



Celebrating 155 Years of Pythianism

The New

Pythian International

PUBLISHED BY THE SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

VOLUME VI No.9

SUMMER - FALL 2019



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

Let's look to Year Two of the term, the second half. Tempus fugit. The past year saw many positives, new programs, new lodges, the newest of which is Zenith #5, Atlanta, Project Safety, ASK pins (Always Support Knights/Always Seek Knights), Buyer's Edge, Poster Contest "Go Green Help Save the World," baseball Caps, World Scout Jamboree, disaster communication, a Charity Committee, and "Friends, Working Together for a Better Community." From our historic beginning, is healing the wounds of 1864, and still relevant. And, now what's ahead.

Year Two will see attractive new shirts to wear, each of us a bio-billboard.

Cont. on page 2

Grand Lodge Conventions Summer/Fall 2019

All dates, Locations and positions have not been finalized

Maryland Ocean City	September 5-6 SVC Brown
Ohio Fairborn	September 5-7 SOG Schwartz
Nevada Henderson	September 5-7 SC Fierstien
New Jersey Monroe Township	September 15 SC Fierstien
Michigan Lansing	September 19-21 SVC Brown
Iowa Des Moines	September 20-22 SS Morris
Washington Yakima	September 20-22 SOG Schwartz
Illinois Marion	September 28 SIG Stamm
Virginia Virginia Beach	September 3-6 SMA Ward
North Carolina Myrtle Beach	October 4-5 SVC Brown
Missouri Springfield	October 10-12 SMA Ward
New Mexico Lordsburg	October 10-12 SIG Stamm

SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

JOEL FIERSTIEN, SC

54 Cobblestone Blvd.
Monroe Twp., NJ 08831
973-994-1069

Email: marathonlaw@aol.com

BRUCE H. BROWN, SVC

1619 West Robinhood Drive
Charleston, SC 29407
843-571-2614

Email: bhb4201@gmail.com

MARK MEAD, SP

6 Maggie Court
Fredericksburg, VA 22406
C: 703-625-2237

Email: meaddm@gmail.com

ALLEN S. MORRIS, SS

458 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA 02072-1655
O: 781-436-5966

Email: supremelodgekofp@comcast.net

ALAN J. AST, ST

8 Courtney Drive
New City, NY 10956-6122
O: 845-638-9344

Email: aaast@aol.com

MARK WARD, SMA

135 Seven Peaks Road
Newport, TN 37821
708-420-9766

Email: mewmks@outlook.com

DONALD STAMM, SIG

628 Lake Floyd Circle
Bristol, WV 26426
304-782-1037

Email: don@limesoser.com

BRYAN SCHWARTZ, SOG

7272 Camino Bacelar
Tucson, AZ 85715
520-349-0404

Email: bschw6491115@aol.com

Editorial Staff - Supreme Lodge Office

Email: supremelodgekofp@comcast.net

Cont. from front page

What may we do to be more visible, to benefit the community, to promote the Order, to start new lodges, to find new members, younger members, for lodges to hold interesting meetings and programs, and to promote our association with the ACS and the CCS. Remember Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence through Community Service allow a path to confront and combat today's divisiveness and violence. Year Two has unlimited potential, for each of us to advance the Knights of Pythias, and to come up short is to inspire greater effort. It is exciting to think of Year Two and the prospects for a great year.



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

155 Anniversary Pins are still selling for \$5.00 each. However, if your Grand Lodge would like to purchase 100 or more of them in the same order, the Supreme Lodge will sell them for **\$4.00 each and waive the cost of shipping, to one address.** All of Our Brothers should be wearing one. We have a good selection in stock!





Sisters. Now is our time to make this a successful convention for them.

Hope to see everyone in Newark, New Jersey, in August of 2020.

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

From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

How time flies. It is hard to believe that a year has passed since Supreme. I did have fun in New York City, and enjoyed walking around and the tours we were able to do.

I attended Imperial, it was a good trip, we drove, and of course like always there was road construction. We took one side trip to "Black Dog Salvage". I watch this program on T.V. While at this location we talked to one of the clerks and found out she had lived in Iowa, not far from my home. It was a very interesting side trip, and we did a little shopping on the way back to the hotel.

With Imperial over it means that Supreme is less than a year away, and we will travel to Newark, New Jersey. I have heard that the committee is hard to work getting everything ready for us. I hope all the Reps try to attend the convention. As a Rep you have a voice and vote on the issues that come up on the floor. The best time of the whole convention is spending time with the different Sisters and sharing activities that your Temples do.

It is not too early to start planning on attending, and you will be supporting Supreme Chief Joan and Supreme Chancellor Joel. They have worked hard on making this a successful for the Knights and



Speaking of Safety July 2019

Yes, safety is everyone's concern. Where do we all face major safety threats? In our car on the road. Oh no, a flat tire.

