



Pythian Leaders With Conviction

Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe of Rockwood, Tennessee and Supreme Chief Joyce H. Wright of Plaistow, New Hampshire, have clear missions of inspiration with sharing concerns about the well being of the Pythian Orders.

Through their leadership and clear visions for prosperity, they are focused with immediate programs as we learn from the past, look to the future and cope with the present.

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Very Special Athlete Speaks To Pythians

Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickens had the pleasure to introduce Special Olympics Athlete Loretta Claiborne, as keynote speaker, to the audience during the Pythian Convention Banquet 2000, August 6th, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Loretta Claiborne, one of the best known and most honored athletes, in Special Olympics, serves as a global messenger and travels the world on speaking assignments. The appreciative audience gave a standing ovation to the speaker.

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DSC Martin Deringer, KGS, left, Supreme Convention Committee co-chair, accepting a Proclamation during the official opening ceremonies from the City of Fort Lauderdale, which proclaimed August 6th thru 13th, 2000, as "Pythian Week".

**CONVENTION COMMITTEE
EXTENDS THANKS
AND GREETINGS**

The Florida Convention 2000 Co-Chairmen: Martin Deringer, and Marilyn Rogow would like to thank everyone who participated in making the Convention the success that it was.

From the Sisters and Brothers who chaired different functions, to those hardy souls that kept the Florida Hospitality Suite open at all hours, even serving from breakfast on, our heartfelt thanks, we could not have done it without you.

To the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple Officers, who so graciously put up with the occasional minor goof, our thanks and best wishes for the coming years. May you have good health so that you can continue to give our Order your love and guidance.

To all of the members who came and supported your Supreme Officers, by attending the banquets, and the sessions, without you there would be no Pythian Order. Please remain loyal, and do your best to help increase our membership. Tell your friends how enjoyable it is to belong, and how much good work is being done by our Lodges and our Temples.

We wish a great Pythian year to all.

Marilyn Rogow, PGC
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NEWS*NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS . . . to Brothers Don Grant, supreme treasurer; PSC Archie Block and PSC Jim Hess on being awarded Supreme Chancellor Medals, during events of the August supreme sessions, with Supreme Chancellor Vickness expressing his thanks to the brothers for all their work and support.

POSTER CONTEST, with topic of "Avoid Violence In Schools", open to students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades, carries cash prizes of 1st, \$1,000; 2nd, \$500; 3rd, \$250 and 4th through 8th place judging will receive \$100. Details have been mailed. Further information available from the Supreme Lodge office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brother Dan Cowan of California, elected to office of Supreme Outer Guard. Brother Cowan is heading up a committee to increase interest for the formation of Junior Order Chapters. Brother Cowan can be contacted at 8710 Airline Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90045. Phone 310-649-3745. E-mail adjicow@pacbell.net.

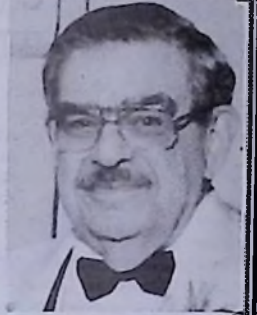
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Supreme Lodge

NOTE BOOK

By

Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS
Supreme Secretary



Once again the Supreme Convention is behind us, and, as usual, it was nice to greet all our Brothers and Sisters — those we have known for many years and those whom we just had the pleasure of meeting. Sadly, there were too many Pythians who are no longer with us. They will be missed.

The Poster Contest has been revived for the next two years. Publicity material has been sent to the Grand Secretaries, Grand Chancellors, and the Deputy Supreme Chancellors; more is available by contacting the Supreme Lodge office. The rules and prizes are slightly different than before and we urge you to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity for the high school students to express themselves.

We are grateful to all those who purchased Pythian clothing and jewelry at the convention. We still have some white T-shirts in all sizes and some white golf shirts in all sizes. Both items have the Knights of Pythias logo.

Many Past Grand Chancellors were not eligible to take their Supreme Rank at the convention because their Grand Secretaries did not send in the proper certificates, advising us that they had become Past Grand Chancellors. These forms are sent out prior to every Grand Lodge session. Also, there will be many errors in the new Supreme Directory because some Grand Secretaries have not as yet sent in the list of newly-elected Grand Lodge officers. The rosters must be sent to the Supreme Lodge office within 48 hours of the Grand Lodge sessions.

