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

The Spring of 2020 presents many challenges. Along the road we have seen many obstacles personally and for our Order. Perhaps the greatest has been the coronavirus pandemic affecting every aspect of life and the suffering and anxiety, leaving us behind masks, our activities so limited, the misery of unemployment, not being able to meet in groups, and postponed grand lodge conventions. But, after all the pain and self-discipline, tenaciously we will prevail ultimately.

In a month of spring holidays and the outside blossoming, we can think ahead while locked in place and perfecting our social distancing. Rhetorically how did we cope, support each other, which brought us here to see where we are going. Imagine what we will do trying to resume some importantly work. We have seen recent successes

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## **Grand Lodge Conventions Spring 2020**

**All dates, Locations and positions have not  
been finalized**

Maine Bangor	Postponed SS Morris
New Hampshire/Vermont	Postponed ST Ast
Florida	Postponed SMA Ward
British Columbia Postponed to September	SP Mead
Massachusetts Postponed to July	SVC Brown
Texas Canceled until 2021	SC Fierstien
California La Palma	June 12-13 SIG Stamm
Tennessee Pigeon Forge	June 12-14 ST Ast
Arizona	Postponed SP Mead
Alabama Florence	June 20 SVC Brown
Quebec	
New York	SC Fierstien

**Supreme Lodge Convention  
July 30 – August 5, 2020  
Newark, New Jersey**

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## *Supreme Chancellor's Message*

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in terms of new lodges and promotional items increasing our visibility. For the Knights of Pythias and despite the uncertainty, we await our meetings, activities, and the excitement of the upcoming 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention.

Take the opportunity to be supportive and to reach out to others with social media offering unlimited communication and entry to many new things, "apps."

Be cautious, healthy, and positive.



## *From the Supreme Secretary's Desk*

There is a tremendous amount of concern regarding the Coronavirus and the should be. (COVID-19, "CO" stands for "corona," "VI" for "virus," and "D" for disease, 19 for the year it started) A few of our Grand Lodges have postponed their Grand Lodge Convention until such time as things start to calm down. However, as of this writing, the Supreme Conventions are still on and scheduled to take place from July 31 through August 6. Later in this issue is information regarding the conventions, the hotel, the tours, the costs and amenities. Any questions you may have should be directed to the Chairs for the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme Temple. Anyone else you may speak to will not be able to give you proper information. The Chairs' names, phone numbers and email addresses are also listed on the information in the back of this issue.

Stay well and stay safe !!!

Allen S. Morris, KGS  
Supreme Secretary



*From Supreme Secretary  
Connie Edwards*

Greetings from My House to Your House:

As many people at this time who in the food service, I'm setting at home, bored, and going stir crazy. And hope things get better soon, and there are things to be done if I really want to.

At this time I have not heard of any Pythian with the COVID-19 virus. We just have to follow the rules set by our states, and only go out for food and meds.

I was able to attend the Convention planning meeting in February at the Hotel. The hotel is nice, close to the airport, only a 15 minute ride on the shuttle.

The hotel is setting up a breakfast and lunch buffet on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for the convention.

Please send in your hotel and tour reservations early. Tours cut offs are June 1st. There is a limit on some of the tours.

Representatives both Knights and Sisters, this is your convention. As Representatives you have voice and vote on all issues, as long as your grand is in good standing. We need your input on the business that comes up.

I have received word of several Grands canceling, postponing and moving the dates to a safer time. BUT THE SUPREME CONVENTIONS are still a go. We all know a lot depends on the COVID-19 virus.

So play it safe by staying in and only going out for food and meds. And I hope to see everyone in August.

Be safe and God Bless You !!

## TEXAS BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW FAMILY CARE CENTER

Texas held their official groundbreaking for their New Family Care Center on March 2, 2020. The Center will be located on the grounds of the Texas Pythian Home in Weatherford, Texas, which celebrated its 111th Anniversary the day before on March 1st, 2020. The center is scheduled to open between the 3rd and 4th quarter of 2021.



