs encourage safety and protection for all our citizens. Also county and state health departments promote programs to prevent and protect our health and safety. We have state and national parks with programs to help the public enjoy the outdoors and prevent accidents and the dangers that exist in nature.

The more you consider the program, the evidence looms loud and clear; your only limitation is your imagination in choosing where to place your emphasis. Ask for guidance from your community and you will be given many ideas and resources. Involving the community in such a worthy undertaking can also serve as a very positive public relations tool for your lodge. Such programs attract attention of the media, and teaming with other community organizations may lend good will for all.

Getting a program planned and started is the first step, and sharing your ideas with others is a great way to extend the benefit.

I have been asked to serve as a resource person for ideas and resource sharing, so I will be eager to hear of any successes your lodge has. I will also be willing to help in planning for your success in Safety, A Matter of Attitude.

Some of the logical categories of safety are:

- I. Home and fire safety. Use of smoke alarms, Fire extinguisher, Electrical safety in our homes, and fire escape plans.
- II. Bike safety : Wearing helmets, Hold Bike Safety programs, Promote accident prevention.
- III. Avoiding distractive driving.
- IV. Chemical Safety. Household chemicals, and Yard and garden chemicals and their safe use.
- V. First Aid update: Caring for victims in emergency situations. How to deal with a heart attack. Use of a Defibulator . The new procedures in CPR. And How to recognize Stroke and take action.
- VI. Water Sports safety. Lifejackets, Boat Safety, Diving Safety, and River or float trip safety.

VII. Stranger Danger. How to stay safe in public or on our travels away from home. Never walk alone, Provide supervision of our children at all times. Practice traffic and parking lot safety.

WHAT IS SAFETY? IT IS A STATE OF MIND.

Some of the logical categories of safety are:

I. Home and fire safety. Use of smoke alarms, fire extinguisher, electrical safety in our homes, and fire escape plans to allow our families to escape a burning structure in a safe manor.

II. Bike safety: Wearing a helmet, holding bike safety instruction programs, promoting accident prevention programs for our children.

III. Avoiding distracted driving. Promote programs to help keep the attention on the road. Put the phone out of reach and commit to not answering it or making calls while driving.

IV. Chemical safety. Teach about household chemicals, and yard and garden chemicals and their safe use.

V. First Aid update: Caring for victims in emergency situations. How do you deal with a heart attack victim. The proper use of a defibrillator allowing the heart to return to normal sinus rhythm. The new procedures in CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation allowing for keeping the brain supplied with oxygen until further help arrives. How to recognize stroke, the silent killer, and that it is important to know and provide help when you recognize that one side of the body is unable to move. There may be problems understanding or speaking, dizziness, or loss of vision to one side.

VI. Water sports safety. Lifejackets, boat safety, diving safety, and river or float trip safety. Remember that if somebody is going to drown because of fatigue, inhaled water or a heart attack, he or she will not have any opportunity to scream, but will just disappear – contrary to what you see on TV. Keep a close look at least on children. Swimming in pairs is a good way to make sure everybody is being watched by somebody at all times. Rip currents are the returning flow from waves breaking off the beach, often at a reef or similar. Due to the underwater topology the return flow is concentrated at a few deeper sections, and a fast current to deep water may form there. Most deaths happen as result of fatigue trying to swim back against the current, which may be impossible. Instead either swim parallel to the shore, i.e. perpendicular to the current, or just wait it out (calling for help), as it loses its force outside the surf zone. As soon as you get out of the current, swimming back is no more difficult than normally. Try aiming somewhere where you are not caught again or, depending on your skills and on whether you have been noticed, you might want to wait for rescue.

VII. Stranger danger. How to stay safe in public or on travels away from home. Never walk alone. Provide supervision of children at all times. Practice traffic and parking lot safety.

The above categories are just a starting place, and many additional safety areas can be the focus for your lodge to consider in your efforts to promote safety in your community. Your efforts are sure to make a difference in helping prevent accidents.

I am eager to hear about any efforts being taken by your lodge to promote safety.

You can contact me at:

Bill Peal bpeal@me.com or by calling 541-215-0810 Cell, or 541-276-9112.

INDIANA IS IN THE NEWS AGAIN

Lafayette Lodge #51 has long been a leader in working with the local community. More recently, Lafayette Lodge #51 has "adopted" Thomas Miller Elementary School due to the high turnover of the students due to more transient parents. This turnover has placed a unique challenge on the educators at the school. One of the Lodge's projects with Miller has been to donate Coke Codes for cash. The Coke Company then sends a check to the school which may be applied to the area(s) of greatest need. To this end, Lafayette Lodge #51 enters codes on a nearly daily basis and the total donation to Thomas Miller Elementary School for 2018 totaled \$594.31. The officers and members of Lafayette Lodge #51 wish to thank all the brothers and sisters who supported this program. The lodge brothers are busily collecting as is the school, more codes and the process continues. The goal for 2019 is \$750!



L to R: Mr. Greg Louk, Assistant Principal of Thomas Miller Elementary School; Dr. Kenneth P. Moder, KGS/SR

MASSACHUSETTS IS PROUD OF

“Bay State Lodge #141 received the Volunteer of the Year 2018 award from the Stoughton Chamber of Commerce (Stoughton, MA). Over the last six years, Bay State Lodge has donated over \$40,000 to the Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton by raising money at our annual charity dinner/auction.



Pictured (left to right): FS Jeffrey Weiner, Richard Lamb (Chamber Chairman), PC Burt Snyder, PGC David Kahan, SR Richie Albert”

FORTITUDE LODGE NO. 160, NEW JERSEY

Fortitude Lodge #160 Knights of Pythias of the Domain of New Jersey held a three-in-one series of ritualistic ranks on Saturday February 9, 2019 and inducted three new Pythian Knights and Reinstated one with a re-obligation ceremony into our Order. The accompanying photograph shows the new Knights (seated) and the Rank Team from throughout the Domain of New Jersey who participated in the Initiation.



Seated, left to right: New Knights Charles Zeitner, Rick Simon, Jeff Sturman, and Dennis Gutkin

The rank team (back row) consisted of the majority of the New Jersey Grand Council including the Grand Chancellor, Supreme Chancellor, and members of Fortitude Lodge #160.

EAGLE SCOUT PROGRAM IS ALIVE AND WELL IN VIRGINIA



We don't have any information on this Scout or the Court of Honor, but it took place in Virginia in November or December 2018.

Brothers, please, in the future, when submitting a picture send it with an article; who is in the picture (with titles) and the occasion. We want our Brothers and Sisters to not only see what's happening, but also to know the who, what, where, when and way.