Congratulations to Brother George Fox, the Grand Secretary in Texas, for winning the Best Grand Secretary Award for the 1998-2000 term. His reports were timely, neat and accurate. He also made a point of asking questions before undertaking something of an unfamiliar nature.

The Supreme Chancellor has said that he would like to continue the program of naming the best three Grand Lodge publications. Please be sure that the Supreme Lodge office is put on your mailing list.

Now that the Summer hiatus is over and lodges are preparing for busy Fall and Winter sessions, we want to remind all secretaries to send the names and addresses of all new Knights to the Supreme Lodge office so that we can enroll them properly on our rosters.

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ASSOCIATION MARKS 100 YEARS FOR MEETINGS AND WORKINGS

The Centennial Anniversary meeting of the International Association of Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers of the Knights of Pythias convened on August 6th, for a breakfast meeting, in connection with the Supreme Lodge sessions, enjoying the presence of Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, KGS.

President George Fox observed of the first meeting took place in Detroit, Michigan, in August, 1900, after about ten years of interest shown by various 'Grand Keepers of Records and Seal', for the purpose of cultivating a more intimate personal acquaintance and taking up the consideration of varied and important matters that effect the vital business of the Pythian Order.

Business of the 1988 meeting changed the by-laws to include Grand Treasurers as active Association members.

Special prayers were offered in the absence of Association Secretary-Treasurer George Ntiros who had been serving in that office since 1987, was absent due to illness.

New term officers are, Kenneth P. Moder, Indiana, president; George Fox, Texas, secretary-treasurer and Robert Epstein, Colorado, vice president.



Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, left, presented a plaque to Texas Grand Secretary George Fox, with congratulations on conducting his office with special effectiveness, being recognized as Grand Secretary of the 1998-2000 biennium.



PSR Marian Rogers receiving 50-year membership credentials from Grand Chief Grace Ann Inkepp.

50-YEAR MEMBERSHIP FOR MARIAN ROGERS ALICE CHIDSEY THANKED

Ohio — After receiving her 50-year membership presentations, Marian Rogers had the pleasure to present a Service Pin award to Alice Chidsey for her 30 years of service as the Gold Book Chairman.

Sister Chidsey started the work carrying two books she made, one for memorial and one for honorary tributes. She now has four books she pulls on a cart. It was from her idea that the Supreme Temple has a Gold Book.

Sister Rogers has a daughter with membership in California. Her son, Charles, resides in Indiana and was installed to the Domain Grand Chancellor leadership role in July. Charles and his wife, Ruth, served as Maharani and Maharaja of the Nomads of Avrudaka for the 1997-1999 term of office.

LORI ANDERSON NEW MA GRAND CHIEF

Massachusetts — The May sessions of the Grand Temple convened on Cape Cod, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chief Pauline Manning. Grand Chief Harriet Slamin presided over the business sessions.

Joint activities with the Grand Lodge included a banquet and memorial service. Three members, Evelyn Cassidy, Alice Woodside and Erna Hall were recognized with 60 years of service. Lori Anderson was installed to Grand Chief Service by her aunt, PSR Audrey Wetterwald, being letter perfect in her ritual work.

The Past Chief's Assoc., held their annual meeting in connection with Grand Temple, enjoying the attendance of Supreme Chief Pauline Manning and Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness. Following the banquet an Auction took place for fund-raising.

DEDICATE PLAQUE, ROOM TO PAULINE TRICKEY MEMORY IN OHIO

Ohio — An event of Homecoming 1914 - 2000, took place as residents of the Sophia Huntington Parker Home and Ohio Pythian Sister Home got together for afternoon in Medina.

In memory of the late Pauline Trickey, Grand Trustee, a room in the Sophia Huntington Parker home was dedicated for a Pythian Sisters Museum. Sister Pauline had served Ohio in many officer and committee workings as well she was a Past Supreme Representative and Past Imperial Regent of the Nomads of Avrudaka.

A Bird Avery, in memory of two past residents was added to the Ohio Pythian Home, and is quite an active place for residents to watch the birds.

PGC Eileen Shuster supplied entertainment with "Secondhand Rose" from 2nd Ave. Invocation and Benediction was given by Robert Walcott, administrator of the homes.