Left to Right: Dawn Dibble GC - board member, Roger Fangman GS - board member, Doug Liles GC - board President, J. R. Clark GVC - board member, Tanya Self PGC- board Secretary, Wayne Knutson SR - board member, Bud Hutton SR - board Treasurer, Joe Bennett AST - board member, Holly Boyer - Director of Childcare, Lisa Watson GT - Administrator, Kristin Watson PGC - Marketing Coordinator and Don Whisenhunt PGC - board Assistant Treasurer.



## LAFAYETTE LODGE #51 – INDIANA



Dr. Ken Moder of Lafayette Lodge #51 is shown presenting a check for \$250 to Ms. Jessica Pierce, Director of Creasy Lane Right Steps. Under Ms. Pierce's leadership, children coming from challenged families are being shown how, through proven clinical pediatric neural science methods, to reduce their stress levels and limit their behavioral outbursts in the preschool setting. These techniques allow them to learn better and be less disruptive. The methods provide these children outlets that can be used as they move into the mainstream educational system and beyond. Lafayette Lodge #51 is proud to be a small part of this cutting-edge science for our children and community.

## MISSOURI IS ON THE MOVE

On February 15th, 2020, as part of Pythian Awareness Week, 11 Knights from Sicilian Lodge #39 and Grand Chancellor Larry Caudle of the Grand Domain of Missouri traveled to Emporia, Kansas to perform a 3-in-1 day ceremony rank work for five new members of the Order, including the long form rank of Knight. It was the first such use of the long form of Knight in the Domain of Missouri in the memories of those attending, and it was the first meeting of the Knights of Pythias in Kansas in nearly a decade. It is hoped that with such enthusiasm and interest as has been seen in the Emporia area for the Order, there may be a new lodge formed there in the near future. Sicilian Lodge #39 thanks Emporia Masonic Lodge #12 for the use of their building and their generous hospitality and enthusiastic support in the name of fraternity.



Pictured left to right: Prelate Dylan Callahan, GC Larry Caudle, PC Roy Thomas, CDSC Steve Glise, Master at Arms Jordan Brizendine, SR Randy Todd, CC Casey Pemberton, VC Jesse Knipker, SR Chuck Morris, PSR Jerry Long, PGC Cliff Biswell, PGC Ace Vaughn



## PYTHIAN SISTER'S OKTOBERFEST FLOAT – SEYMOUR, INDIANA



Float participants are Toniann Harris, Melissa Wilson, Cassie Willis , Bev Deaton, Dianne Malone, Casey Wilson son of Melissa Wilson, and Andrea Zagata sister of Melissa. Designed by Melissa Wilson and built by Joe Wilson, Melissa Wilson's spouse. Decorated by float participants. Float was pulled by Joe Wilson, Melissa Wilson's spouse, with Alex Willis, Cassie Willis's son, as a rider.

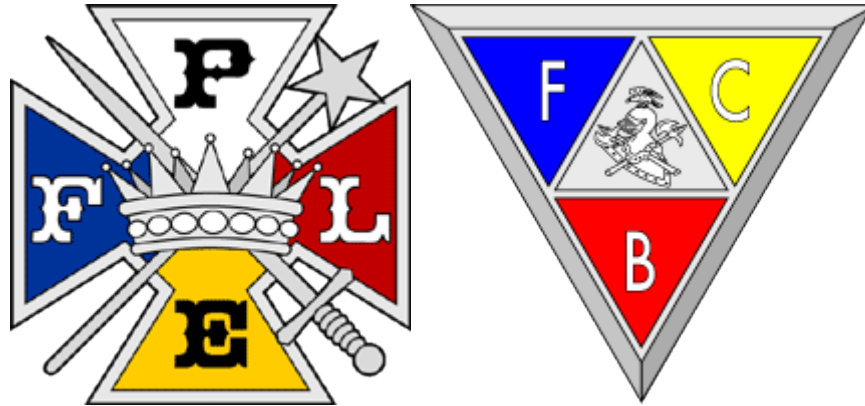
They won the \$100.00 first prize money and trophy for the second consecutive year!.

