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*A Message From
Supreme Chancellor*

D. Mark Mead, KGS

Knights of Pythias Continue to Celebrate the Spirit of Giving this Holiday Season

As the festive cheer of the holiday season begins to sweep across our nations, it is great to see that the Knights of Pythias family is once again at the forefront of spreading joy and giving back to their communities. This is my favorite time of year when nearly every lodge or temple celebrates the season. It is not a secret; the community lodge/temple is the heart of the Knights of Pythias. With our longstanding tradition of fostering brotherhood and community service, we have geared up for a season of charitable initiatives, fostering a sense of togetherness and goodwill among members and the broader society.

With deep-rooted values of benevolence and mutual support, the Knights of Pythias have historically played a significant role in uplifting their local communities. As the holiday season approaches, these lodges are harnessing their resources and collective efforts to make a meaningful impact.

From organizing toy drives for underprivileged children to hosting holiday meals for the homeless, these lodges/temple are stepping up their philanthropic endeavors. Many are collaborating with local charities and nonprofit organizations to ensure that their efforts reach those who need it most.

Several lodges have also maintained partnerships with local businesses and volunteers to organize winter clothing drives, providing warm clothing and blankets for the less fortunate during the cold winter months. Further, some lodges are planning fundraising events to support educational initiatives, scholarships, and vocational training programs for disadvantaged youth.

The dedication of the Knights of Pythias to community service during the holiday season serves as a testament to our enduring commitment to fostering compassion and unity. Their efforts not only bring hope to those in need but also inspire others to contribute to the betterment of society.

As the holiday season unfolds, the contributions of the Pythian family continue to serve as a shining example of the profound impact that collective goodwill and philanthropy can have on communities nationwide. With their unwavering spirit of generosity and compassion, these local lodges and temples are set to make this holiday season a truly special and memorable one for all.

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Grand Lodge Conventions What we know as of this writing 2023

South Carolina March 24
N. Myrtle Beach

Supreme Council Meeting Washington, DC April 6, 2023

Nebraska April 13
Hastings

Massachusetts May 17
Norwood

Tennessee May 31-Jun 2
Pigeon Forge

Texas June 7-9
Longview

West Virginia July 11-13
Bridgeport

Indiana July 11-13
Lafayette

SUPREME LODGE/TEMPLE CONVENTIONS Roanoke, Virginia August 1-August 7, 2024

Ohio September 5-7
Worthington

Nevada September 12-14
Sparks

Michigan September 5-7
Lansing

North Carolina September 27-28
Myrtle Beach, SC

New Jersey September 28
Monroe Township

Illinois
Champaign

Virginia October 3-6
Norfolk



*From The Desk of
Supreme Secretary Allen Morris*

Brothers, Sisters:

First and foremost, I'm hopeful that all members of my Pythian Family enjoyed had a happy Thanksgiving!

I would like to wish all a very happy holiday season – and a happy, healthy, prosperous New Year. Maybe someone I know will manage to put six numbers together and adopt me.

Blank report forms were sent to all responsible for making sure they are disseminated to the proper Brothers. Remember, subordinate lodge reports need to be in the hands of your Grand Secretary before January 31. Lodges under the immediate control of the Supreme Lodge need to have their reports into the Grand Lodge Office on or before March 31.

Stay well and enjoy!

SUPREME LODGE CHARITY 2022-2024

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Walks are held in over 500+ communities across the nation now through November. The walk supports the following services: 24/7 helpline (800-272-3900); Care Consultations; Community Education; Caregiver training; professional training and support groups.

To find a walk near you click this link: <http://alz.org/KOP>

Start a team. Enter your zip code. Choose your walk and click "Start Your Team"

Enjoy the fellowship while supporting a worthy cause.