ATTITUDE IN REVIEW

1. Mutual respect is the KEY to avoiding conflict.
2. Give the other person a chance to be heard.
3. Learn to disagree without being disagreeable. It's all right to be assertive, but not aggressive, abusive or abrasive.
4. When someone says something with which you disagree, try not to be judgmental.
5. Maintain eye contact when greeting people, and shake their hand.
6. Be kind and courteous to everyone.
7. Remember that civility is a sign of strength, not weakness.
8. Speak softly. People tune out loud, angry voices.
9. Saving face is important. Give your opponent the opportunity to withdraw.
10. Your attitude is more important than your aptitude.

In Memoriam



GEORGE NTIROS, KGS, PSR

We regret to report the passing of PSR George Ntiros on Sept. 2nd, in his 70th year. A 45-year member of Franklin Lodge #2, Washington, District of Columbia, he served with dedication in offices of subordinate, grand and supreme lodge, including 14 years as Secretary-Treasurer of the International Assoc., of Grand Secretaries and Grand treasurers.

Was elected to office of Supreme Outer Guard in 1986 and Supreme Inner Guard in 1988. Received Degree of the Golden Spur in 1971. Served 27 years as grand secretary. Played semi-pro softball in the 1950's; notary public for state of Maryland; was fondly known as Father of Cystic Fibrosis in D. C. area with service on the board of directors and fundraising. With his work he was certified by the International consumer Credit Association.

Received permission to display Pythian artifacts in the Smithsonian Institute; received permission from the F. B. I. To place plaque on the original site of the birth of the Order in Washington, D. C.; represented Supreme Chancellor at Sharo and Caro operation at the White House.

The following tribute, by Wenonah's children was given on the occasion of her retirement after serving 10 consecutive years as Supreme Secretary.

TRIBUTE TO MOM

Congratulations on your superb ten-year term as the Supreme Secretary. Some people don't set high enough goals and thus, never really challenge their fullest abilities. Others set lofty goals only to quit when the going gets tough.

You, Mom, on the other hand, have set the highest of goals and have excelled at every aspect of your responsibilities in the Pythian Sisters.

You have been an inspiration to all of us in your determination, commitment and dedication not only to Pythian Sisters, but to all the other organizations you are active in. You introduced us to many different organizations that we all learned so many valuable lessons from, and we thank you.

We could not be prouder of you, Mom. You have set the standard by which all others will be measured. We wish you the very best as you turn to new challenges in the days and years ahead.

We hope your coming years will be filled with hours of fun craft projects, travel adventures, visiting your great grandchildren, and keeping in touch with the many, many friends you have made.

It is with the utmost pride that your son, daughters and family say "We love you, Mother".

— Billy, Carol, Bonnie, Roberta and family

URGES FOR SUPPORT TO CHARITIES

Florida — Beverly Kross of Tamarac, was installed as the Jurisdiction Grand Chief during the May sessions of the Grand Temple at Deerfield Beach. Installing officers were PSC Shirley Bach, supreme chief; PSR Harriet Deringer, supreme senior; PSR Faith Albert, supreme manager; PGC Marilyn Rogow, supreme secretary.

Grand Chief Beverly Kross is a 15-year member of North Miami Beach Temple #49 and has dual membership with Mimi Turgel Centennial Temple #21. She is urging for member and temples charities supporting of Sylvester Cancer Research Center, Ronald McDonald House, Lou Gerigs Disease. She also pledges her support to the Supreme Chief project of Special Olympics.

Supporting Grand Temple Officers are: Ethel Wildstein, sitting past grand chief; Sue Laster, grand senior; Esther Westle, grand junior; Annette Miller, grand manager; Myrna Goldenstein, grand secretary; Harriett Turgel, grand treasurer; PGC Sherry Hartel, grand protector; Bea Cohen, grand guard.

Her motto is together we can accomplish much and she encourages all Pythian Sisters to work towards increase in membership. During the joint official opening ceremonies for the supreme sessions, in August, Grand Chief Kross was part of the processional when she was introduced and gave an Address of Welcome to Florida.



Wenonah Jones Honored On Retirement From Supreme Secretary

The International Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer Association convened for a banquet during the Supreme Temple sessions and combined the program with an Honor Night to recognize the retirement of Supreme Secretary Wenonah Jones on completing ten years of service in the office.

PSR Beverley Dalton of Maryland, presided over the events of banquet, memorial service and was re-installed to the office of president.

PSC Shirley Bach chaired the program, with humor, with paying honors to Wenonah Jones by several of those present, including Past Supreme Chiefs and Knights Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman.



