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

The Holidays are over and I hope they were joy filled and full of hope for a new year of good health and prosperity. Let us look forward to a year of not only new members but the institution of new lodges and temples throughout the Order Universal. Ask and we can achieve.

I ask the every brother and sister to please contribute to help the people of Kentucky and Illinois after the destruction done by the tornadoes. I thank the charity committee and the Supreme Lodge Foundation for donating \$10,000.00 through the Kentucky Governor's Office for disaster relief for the tornados. They need all the help that they can receive.

I encourage everyone to be safe and stay healthy in the coming year. If you have not been vaccinated, please consult with your doctor about it. I myself have had the vaccines and the booster and continue to practice good health practices when out and around others.

Until next time, be safe, stay healthy and ASK someone to join the Greatest Fraternal Order in the World.

**Grand Lodge Conventions  
What we know as of this writing  
2022**

South Carolina February 25-26  
N. Myrtle Beach SC Brown

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

Massachusetts May 19-20  
S. Portland, ME SOG Shink

Tennessee June 5  
Pigeon Forge SP Stamm

Texas June 10-12  
Fort Worth SC Brown

West Virginia July 7/9  
Bridgeport

New York July 13/14  
Suffern SC Brown

Indiana July 14-16  
Lafayette SS Morris

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

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*From Supreme Chief  
Joan Way*

Supreme Temple would like to congratulate our new Supreme Chancellor Bruce Brown and look forward to our next Supreme Convention in South Carolina.

The Sisters have had a really tough 21 months. However, being the Sisterhood that we are, we have found ways to connect with our Subordinate Temples and Grand Temples. I was recently on a zoom call for the Grand Temples Sessions in Oregon and it was such an emotional journey to see every one of the Sisters whether on the zoom call or at the convention hall. Grand Chief Kathleen had a great surprise when she walked in the hall and found Supreme Protector Roxanne in attendance, believe me when I say there were a few tears.

The Supreme Temple Officers also got together in October to have their executive meeting via zoom, when first starting to speak I really had a hard time with the emotions because it has been so long and to see all their beautiful faces again was heartwarming.

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## *From Supreme Chief*

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Supreme Protector Roxanne had the fortunate opportunity to purchase, 1 out of approximately 400 shields commemorating the 20 anniversary of 911. We will be raffling or auctioning them off at the Supreme Convention.



On behalf of all Supreme Temple Officers we would like to wish all our Brothers and Sisters the very best this holiday season and we will see you all soon.



## *From the Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Brothers, Sisters:

Believe it or not, we are about half way through this term. Time does fly when you're having fun.

I'm asking all of our Grand Secretaries to be aware that their Annual Reports and, it hurts to mention this, per capita tax payments are due into the Supreme Lodge Office by the last day of March, or postmarked by that date.

I, for one, will be bidding on at least one of the shields shown to the left. On the morning of 9-11 I was in a plane that took off from Newark International Airport at approximately 8:15 am. We flew over the World Trade Towers – by the time the plane landed in Boston, Logan Airport was all but deserted, very few people could be seen. I called home to tell my wife I was on my way, and she just said, Thank God, you're okay. I had no idea what was going on until she explained it to me. It was a day I will never forget!

I have pictures, from across the Hudson, taken from the rooftop of a job I was overseeing in Bayonne, NJ that were taken by one of the workers. All flights were cancelled for weeks after the attack. Scary is an understatement.

**STAY WELL! STAY SAFE!**



*From Supreme Secretary  
Connie Edwards*

In closing let all Pythians pray that the virus will be ending and there will be no other to follow, let us be safe and careful and wear masks.

Hope to you many of you at the Supreme Convention in North Charleston.

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

Greetings from the Supreme Temple Secretary:

The old year is out, the new year is in. So far the new year is not any better than the old.

The virus is still around and hitting areas hard. Medical staffs are working double shafts to keep hospital open. Please thank your medical personal when you see them. I know we have several Sisters who are nurses and work 12 plus hour shafts at times. Let all us do our part to keep safe and healthy, by getting the shoots and wearing masks.

Supreme Temple has two of its members pass away, Past Supreme Chief Laura Vande Waa, who served as Supreme Chief in 1972, the convention was held in St. Louis, MO and served as Supreme Chief at the convention in 1974 in Baltimore, MD. Sister Laura passed away on October 25, 2021 at the age of 106. On December 16, 2021, Past Supreme Chief Linda Lea Bridges passed away. Sister Linda served as Supreme Temple Secretary from 2000 to 2010; she also served as the Grand Secretary of Texas for many years. Our prayers go out to the families of these two Past Supreme Chiefs.

This is the year for the Supreme Convention, make plans to attend. Watch the Pythian International for information of events, dates and to make reservations. The convention is being held in North Charleston, South Carolina and there are many sites to see. The nickname of South Carolina is the Palmetto State.