On Sunday, October 1, 2023, many Pythians participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's® in East Meadow, NY. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and



research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. It is wonderful that Pythians came together for an inspiring community event that celebrates the commitment to ending this disease. Special thanks to PCDGC/AGT Sir Marty Nyear and PACDGC Scott Geffon for being our team leaders, the Third Pythian District, Alliance-Mid Island Lodge #801 and Island Lodge #623 for their generous donations. Our Pythian team raised over \$2,800. This year, the charity of the Knights of Pythias Order is the Alzheimer Association. Thank you to all who participated and donated to fight this dreadful

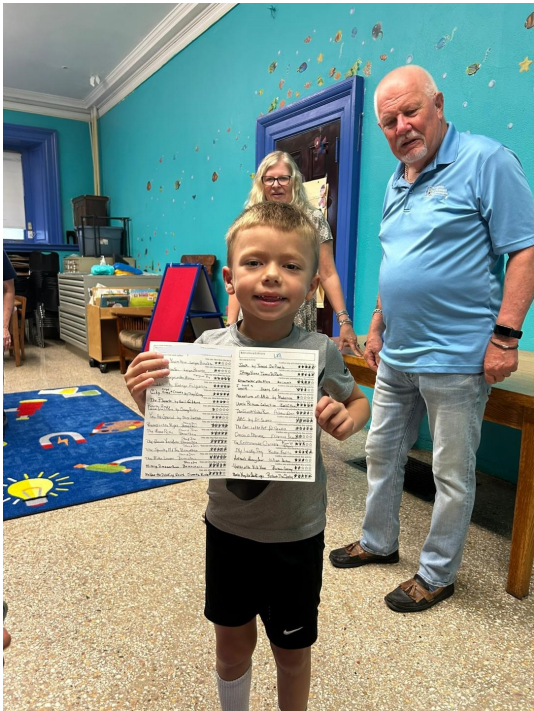


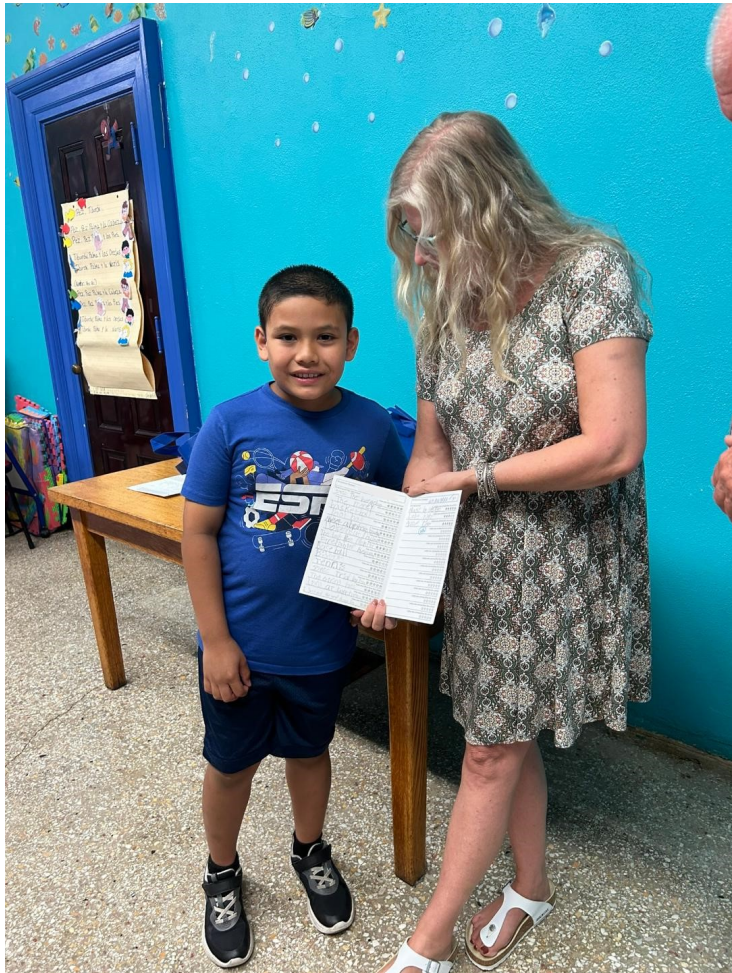
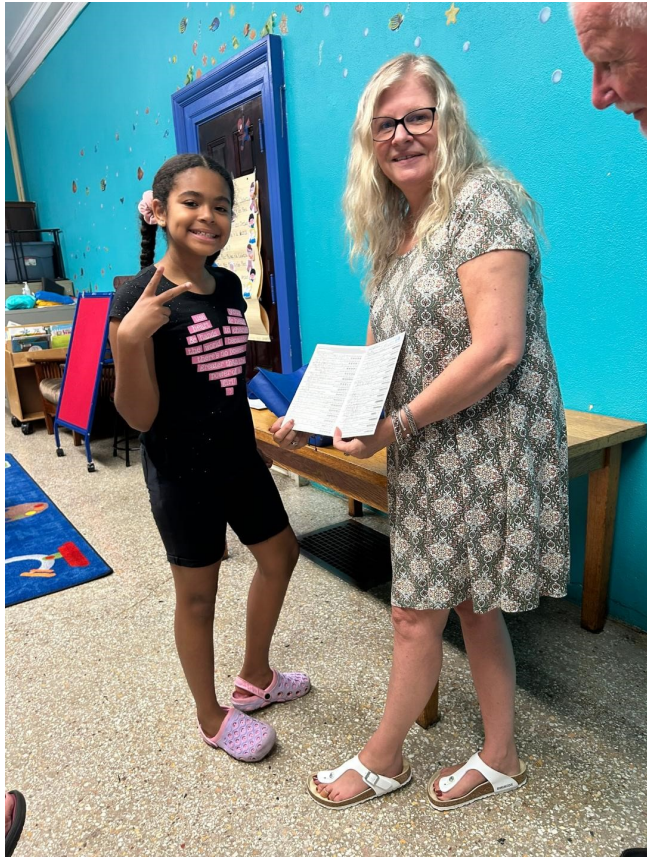
disease. Association. Respectfully submitted, DGC David Salem.