My name is Rebecca LohKamp; I am the Most Excellent Junior for Ivanette Temple #68 in Portland Oregon. I have only been involved in the Pythian movement a few years, so I don't know a lot of the history. The Oregon Pythian Sisters will be celebrating their 125th anniversary in 2021 and we will be publishing a history and cookbook as part of our celebration. Writing this cookbook has really brought me a lot of new knowledge and some great stories. We are looking for pictures and stories about the Pythian movement from its inception to present. We would love to include any pictures, stories, and recipes about and from Pythians in your area that you would like to share with us. If you could share this with your members and with the Knights lodge secretaries that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,  
In PLE&F,  
Rebecca LohKamp  
Most Excellent Junior  
Ivanette Temple # 68  
Portland, Oregon  
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**Supreme Convention 2020 Banquet Reservation form  
Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters and Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias**



**Honoring our Current Officers of the**

**Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters**

To be held On Sunday August 2nd, 2020; 6:00pm until 10:00pm

The menu and price for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner with live entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Choice of Entrée:

Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast - \$75 per person

Grilled Mahi-Mahi - \$75 per person

Braised Boneless Short Ribs - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

**Honoring our Newly Installed Officers of the**

**Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters**

To be held on Wednesday August 5th, 2020; 6:00pm until 10:00pm

The menu and price for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Chicken Francese - \$75 per person

Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon - \$75 per person

Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request) - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

**2020 BANQUET RESERVATION FORM**

	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Sun 8/2	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Banquet in Honor of Current Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2018-2020			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast	\$75.00		
		Grilled Mahi-Mahi	\$75.00		
		Braised Boneless Short Ribs	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		\$
Wed 8/5	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Banquet in Honor of Newly Installed Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2020-2022			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Chicken Francese	\$75.00		
		Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon	\$75.00		
		Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request)	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		
			Grand Total of all reservation		

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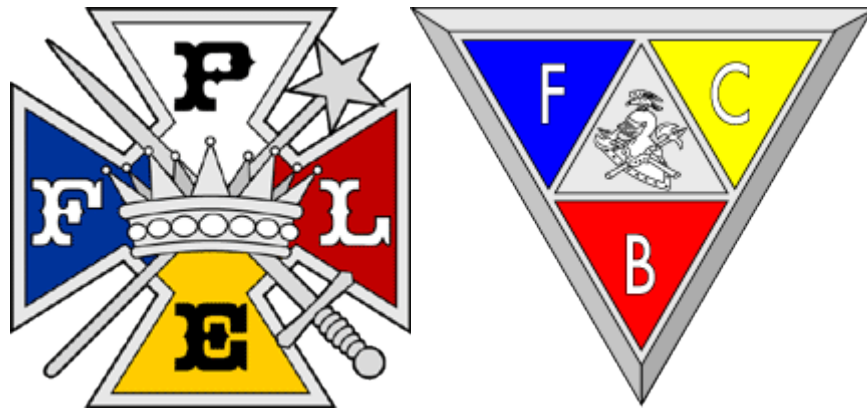
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**Please send this reservation form and your check made out to  
Knights of Pythias of NJ/SUPREME CONVENTION 2020**

To:

**PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner  
13-15 Plaza Road  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**

# Supreme Convention 2020 Trips/Excursions Reservation form Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters and Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias



## 2020 TRIPS/EXCURSIONS RESERVATION FORM

	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Saturday August 1	1:00pm- 5:00pm	Newark Museum of Art Tour with \$12 lunch voucher, R/T Bus	\$40.00		
Sunday August 2	8:15am- 1:30pm	Ellis Island Immigration Museum and Statue of Liberty Island with NEW Museum, No pedestal or crown, R/T Bus & Ferry. Food available.	\$35.00		
Monday August 3	1:30pm - 5:30pm	Liberty Science Center and Planetarium Show, R/T Bus (w/o planetarium = \$35.00). Food available.	\$40.00		
Tuesday August 4	4:00- 8:00pm	Budweiser Brewery Tour and Dinner, R/T Bus, Maximum number of guests which can be accommodated is 110	\$65.00		
		ALL BUSES ARE 50 PASSENGER MINIMUM FOR TRIP TO RUN, 55 PASSENGERS MAXIMUM. WE CAN RUN MULTIPLE BUSES, BUT THE MINIMUMS MUST BE REACHED FOR EACH BUS. WAIT LISTS CAN BE KEPT IF DESIRED			
			Grand Total of all reservation		



