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

October and November see many opportunities before the arrival of winter, Columbus Day, Halloween, Election Day, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving. Each offers something thoughtfully to celebrate, family, friends, fun, and promotion. There is the serious side each having positives and history. There is the potential for public relations, program, and recruitment.

We have new lodges and more on the horizon from British Columbia, Indiana, Georgia, and London, a credit to brothers and our dynamite Membership duo of SIG Don Stamm and SVC Bruce Brown.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Fall/Winter 2019-2020

All dates, Locations and positions have not been finalized

Virginia Virginia Beach	October 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
Oregon Wilsonville	October 18-20 SIG Schwartz
Wisconsin Wauwatosa	TBA Fin Chair Adams
Colorado/Wyoming Cheyenne	November 9 DSC Hartwig

Supreme Council Meeting Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 - Newark, NJ

South Carolina Columbia	February 6-7 SP Mead
Nebraska Hastings	March 29-30 SIG Schwartz
Oklahoma Tulsa	April 5-6 SIG Schwartz
Maine Bangor	April 23-25 SS Morris

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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Our logo baseball Caps, ASK pins, Buyer's Edge, Ad Words, "Go Green, Help Save the World," "Friends Working Together For a Better Community," support of ACS and the Canadian Cancer Society, the Read & Ride Program, even the addition to our purpose "to benefit the Public," and the commitment to Community Service are all aimed at attracting attention and ultimately adding members. We must concentrate on substance to utilize these advantages.

With growth, entertaining and informative programs and events are a must to generate continued interest and enthusiasm. We need creativity and imagination, a costume party for Halloween, a salute to Veterans and especially our veterans, something special for Thanksgiving.

Fall is ideal for activity, promotion, and recruiting before the calendar brings frigid winter to many. Share your successes. Don't delay. ASK someone today if they know about the Knights and the Friendship of Damon and Pythias, and be sure to follow-up!



*From Supreme Chief
Joan Way*

United we stand, all groups: Supreme Temple, Supreme Lodge, Imperial Santha and DOKK; we are all connected but different. We have different laws and rules but the same principles. We share a common bond, some of us belong to both and some not, however we all strive for the same results **new members**.



We are selling T-Shirts that have all 4 logos on the front with the words **Diversity = Strength to our Orders**. Please share this with all your members and wear these T-Shirts when you are fund raising, perhaps we can get a few new members. If you want an order form please contact Supreme Chief at franway@gmail.com for Canadian orders; for U.S. orders Supreme Treasurer Jill Unger-Moder at jungermoder@gmail.com. Prices are \$20 USD for S, M, L and XL; \$22 USD for XXL thru XXXXXL



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Once again I ask, if you submit an article for publication in Pythian International, please send a digital (not newspaper) photo; conversely, if you send a photo, please send an accompanying article. One without the other does not make for an interesting article.

This following excerpt was taken from the 1983 printing of **“The Lighter Side of Masonry”** written by Stewart M.L. Pollard – it was true then, unfortunately it’s still true today.

“RATTLE DEM BONES”

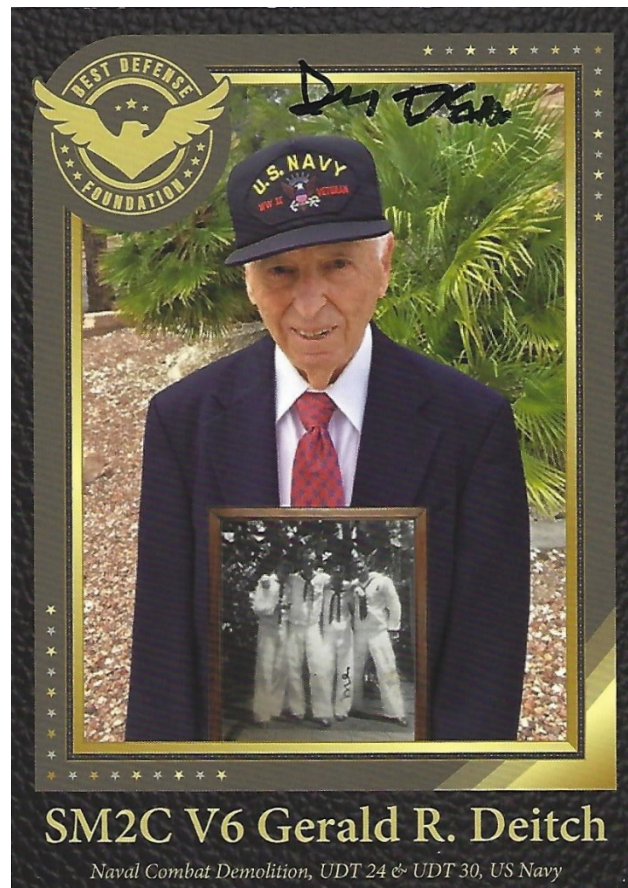
“It has been said that almost every organization has three kinds of Bones:

1. The WISHBONES, who spend all their time wishing that someone else would do all the work.
2. The JAWBONES, who do all the talking, and not much else.
3. The BACKBONES, who get under the load and really get things done.”

HONOR VETERANS, VETERANS' DAY - PSC JERRY DEITCH

Thank a Veteran for their service. They served and sacrificed to defend our country and to preserve our way of life. Veterans' Day is a time to recall that heroism, but really that is deserved each day. It reminds us that we should assure them that we are ready to help them in their time of need in terms of health, injuries, mental health, or financial hardship caused by their service. The country may do a lot, but it could do much more to improve the quality of support and care.

In our recognition and salute to veterans, worthy of mention are those who served in World War II which ended nearly 75 years ago. It is easy to think of D-Day, June 6, 1944, when Allied Forces stormed the coast of northern France around Normandy, suffering huge casualties in bringing ground forces to Western Europe. PSC Sir Jerry Deitch (2014-2016) as an 18 year-old was there as part of a Naval Combat Demolition Unit, where he was wounded, left unconscious. He attended the 75h Anniversary commemoration there this past June, and was recognized, and honored. His service and that of so many others is a great source of pride. One of our late brothers, from New Jersey, Harry Ettlinger, who died several months ago, was depicted in the book and movie, *Monuments Men*, for his service as a translator; he had emigrated from Germany in 1938, the day after his Bar Mitzvah and was also at the Nuremberg Trials. There have to be so many others amongst us with the numbers of those surviving rapidly dwindling. They and all who have served and serve deserve our gratitude and support on especially on Veterans' Day.





PSC Jerry Deitch, KGS – picture taken by Supreme Chancellor Joel D. Fierstien, KGS following the installation of Grand Lodge Officers at Nevada's Grand Lodge Convention last month.

NEW SUBORDINATE LODGE IN GEORGIA

It's been quite a while since we've had any affiliations in the state of Georgia, but now we have a presence once again. The institution of **Zenith Lodge No.5** on August 31. The Rank Work, elections and Installation of the officers took place in Pendleton, South Carolina. But wait, there's more good news – it is the understanding of this editorial staff that a second lodge in Georgia is in the works. We'll keep you posted.



This editorial staff knows only two of the Brothers in this picture: far left rear SR Clarence Kuykendall. Far left right: GVC David Linder (SC); in the tie and jacket, GC Ed Smith, Jr. (SC)

Picture was taken by SVC Brice H. Brown, KGS

WAPATO SHOWDOWN 2019

Gaston Lodge 22nd Annual Car Show

Honor Lodge, Gaston Lodge #104 Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Oregon proudly put on the 22nd annual Wapato Showdown on August 24, 2019 in Gaston, Oregon. We decided to add another day to our activities by doing a community get together on Thursday night with the aid of the Gaston PTO. The PTO put on a cornhole tournament which was very successful with 19 adult teams and 5 kid's teams. It was attended by about 200 people.

Our "GOOD OLE DAYS PARADE" was on Friday night our Grand Chancellor, Don Allen, was selected as the Grand Marshall of the parade. The Grand Lodge of the State of Oregon had their float in the parade, and we had 3 Lodges represented on the float. We handed out fliers and candy. There were about 75 units in the parade.

The Wapato Showdown was a great success with 410 cars, trucks, antique camp trailers, and motorcycles. During the day, we had a loud pipes contest for 4 cyl, 6 cyl, 8 cyl, and open headers. It got very loud with the open headers. We also had an engine blow up contest with people paying \$1 to try and guess what time the motor would stop. The Gaston freshman class hosted the blow up and made about \$275. Miss Rodeo Oregon 2019 and 2020 were in attendance, and both got to select a car to give a trophy. They also got to present the 92 trophies given all the winners. The crowd was estimated at about 6000 people. It was one of our best shows.