*From  
Past Supreme Chancellor  
Joel D. Fierstien, KGS*

Pythian Recruitment Week is the week celebrating the founding of the Order Universal intended for promotion and recruiting new members. Take advantage of Pythian Recruitment Week. In 2022, the week concludes with the 158<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Order. The week was added to the Pythian Calendar in 2012 with 2022 its 10<sup>th</sup> year.

A highlight of the week is enabling members around the world to participate in similar activities for maximum effect. Knights in the US, Canada,

England, Italy, and the Philippines are asked to honor the week while reliving the Order's founding on February 19, 1864, in Washington, DC.

Our Order has grown, is diverse and all-inclusive, and fosters Community Service to benefit the public in the practice of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

From the start, it was founded to help bring the country together looking to the end of the American Civil War. President Abraham Lincoln meeting with several early members called its purposes most wonderful and supported that its great principles be perpetuated.

Three American presidents were members William B. McKinley, Warren G. Harding, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt who became a member in the White House, February 19, 1936.

Pythian Awareness Week is the designation for purposes of public promotion and events introducing Our Order and seeking new members. In addition to being non-Sectarian, its membership has included women since August 2019.

Take advantage of working together and honor the founding of the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Recruitment Week 2022!

In your daily activities, be wary of Covid and be safe!

# Our Order's 150 Anniversary\*

Commemorating the 158th Anniversary of our Order, on February 19, we recall what appeared in PI in 2013 for Pythian Awareness Week.

**T**hroughout the Order, Lodges are planning to commemorate our 150th Anniversary, which occurs on February 19, 2014. This is a fabulous milestone which will be celebrated by our lodge at our second meeting on February 18, by 2014. This is a great moment for all Pythians. The 150th anniversary falls within Pythian Awareness Week and Presidents' Week so this event is an ideal time for recruitment of new members. A special event will be held at our Castle Hall that will be interesting and informative for all members.

On February 19, 2014, the Knights of Pythias will celebrate its 150th anniversary – the birth of the first true fraternity that celebrates the friendship of man. It was an hour in time, the morbid deaths of the war between brother states that had gone down the depths of its sorrows and was wailing loudly for someone with power to whisper to the world its holy lessons of Friendship, and lead men to Fraternity again.

Just how far the morose views of the times have advanced influenced the mind of the Founder of our Order, we cannot postulate, but it is very evident that their force must have impressed him. The Order was what the hour needed; and he proved to be the instrument for meeting this need.

The idea of an Order, having for its main purpose the inculcation of lessons of Friendship, and based upon the old story of Damon and Pythias, seems to have originated with Brother Justus Rathbone. A rough draft of the First Degree (Rank) was written by him at Eagle Harbor, Mich., in the Winter of 1860-61, but not used at the time. At Washington, D.C., in the winter of 1863-64, he made the acquaintance of J. T. K. Plant, P. S. C., and read him this Ritual. Others were taken into their confidence. On the evening of February 15, 1864, several gentlemen, members of the Orion Glee Club, met at No. 369 F Street, and decided to form a society, based on this Ritual. A committee was appointed to procure members. These were invited to meet at Temperance Hall, Washington, D. C., on Friday evening, February 19, 1864.

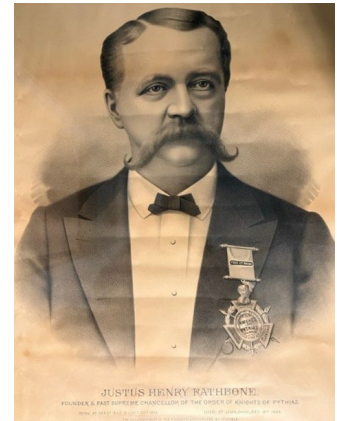
Upon agreement, a number of gentlemen met, and after some conversation upon the subject, they were called to order, and, upon motion of Mr. J. H. Rathbone,

a chairman of the meeting was proposed, and Mr. J. T. K. Plant was unanimously called to the chair, and D. L. Burnett nominated as Secretary. After organizing as above, the object of the meeting was stated to be the organization or foundation of a

society, its business and operations to be of a secret character, having for its ultimate object Friendship, Benevolence, and Charity. Before proceeding further, those present were requested to subscribe to an oath. All present having signified their willingness to do so, the same was administered to them by reading the oath by J. H. Rathbone. After taking the oath, on motion, it was resolved that this Order be called the KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

On motion that a Committee be appointed to prepare a Ritual of opening and closing a Lodge, and of the ceremony of initiation into the same, the Chair appointed Brother J. H. Rathbone as said Committee, who immediately reported a Ritual, which he had prepared, and which, upon being read, was adopted. The Lodge then went into an election of officers, which resulted with brother J. H. RATHBONE as Worthy Chancellor.

Such was the beginning of the Knights of Pythias as an organization: Few, if any, present that Friday evening, in their wildest dreams, pictured its results. Doubtless some visions of success flashed before them, some prophecies of the work they could accomplish. They may have thought that in some distant day men might rise up and call them blessed; that after they were dead, and others had taken their places, and worked out the ideas they had only dratted, their names would be as imperishable as those of Damon and Pythias; but to think that in less than seven years one hundred thousand should listen to the story of that night with gratitude in their hearts, was something too wild and too daring to dream even! But such is the reality—a reality that astonishes all calculations.



