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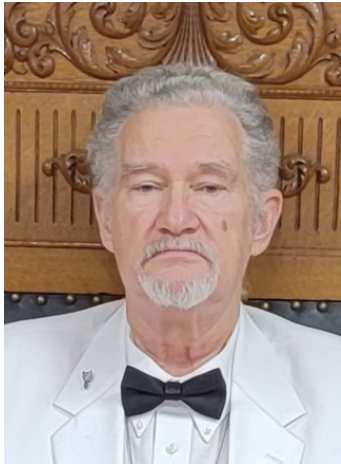
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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Bruce H. Brown, KGS*

It looks like there is good news on the horizon for our Brothers and Sisters in Canada. I would like to welcome them back as they will be able to join us on this side of the border. We have missed you greatly.

I have enjoyed the recent visitations to New York, North Carolina, and Florida. The Grand Chancellors in these Domains showed great leadership in how they handled all the aspects of the conventions with decorum and in ritual form. They all have good core of officers in their domains, and I look for good things in the coming future. I also enjoyed my visitation to Genesis Lodge #64 in New York. Great meeting all the brothers and attending these sessions.

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Grand Lodge Conventions What we know as of this writing 2021

Arizona December 4-5
Tucson SIG Knutson

California December 22-23
La Palma SP Stamm

2022

South Carolina February 25-26
N. Myrtle Beach

Supreme Council Meeting March 12 Embassy Suites by Hilton North Charleston, South Carolina

Massachusetts May 19-20
S. Portland, ME

Tennessee June 5
Pigeon Forge

Texas June 10-12
Fort Worth

Indiana July 14-16
Lafayette

Pennsylvania August 13
Newtown SC Mead

Supreme Lodge/Temple Conventions Sunday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 3 Embassy Suites by Hilton North Charleston, South Carolina

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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As it looks like the pandemic is starting to wane, I encourage everyone, if possible, to return to their lodge meetings. We must do this in a safe and practical manner. Those who can be vaccinated I would encourage you to do so. I have had the vaccinations and the booster. But it is an individual's choice.

Once again, welcome back to our Canadian Sisters and Brothers. Everyone stay safe, be well and don't forget to **Ask** someone to become a Knight or a Sister.

STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Brothers, Sisters:

It seems like less than a year ago we were getting ready for the Supreme Lodge Convention, but here it is October 2021 and we're doing it again. This time in Charleston, South Carolina. I'm sure all of us are anxious to get our normal schedule back on track.

The Journal of Proceeding of the 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention in Newark, New Jersey is about ready to be brought to the printer. First will be the proofreading to make sure everything has been included, but also numbered properly. It should take about two weeks to print the final copy – then get it ready to be mailed.

Annual Report blanks are being readied to be emailed to the Grand Secretaries, also to be included with the mailing will be blanks for your subordinate lodges – hopefully by the beginning of November. Brothers, there are 13 pages in the Annual Report for the Supreme Lodge. It would be nice to receive back, at a minimum, those 13 pages, realizing that many domains need to supplement their report.

On a positive note, last year, SIG Wayne Knutson (TX), during his tenure as the Supreme Lodge's Membership Chairman, compiled a 41 page Membership Program that is full of useful, and detailed information. A copy of that report is accompanying this issue of Pythian International. Thank you Brother Wayne!

STAY SAFE!

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS



*From Supreme Secretary
Connie Edwards*

Greetings to my fellow Pythians:

To Supreme Chancellor Bruce and his Supreme Officers, I wish you a successful year.

It is not too early to start planning on attending the 2022 Supreme Convention in Charleston, South Carolina. The convention starts Sunday, July 31 – Wednesday August 3, 2022. I know that there are some that will need to be there earlier. The hotel is an Embassy Suites by Hilton, at the Charleston Area Convention Center. Room rates start at \$169.99 plus tax and fees. BUT parking, daily Breakfast, and a nightly Manager's Cocktail hour is included in the Room rate. There is a shuttle service available from the airport and to Tanger Outlets, Walmart and restaurants is also included. (All of this info was in the last Pythian International, and more will follow as the info come available).

With the history of Charleston, there are many sites and places to see. And the committee is working on lining up some interested places to see. Myself, I would like to take a carriage ride around town.

As the year 2021 is near the end, family and friends will be gathering for the Holidays. I know this is early to be wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season, but the time between now and then will go fast.

And it is not too early to make plans to attend the 2022 Supreme convention to support Supreme Chancellor Bruce and Supreme Chief Joan and their Supreme Officers.

Watch for more info to come from Supreme Chancellor Bruce, Supreme Chief Joan, the Committee and Supreme Secretary will be printing this in the upcoming printings of the Pythian International.

Happy Holidays early.

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

INDIANA AND INTERNATIONAL PYTHIANISM GROWING!

In October of 2017, the Grand Domain of Indiana instituted Baden- Powell Lodge #1907 in London England. Since that time, the lodge has more than doubled in size to its current membership of 43. In the last week or so, a team from Baden-Powell, led by District Deputy Grand Chancellor #7 Steven Turner, PC Ian Tough, Knight Simon Polkinghorne and others travelled to Sutton, Surrey to initiate 12 new Knights into the Order, elect and install their officers and institute Banim Lodge #1798! This lodge was named and numbered specifically. It is named after the Author John Banim born in Ireland. Guess when he was born. You got it! 1798, thus the number for the lodge. John Banim wrote the book/play “Damon and Pythias” in 1821! Brother Simon Polkinghorne is the founder of this lodge, and we congratulate him for his hard work! We welcome the following new Knights to the newest lodge under the jurisdiction of Indiana: Knights Matthew Roger-Major Christmas, Robert Joseph Currie, Alan Michael Hall, Graham John Hancock, David Richard Harrison, Christopher Francis Hatton, Raymond William Hudson, the Grand Master of Masons of Athelstan Paul Weldon Johnston, Mark Josling, Denis Ronal William May, Kenmore Henderson McIntosh and Peter Russell! We look for great things to happen at this lodge also! Pictured below is this illustrious class of New Knights.