If your car is disabled on the side of the road, oncoming cars failing to see you is a concern for us all. A safety strobe light warning traffic to get over may save you and anyone with you. A detachable strobe device which operates on three triple A batteries can be seen up to 5,000 feet away. A magnet mount allows this warning device to be attached to your car to alert oncoming traffic of a stalled vehicle. You can order this device by going to the web site www.1tac.com.

Safety is a matter of attitude and that safety is up to each one of us every day. The problem comes when we let down our guard and become complacent in our routine activities. Anything we can do to help people make safe decisions in our daily routine will result in fewer accidents and lives saved. These roadside safety disks can act as reminders to us to be safe in our daily lives. I am suggesting that the Knights of Pythias promote the distribution of these safety disks in our lodges and in our communities. Saving just one life will make them all worthwhile. A cost of \$10 each is what it takes to order this device, but the possibility exists for ordering in bulk and saving by doing so. If we were to purchase a bulk order and make these disks available to our lodges we could impact many people and promote safety.

We here in Oregon are considering ordering a bulk amount and distributing them to our lodges, hoping that they will see their value and order more to make available in their communities.

ROCHESTER JAY LODGE NO. 639 – NEW YORK



Rochester Jay Lodge No. 639 conferred the Order of the Golden Spur on PACDGC Art Cassidy at a brunch held on July 7th at the Jewish Home of Rochester. PDGC Mort Stein was the acting Chancellor Commander, and PACDGC Saul Rasnick, KGS was acting Master at Arms.

PACDGC Sir Bruce Nelson was honored with a plaque commemorating his over 40 years as Recording Secretary, and Bro. Mort Schwartz was honored with a plaque thanking him for his many years of acting as auditor for the lodge.

MOROCCO'S KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS BECOME THE FIRST LODGE IN THE STATE TO SPONSOR READING PROGRAM

BY GREGORY MYERS
nceeditor@centurylink.net

MOROCCO - The Morocco Lodge of The Knights of Pythias became the first lodge in Indiana to sponsor the Read and Ride Program aimed at benefitting children in second grade in all four elementary schools.

The program encourages kids to meet reading goals throughout the year. Children who meet the goals had their name placed into a drawing for a new boy's and girl's bicycle, which was given away at each school last week. The winners also receive a \$20 gift card donated by Walmart in Rensselaer so the kids can purchase a helmet and any other supplies needed.

"We are proud to sponsor this program and partner with Newton County schools to encourage young people to read and further their education," said Tim Loughmiller, a member of The Knights of Pythias.

The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization, which promotes friendship and goodwill. The order is based on the story of Damon and Pythias from Greek history and on the principles of medieval knighthood. Other charities supported by the organization include the Ronald McDonald House and the Boy Scouts of America. They also sponsor speech and poster contests for high school students in Indiana and nationally.

Winners of the bikes were Jose Portillo and Adalyn Schladenhauffen from South Newton; Hannah Polus and Adolfo O'Campo from Lincoln; D.J. Hoover and Mae Ruble from Morocco; and Caroline Kroll and Dayton Oxley of Lake.











OREGON IS ON THE MOVE



The Grand Lodge of Oregon participated in the Carlton Oregon Carlton Fun Days Parade on June 22nd with members and their families of 3 lodges riding distributing candy and handing out fliers to the parade attendees.



The Grand Lodge of Oregon participated with a float in the North Plains 4th of July Parade with lighthearted competition of the members of Glencoe Lodge of North Plains. They had Knights and their family members riding or walking, distributing candy and handing out fliers to the parade attendees. Lodge members and family members had a lot of fun decorating the float and participating in the parade.

2019 OREGON PYTHIAN FUNDAYS CAMPOUT AND JET BOAT RIDE ON THE ROUGE RIVER

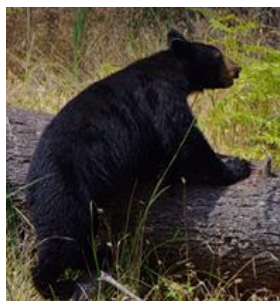


The Domain of Oregon had a very successful Pythian Funday and campout at the Bandon/Port Orford Oregon KOA utilizing 48 camp sites for 150 campers! This year's event started Friday morning July 19, at Jerry's Rogue Jet Boats in Gold Beach Oregon, where we loaded up on 4 jetboats for a 52-mile trip up the Rogue River starting from the Pacific Ocean to the edge of the designated wild and scenic border. We had 121 Pythians and family members from 8 lodges riding in the high-powered jet boats.