ALL TRIPS RUN RAIN OR SHINE, ARE NON-REFUNDABLE, RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED IN FULL BY JUNE 1st, 2020. TRIPS WHICH DO NOT MAKE THE MINIMUM FOR TRANSPORTATION WILL NOT BE RUN. MULTIPLE VEHICLES CAN BE PROVIDED WITH EACH HAVING AN IDENTICAL MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM NUMBER OF GUESTS. FIRST COME, FIRST PAID, FIRST GUARANTEED. MOBILITY CHALLENGED GUESTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED ON TOURS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, SUNDAY, AND MONDAY. TUESDAY'S BUDWEISER BREWERY TOUR AND DINNER INCLUDE AN OPERATING FACTORY PRODUCTION LINE TOUR AND DINNER. THERE IS EXTENSIVE WALKING THROUGHOUT AND MOBILITY DEVICES CANNOT EASILY NAVIGATGE THE FACTORY. PLEASE KEEP THAT IN MIND WHEN BOOKING THIS TOUR.

Meal(s) are included only as noted, food is available at each venue on your own, unless specified.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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.**

Hotel stay reservations should be made through the secure Hotel Link which is shown below, (copy and paste into your browser). Early hotel arrivals will be accommodated from Thursday July 30th, 2020 onward.

**<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1568131880425&key=GRP>**

We have details on the Banquets which will be held during our convention which we would like to share with you on the companion flyer. We also have final details on the trips/excursions that will be available through our committee and we would like you to see all of these great extras that will make our convention special, fun, and memorable, on the companion flyer. There will be a souvenir ad journal/program to celebrate our Officers and support our convention. The ad blanks are also on a companion flyer.

The Supreme Lodge/Supreme Temple Current Pythian Officers' Banquet will be held on Sunday evening August 2nd, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. It will be a sit-down multi-course plated and served dinner with a choice of three (3) fine entrees including appetizer, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks and breads. There will be entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure. The all inclusive cost will be \$75.00 per guest for the Chicken or Fish entrees, and \$80.00 per person for the Beef entree. They are Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast, Grilled Mahi Mahi, and Braised Boneless Short Ribs, (they are delicious we have tasted them). There will be a cash bar.

The Newly Installed Supreme Lodge/Supreme Temple Pythian Officers' Banquet will be held on Wednesday evening August 5th, 2020 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. It will also be a sit-down multi-course plated and served dinner with a choice of three (3) different fine entrees including appetizer, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks and breads. The all inclusive cost will be \$75.00 per guest for Chicken or Fish and \$80.00 per person for the Beef entree (temperature to your request). They are Chicken Francese, Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon, and Grilled Skirt Steak, these are delicious too, and we have tasted them. There will be a cash bar.

Lastly, we have arranged for buffet breakfasts and lunches in a separate area of the hotel restaurant. They will be at a great price for the convenience of all of our convention guests who are staying with us in the hotel and those who are "day trippers" who will be joining us for separate sessions or live close by and would like the convenience of a price conscious meal while they are attending.

The trips/excursions available for our free time during the convention are now confirmed and depicted on the attached flyer.

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.
4. Trip to and Tour of the Budweiser Brewery with Dinner.

You may 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 airport food court and a few franchise restaurants in Airport Terminals A & B (before security checkpoints). The entertainment venues which may have shows during our convention are at The Prudential Center and the NJ Performing Arts Center. Check local listings on-line for on-your-own choices.

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**SUPREME CHIEF JOAN'S CANADIAN BREAKFAST  
and  
BUFFET LUNCHEON HONORING SUPREME SECRETARY CONNIE**



There will be a Luncheon Buffet on Monday noon, August 3<sup>rd</sup> honoring Supreme Secretary Connie F. Edwards, who will be honored with the title “Past Supreme Chief: at the close of the Convention. The cost for the Noon Buffet is \$30.00 per person. Please make your reservations to attend.

There will be a Buffet Breakfast on Tuesday morning, August 4<sup>th</sup>. At 7:00 am; “The Supreme Chief’s Canadian Breakfast”. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Reservations are a must.

Date	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Monday August 3	11:00 am 1:00 pm	Luncheon Buffet in Honor of Supreme Secretary Connie F. Edwards	\$30.00		
Tuesday August 4	7:00 am 9:00 am	Supreme Chief Joan’s Canadian Breakfast Buffet	\$30.00		

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