MASSACHUSETTS KNIGHTS AND SISTERS

SR Joseph Haskell, member of Peter Woodland Lodge #72, GC Ann Haskell, Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters, along with Children's Librarian of the Lynn Public Library Sue Cronin, both members of High Rock Temple #251, presented awards to the winners of Lynn Library's Summer Reading Program.

The winners (6) received tablets and accessories provided by the Peter Woodland Lodge #72 and High Rock Temple #251, both of Lynn, Massachusetts. We call this the Read for Knowledge Program. This was a joint effort between the brothers and sisters of the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters.





MISSOURI IS ON THE MOVE!

According to the proclamation, which was read before the crowd that had gathered to view the award ceremony, Mr. King's establishment in Topeka had, "Provided for the youth of this city a place of recreation and safe repose for the span of about seven years, thus providing for the cleaner and brighter way of life, and affecting, for good, the minds, hearts, and lives of countless people."

"He has donated to children and schools materials and supplies valued to be in the thousands of dollars," the proclamation read, "Therefore, the brothers of Damascus Lodge No. 445, Knights of Pythias, having heard tell of the betterment of life within the jurisdiction of our Pythian domain, do hereby present to Mr. David King this Special Award."

A salute with swords by the attending Knights followed the investiture, and the knightly ceremony seemed very well received by all. Some requests for applications to join the Order of Knights of Pythias immediately followed.



Master at Arms Brother Jason Jennings (left) poses with Mr. David King (right) at Huscarl Hobbies and Games LLC in Topeka, Kansas, after Mr. King received the Special Award medallion and framed certificate from Damascus Lodge No. 445, Emporia, KS.

NORTH CAROLINA'S NEWLY INSTALLED GRAND LODGE OFFICERS

The 2023 Grand Domain of North Carolina hosted its 152nd Grand Lodge Convention at the Embassy Suites in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on September 29 and 30, 2023. Supreme Chancellor Mark Mead was in attendance and presented 4 Supreme Chancellor's Bronze Medallions for Service. The Convention was OUTSTANDING, and the weather was perfect!



Grand Chancellor Brent Davis presiding. Supreme Chancellor Mark Mead installed the Officers for the 2023-2024 term.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



AND A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!