The boat Captains were knowledgeable of the history of the river and shared with the riders many interesting facts of the local history along with a little folklore. We were treated to closeup views of wildlife; we had Bald Eagles and Ospreys flying overhead plus, many Deer along the river's edge. The riders in 2 of the boats were fortunate enough to spot a Bear! After 6 hours on the river 2 of the boats stopped at Whispering Ranch Lodge, and the other 2 stopped at Cougar Lane Ranch for a late buffet lunch.

The event on Saturday evening was a potluck dinner with the Grand Lodge providing the main course. We had over 150 people for dinner, there was so much food that no one left hungry. A great time was had by all, renewing old friendships from the different lodges, or catching up with old friends.

The 2020 Pythian Fun-day's is already in the planning stages. Next year's fun day will be in La Grande, Oregon, July 15 through the 19th. Camping will be at the La Grande Oregon Hot Springs RV Park, 65182 Hot Lake Ln, La Grande, OR 97850. The event will be touring the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, 22267 OR-86, Baker City, OR



SUPREME LODGE DISPLAYS AT WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Through the efforts of Brothers, Michael Horowitz, Phil Greenwald and Stan Weinstein, the Supreme Lodge was represented with a booth display at the 24th World Scouting Jamboree in West Virginia in July 2019.

Over 60,000 scouts, leaders, foreign leaders and visitors attended from all over the world. Leaders from four countries were interested in starting a lodge in their countries

The Knights of Pythias got worldwide exposure at this great event. It is so important that all lodges get exposure in their communities on all their humanitarian projects and press releases, so that we can grow and develop. Action is louder than all the words, plans, messages and gestures. The motto for all lodges should be, "YES WE CAN!"



Left: Brother Stan Weinstein, Jersey Shore Lodge #76-167 and a Scout from New Jersey standing in front of the banner which was displayed in the Supreme Lodge Booth at the World Scout Jamboree.

SUPREME CHANCELLOR AT FRANKLIN LODGE No. 2



Supreme Chancellor Fierstien and his wife, Joan, were invited to a dinner, in his honor by the membership of Franklin Lodge #2, the oldest Subordinate Lodge in the Supreme Domain. Honored at Angelo's Fairmount Tavern in Atlantic City on August 14, the Supreme Chancellor was presented with a check for the 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Although you can't see it from here, but our Supreme Chancellor threw out the first pitch at a game between the Trenton Thunder vs. Harrisburg Senators on August 10. Frankfort chaired Fortitude #160 at the game, with dinner in the Stadium Club, attended by 75 Pythians, family, and friends. Fortitude's membership has grown in the past two years almost 50% to about 90 brothers.



Center GVC Elliot Frankfort, right SC Fierstien.

WEST VIRGINIA IN THE NEWS

Grand Lodge Domain of West Virginia 2019-2020 Officers



Front Row: Sterling Wilt, GP; Jerry Martin, GC; Sir Bruce Brown, SVC; Gary Carmichael, and GVC; Jim Kudlak, GS

Back Row: David Penwell, GIG; John Morris, GOG; Lawrence Handschumacher, GT; Marvin Wyatt, JPGC; and Bob Rinehart, GMA

Wesley Lanham, PSR received the Golden Spur Award during the Domain of West Virginia Grand Lodge Convention July 11, 2019.



Pictured are Grand Chancellor Marvin Wyatt; Sir Wesley Lanham; and Master of Ceremonies Sir Bruce Brown, SVC

GOLDEN SPUR

Brothers,

It has come to the attention of the Supreme Lodge Golden Spur Committee, that many of our members do not know, or do not understand the procedure that needs to be followed for the submission of an application on behalf of a worthy Brother. Nor are they necessarily familiar with the ceremony itself.

Unfortunately that procedure – there is one for a subordinate lodge and one for a grand lodge, and although close to each other, they are not exactly the same.

Having said that, the Chairman of the Supreme Lodge Golden Spur Committee, PSC Bobby G, Crowe, whose phone number and email address is as follows: 865-590-7723 bgc38@comcast.net is there to assist you in making sure you request and receive the correct form, as is the Supreme Secretary: Allen S. Morris at 781-436-5966 supremelodgekofp@comcast.net

Most importantly, after the application has been accepted by the Supreme Lodge Committee, any communication with the Supreme Lodge Chairman must be made by the Brother who submitted the application, and only by that Brother... If anyone else contacts the Supreme Lodge Chairman it could jeopardize the approval process. The application is confidential and not to be known by others.

We are not looking to have a Brother who is deserving of the honor denied because the procedure wasn't followed.