\*Picture and facts selected from Knights of Pythias Manual, 1885 – Valkenburg and History of the Knights of Pythias, 1874 – Weeks.

# GASTON LODGE # 104 - OREGON FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

The Gaston Lodge #104 just completed their annual Toy and Food drive with a Christmas themed dinner. We had the food drive in two parts this year. Members gave food for Thanksgiving and again for Christmas. The food was given to the Gaston Food Bank on November 20, 2021, and again on December 19.

The toys were donated over the last month by our members. In the past years, we gave the toys to the Gaston Fire Department to be distributed. Due to Covid we weren't able to collect toys this year. The teachers at the Gaston School District had a giving tree, and needed a few more toys, so we gave all the toys to them to be distributed in the Gaston area.

Great job Gaston Knights !!!!!!!

This was a great way to end the year for our Lodge.



Picture left to right; Bill Sneathens CC , Don Allen PGC , Stan Shope Trustee , Ed Yates PGC GS , Terry Clark Trustee

# OREGON PYTHIAN FUN DAYS

On July 14-18, the Oregon Pythians and their families enjoyed our yearly campout.

The 2021 Funday's was attended by 52 Lodge and their family members. At Grande Hot Springs Resort in the scenic Grande Ronde Valley of Northeast Oregon, situated 8 miles south of downtown La Grande. On Friday, we enjoyed the Baker City Museum. It was a great little museum, and it had one of the best rock collections I had ever seen and had pictures of the Baker City Knights of Pythian Castle. Unfortunately, the Lodge is inactive. After the tour of the museum, we attended the Miner's Jubilee in Baker City. It had lots of good food and exhibits. Saturday's adventure was to Sumpter Valley Dredge to tour the old gold dredge. They also gave lessons on how to pan for gold. My two grandsons purchased pans and wandered up steam, and panned for gold for about 30 min. My youngest grandson Dylan (8) found about 5 flakes of gold. Activities during our stay included: swimming in their pool and hot tub, horseshoes, cornhole, bike riding, kayaking, playing cards and fishing. Saturday night, we had a potluck dinner attended by all, lot of great dishes and nobody left hungry. Sunday morning the Grand officers cooked breakfast for everyone before they departed for home.



(Left) Grand Chancellor Scott Swartout, and (Right) Vice Chancellor Ray Cable





Baker City, Oregon Pythian Castle



Aden McVey's catch of the day

## WELCOME LODGE NO. 158 - MASSACHUSETTS

Welcome Lodge #158, Massachusetts, had yet another successful Fund raiser in 2021. Their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Golf for Charity was held on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were over 100 golfers in attendance, which brought in over \$29,000.00 to The Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange. Below is the 2021 Golf committee.



Left to right: Steve Sarnowitz Alan Goldberg, Michael Schreier, Shawn McNinch (MARE Board) PC Paul Deletetsky, Mark Zuroff, Ted Foundas, Michael Silverman



Check Presented to Danielle Conti, and Anna Collins at MARE by Welcome Lodge members Paul Deletetsky, & Michael Silverman

## WELCOME LODGE'S 67<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE CELEBRATION

Even with COVID around for a second Christmas, Welcome Lodge 158 was able to contribute to the patients at The Lemuel Shattuck Hospital. Through the efforts of Chairman Alan Goldberg, and his elves, Steve Sarnowitz, CC Tom Glaser, and Paul Deletetsky, the lodge collected about \$750.00 in donated money, and matched that amount. Below is CC Tom Glaser, far left, delivering the much-needed New Clothing, toiletries, and other essentials to Shari Holstein Ward Director at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital.



## DOBBIN LODGE NO. 13 – NORTH CAROLINA

Dobbin Lodge #13 presenting a check for \$2,765 from their gun raffle to the Care Clinic.



Left to right are Jim Thornton; Steve Stanley; Richard Clark; Steve Satsky; and Tara Martin of the Care Clinic.

# NORTH CAROLINA GRAND LODGE OFFICERS – 2021-2022



Left to right: GS Steve Satsky; GMA Travis Walls; GOG Derek Willmott; GC Mark Sears; GVC Brent Davis; GP Mark Wilson; and GT Steve Stanley



## GRAND TEMPLE, INDIANA

The members of the Grand Temple of Indiana meet to discuss annual report forms and the proper submission of the same



Pictured front row left to right: Jaki Lockwood, PGC, DDGC; Jill Unger-Moder, ST and DDGC; Melissa Wilson DDGC.

Back row, left to right: Bonnie Rose; Lori Loughmiller PSR, Grand Secretary; Diane Miller, Grand Temple; Beverly Deaton, PGC; and Myrtle Davidson, PSR, Grand Chief

Not pictured (she took the photo) is Grand Trustee Sue Hutson who was good enough to volunteer her house for the meeting and provide lunch for the Sisters.

# 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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## More Information Will Follow Shortly