Denny Adams, KGS
Grand Secretary of Indiana



NEW JERSEY GRAND LODGE CONVENTION AND GOLDEN SPUR PRESENTATION

On Saturday September 18, 2021, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of New Jersey held its Grand Lodge convention in person, in a return to normalcy, while still observing the restrictions imposed by the covid-19 pandemic which is still affecting our lives.

Grand Chancellor Ray Breitowich conducted the Convention at our prior venue, the Monroe Township Senior Center while everyone was wearing facial masks, (except for photos) and seated socially distant. Supreme Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien officiated for the Supreme Lodge and installed our 2021-2022 Officers.

One of the highlights was the awarding of the New Jersey Pythian Torch to Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #157/163 thanks to their ability to keep their membership engaged throughout the covid-19 lockdowns. They regularly used the Zoom platform to provide social programs in that video format and Pythian updates to their Brothers. The most meaningful highlight of the day was the award of the honor of Knight of the Golden Spur (delayed due to covid-19) to Past Grand Chancellor Sir Norman Goldenbaum for his many years of both Pythian and Community Service work. His many personal Charitable and Community Service projects, in addition to his many years of supporting both his home Lodge and Grand Lodge's Pythian activities, made him a perfect candidate for the honor.

Please see the attached photos of this unique day,

We wish everyone safety and good health in the upcoming year,



Pythian Torch to Cardozo Lodge GL Representative Mike Seligman, by GC Breitowich



Our newest Knight of the Golden Spur, PGC Sir Norman Goldenbaum



NJ Golden Spurs- Feldschneider, Diner, Fierstien, Goldenbaum, Spindel, Bellask, Weiner



NJ Grand Lodge Officers 2021-2022; Bellask, Spindel, Goldenbaum, Schlegel, Diner, Kazin, Breitowich; installation team Rochman & Weiner.

NORTH CAROLINA HOSTS ITS 2021 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION AND CELEBRATES ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY



The Grand Lodge of North Carolina celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the Domain at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 2, 2021. Grand Chancellor Mark Sears presiding and Supreme Chancellor Bruce Brown with Imperial Prince Roger Siegel and Imperial Basha Michael Sudenick in attendance.



NEW YORK DR. MORT STEIN RECEIVES GOLDEN SPUR



PDGC Sir Saul Rasnick conducts the Golden Spur ceremony for Sir Mort Stein.

The brothers of Rochester Jay Lodge had a problem. They had received the Golden Spur pin and documentation for one of their brothers. A committee was formed to set up an event such as a brunch or dinner for the presentation.

They contacted many restaurants and party houses, but due to the shortage of staffing and Covid restrictions, they were refused by all possible venues. After a couple of months of trying, they didn't want to hold off the presentation any longer.

At a regular convention on October 7, 2021, which was also available on Zoom, when it came time for "Good of the Order", PDGC Sir Saul Rasnick stood and announced that he had a special presentation to make.

An impromptu ceremony then took place to announce that the lodge's 5th Golden Spur would be bestowed upon PDGC Mort Stein.

Bro. Stein has served in the lodge in all the chairs, working his way up to Chancellor Commander. He has served as a Deputy Grand Chancellor and is the outgoing Assistant to the

Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor. He will preside at the Upstate Council Meeting and Investiture at Turning Stone Casino on October 17th.

Professionally, he holds a EdD in Education, and taught 6th and 8th grade Science for many years in the Brighton, NY School District, and has taught courses at the Nazareth. He is currently a part-time professor at University of Rochester. He previously served on the Board of Education in the Brighton School District.

Outside of Pythian activities, he is a past Scoutmaster of Troop 3 in Rochester and has worked on many committees in the Rochester area Scouts, BSA Council. He has been the Assistant Council Commissioner and is a holder of WoodBadge , Silver Beaver Award, and the Shofar Award. He also served for several years as a member of the E3 (Engineering - Exploration – Experimentation) Science and Engineering Fair for middle school students.

Although it was disappointing that the current situation prevented the lodge from setting up a more normal social event at which to surprise Sir Mort, it is certain that he was just as surprised when the award was announced at the regular convention.

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2022 Supreme Conventions Charleston, South Carolina

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Charleston Area Convention Center
5055 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
1-888-728-3025
Sunday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Link to reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CHSEM&groupCode=KPY&arrivaldate=2022-07-30&departuredate=2022-08-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Knights of Pythias group rates

Suite Style Rooms

Double \$169.99 Triple \$179.99 Quad \$189.99 plus tax and fees

Parking, daily Breakfast, and a nightly Manager's Cocktail hour is included In Room rate. Shuttle service available from Airport and to Tanger Outlets, Walmart, and restaurants nearby also included.

Sunday July 31 Banquet Options

Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Red Pepper Sauce \$65

Braised Beef Short Rib \$80

Grilled Salmon w/ Lemon Herb Sauce \$65

Wednesday, August 3 Banquet Options

Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lemon Garlic Sauce \$65

Beef Tenderloin \$80

Pecan Crusted Salmon \$65

Additional Event information to come soon!!!

We look forward to seeing everyone here in Charleston, SC!!! If anyone has any questions, concerns, allergies, and/or additional needs, please feel free to contact Jon/Missy Zelasko

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BOO!
HAPPY HALLOWEEN