PENNSYLVANIA'S GRAND LODGE OFFICERS 2019-2020



Left to Right: Luke Schofield, GOG; William Mahler, GIG; PGC Steven Arch, KGS/GS; Jack Powell, GVC; John "Eric" Johnson, GC; Alan Ast, KGS/ST; James Garner, GP; Edgar Fulmor, GMA; and PGC Tom Morris, GT.

LIZTON LODGE No. 342 - INDIANA



LIZTON LODGE #342 sponsored their annual Alzheimer's Walk on August 10, 2019. We had 22 walkers, yes a small group but everyone had a great time and the weather was beautiful. We raised \$210.00 and the lodge is donating \$290.00 making a total of \$500.00 for the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Indiana Chapter. Thanks to all that helped make this a success. Hope to see more walkers next year.

MASSASHUSETTS READ & RIDE PROGRAM OFF TO A GREAT START

On Wednesday afternoon, August 14 was the second in a series of nine bicycle give-a-ways at libraries throughout Massachusetts, this one at the Public Library in Stoughton, which coincidentally is the library where it all started for the MA Grand Lodge.



Back row, left to right: Librarian Amy; PGC Harvey Slobodkin; GT Alan Zamansky, KGS/PSR; and Librarian Barbara.

Front row, left to right: 3rd graders Zayden Joseph and Mia Avery; 2nd graders Elyas Rosario and Aline Mendes; 1st graders Jacob Hoffman and Elizabeth Janelli. Picture taken by GS Allen Morris, KGS/SS



80th SUPREME LODGE
&
65th SUPREME TEMPLE
CONVENTIONS
2020 SOUVENIR JOURNAL & PROGRAM
August 2 - 6, 2020



Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel

All pages will be printed in color on 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper

Outside Back Cover	\$300.00
Inside Front Cover	\$250.00
Inside Back Cover	\$250.00
Gold Page	\$225.00
Full Page	\$175.00
Half Page	\$90.00
Quarter Page	\$50.00

Please include camera-ready art, your business card or copy and layout you desire via electronic media if possible. The better the quality the committee receives, the better the reproduction in the Souvenir Journal.

Please include name and phone number in the event of questions.
Information/questions - call 201-796-1058 and/or E-mail
crazero@optonline.net

DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2020

Make Checks payable to: Knights of Pythias of NJ/SUPREME
CONVENTION 2020

Mail Check to: Jeffrey Zerowin, KGS
3 Franciscan Way
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

QUICK PRICE LIST FOR THE 2020 SUREME CONVENTION

The room rate for the 2020 Convention at the Marriott is \$149.00 per room plus \$15.125% taxes as of today, subject to any increases that our wonderful State of NJ impose effective at the time of checkout, (\$171.54). The vehicle parking is the same as the original pricing listed.

The Banquet meals are priced as follows:

Sunday evening and Wednesday evening, two of the entrees (chicken and fish) are \$75.00 and the steak (ordered to temperature) is \$80.00 per person. All are inclusive of taxes, gratuities, service charges, etc.

Flyers with all of the pertinent information will be sent out as soon as we get the reservation link (September 1st) for guests who should reserving their rooms directly with the hotel, and additional flyers for the Souvenir program and journal, the banquet meals, and the excursions that we will be planning for our guests and reserved through our committee.

MORE TO FOLLOW

THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF THE DOMAIN OF NEW JERSEY



The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey is once again proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2020 Supreme Lodge/Supreme Temple Convention which will be held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. from Saturday August 1st, until Thursday August 6th, 2020.

We are planning the following, and you can additionally avail yourselves of the multiple transportation options in and around the Newark Airport area to go places individually or with small groups. There are always taxis, trains, and your personal vehicles at your convenience for dining, shopping, and historical pursuits. The hotel shuttle is always available if you want to venture to the food court and a few franchise restaurants in Airport Terminals A & B (before security checkpoints).

1. Trip to the exciting Liberty Science Center with their new Planetarium show.
2. Trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty by Statue Cruises Ferry.
3. Trip to the Newark Museum with Lunch or Dinner, TBD.
4. Tour of the Budweiser Brewery with Dinner, TBD.
5. Entertainment venues; The Prudential Center and the NJ Performing Arts Center, shows' schedule TBA.

All of the reservation forms and details will be forthcoming, so please keep an eye out for them in the near future.

Convention Committee: PDSC Sir Marvin I. Diner, and, PDSC Sir David N. Bellask - Co-Chairmen
e-mail:, carvinmarvin 529@aol.com & davespark70@hotmail.com

You also may be interested to know that for those who may need the service, the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters is arranging to have mobility scooters pre-reserved for the convention. More details will be forthcoming, however if you want to get more information immediately please contact Supreme Temple Convention Chairperson Janet Huber at dokkpip@tbaytel.net.