Next year's event will August 20, 21, 22, 2020. We are going to try our hardest to top this year's great show. We would like to invite all our Brothers and Sisters to come join with us on all 3 days



GRAND MARSHAL Don Allen Gaston lodge



Grand Lodge float



Miss Rodeo Oregon 2019 and 2020



Wapato Car Show Winner 1941 Ford Pickup

WELCOME LODGE 158, MASSACHUSETTS 11th Annual Golf for Charity

On Monday August 26, 2019 Welcome Lodge 158 held its 11th annual Golf for Charity. All proceeds went to Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange. This year's tournament grossed \$40,000.00, with 98 golfers participating.



Pictured above from left to right: Golf Committee, PC Steve Sarnowitz; PC Paul Deletetsky; CC Tom Glaser; PC Michael Silverman; IG Michael Schreier; PC Alan Goldberg; PC Mark Zuroff; and Brother Ted Foundas

Not pictured, but either in attendance or helped support the event were, PC Robert Popkin (Volunteer); PC Steven Weber (Founding Committee Chairperson, Player); and Bro. Tony Nasch (Donator)

5 SUPREME OFFICERS IN IOWA FOR GRAND CONVENTIONS

The recent Iowa Grand Lodge/Temple Conventions saw five Supreme Officers attend, taking part in the business meetings and Joint Installation of the newly elected 2019-2020 Grand Officers.



Standing - left to right: SPSC Nancy M. Hall (IA); SS Allen S. Morris, KGS (MA)

Seated – left to right: SG Corrine Schneiter (IA); SC Joan Way (Alberta); SS Connie Edwards (IA)

ARIZONA BROTHER RECOGNIZED FOR HIS SERVICE

Hank Thysell of Rio Rico was awarded a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by United States Senator Martha McSally during a ceremony in Phoenix on August 24.

Thysell's recognition came after he was nominated as a veteran of distinction for his record of community service. He was one of 66 people to be awarded at the Fourth Annual Congressional Veterans of Distinction Award Ceremony.

Thysell served in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service from 1963 to 1971, followed by 20 years in the reserves. His contributions to the local community include being a foster parent, volunteering with the Humane Society, serving with the Knights of Pythias, being a blood donor, serving on school committees and more. He was nominated for the recognition by Jim Price of Nogales.

Brother Hank has been a member of Nogales Lodge #13 for the past 17 years and a member of the Arizona Grand Lodge.

Unfortunately there is no picture available.

NEW JERSEY IS IN THE NEWS AGAIN

On Sunday September 8th, 2019 New Jersey Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Charity Foundation hosted our annual "Hand of Friendship Day" for almost two hundred special needs, handicapped, and local guests from the Bergen County and the surrounding New Jersey Area. The guests were treated to a hot dog, snacks, and drinks luncheon while playing boardwalk style games with prizes, and being entertained by real live costumed characters presented by our Brothers in costume, music, and local police and fire displays. The wonderful feeling of helping others and giving them events for their enjoyment are one of the most important charitable projects of the New Jersey Knights of Pythias. Our thanks for the help and encouragement of more than forty Brothers, Ladies, and Family Members who helped manage the traffic flow of the vehicles transporting our special guests, the "chow line" and the games and prizes. We also must thank multiple municipal agencies of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, without whom, this project would never have been able to be accomplished.



The photos include our "characters" Crayola Man Bob Starr; Mickey Mouse Barry Zweben; Juggles the Clown and an unnamed Brother all from Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge.

PARK LODGE No. 75, TENNESSEE

Park Lodge No. 75 hosted its annual Labor Day cookout at the lodge's picnic area on the lake with a large attendance on hand, and lots of good food (including BBQ) and plenty of fellowship and socializing – lots of youth attended. Also, at noon, El Teva Temple, DOKK, held a meeting in advance of the cookout; the meeting attracted a good attendance. Everyone enjoyed the Labor Day Celebration, the weather was hot and the company was great. Several visitors were on hand for the country music entertainment.



Pictured left to right: Brett Lynn; Jim Lynn, PGC; Miriam & Mark Ward, SMA; Bobby G. Crowe, PSC; Connie & Mike Melton, GMA



80th SUPREME LODGE
&
65th SUPREME TEMPLE
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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, \$12.00 per day.

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
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You also may be interested to know that for those who may need the service, the Supreme Temple 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 dokkip@tbaytel.net.