PSC Shirley Bach, left, had the pleasure to present Past Supreme Chief credentials to Wenonah Jones.



Beverley Dalton, right, president, making presentation of a Money Tree of offerings from various members.

CARD OF THANKS

THANK YOU ALL for the wonderful dinner in my honor at Supreme Convention this year. I said I wanted to go out quietly but things were different. Thanks to Shirley Bach for organizing wonderful honor given to me. I want to thank everyone who put money on the money tree, came with money, cards and gifts. I will always cherish the memory of this wonderful night.

Thanks to all who came to the dinner. My children were sorry that they couldn't be there. I received some gifts that I do not find a card or note as to who they are from, so if you don't receive a note from me you will know why.

Many thanks to all that I worked with during my 10 years as Supreme Secretary. I enjoyed all the notes I also received with their payments.

My best wishes to the new Supreme Secretary Linda Bridges of Texas. I think of all the space will have in my house after I get everything sent her. Thanks again for everything that has been done for me.

Love to all Wenonah



Supreme Representative Herbert Rosenberg, left, and Past Grand Chancellor Hugh Shaven, who placed decorations at the tomb of the Unknowns of the Civil War.

DECORATION DAY/MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

District of Columbia — Representing the Grand Lodge, Pythian members were present and taking an active part for the annual program at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. They were listed in the official program as Roll Call of Societies and Orders for floral presentations were placed with Honor at the Tomb of the Unknowns. The Pythians also presented a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial and program of A Tribute to Abraham Lincoln, commemorating the 191st Anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

BUILDING BRIDGES TO OUR FUTURE

As the first Supreme Chief elected in the 21st Century, I have to wonder what thoughts the first Supreme Chief Ida M. Jayne Weaver had, and also what thoughts the first Supreme Chief elected in the 20th Century, Dell Phillips Glazier had. Maybe things haven't changed all that much. It is still an honor, it is still overwhelming and we still work hard to prepare for the position and we are still amazed when it actually happens.

Those dedicated women before us built us a foundation that has now bridged the end of the 19th century, the 20th century and is now bridging into the beginning of the 21 century. We have a lot to live up to, but with peace between each other and patience within our hearts and minds we can firm up the bridges and continue on.

This is a time of ease, compared to those before us. We have e-mail, fast efficient telephone service, fax service, air travel, good roads, computers and local copy shops to help us. When we come home from work, we have microwaves, dish washers, washers and dryers, they came home and did most of these chores manually. We have other interests, but so did they. They worked hard to build our order, we must work hard to Build Bridges to the Future for our Order.

This term we must bring the Pythian Order into the 21st Century. We will build for the future of the Pythian Order. We will promote peace between all members of the Pythian Orders and within our communities. We must have patience to do these things.

Every Supreme Chief has hopes and dreams, some happen and some do not. I hope that we can increase our membership under the leadership of Virginia Kelley, SR, of Texas. Virginia has enthusiastically agreed to work with membership. It is the best way we can Build Bridges to our Future. I will continue to support Bible Classes of 15 and if travel time can be arranged will consider a class of 12.

I hope that we can work together for our Altruistic projects with Audrey Wetterwald, PSR of Massachusetts as chairman for the United States and Sandy Symons, SR of Ontario as chairman for Canada. They have Covered Bridge Pins available for sale to support our Altruistic endeavors

One of our altruistic endeavors will be working with the Knights of Pythias in support of Special Olympics, with the secret of Special Olympics being the belief that everyone deserves a chance to do one's best, and that everyone can win with heroism, hope and joy. With support by Pythian Sisters in local communities, that volunteer spirit will do much to become powerful advocates on behalf of individuals with mental retardation.

Covered bridges are still found in all parts of the United States and Canada, after all
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JOYCE H. WRIGHT
Supreme Chief

these years, and Pythian Sisters are still found in all parts of the United States and Canada, after all these years. What better emblem of our strength and fortitude.

I dream that by the end of 2002, there will be a Pythian International in every Pythian home, and Addie Sadberry, PSR, of Virginia is the chairman that will help do that. Please send your subscriptions directly to Addie.

I hope that every Grand Chief has received her pamphlets of the Programs for the next two years. If you have not, please contact your Supreme Representative, as she has one for you.

My motto is "Building Bridges to our Future."

Colors: Blues and Silver.

Flower: Daisy.

Song: "Bridges"

Watchwords: Peace and Patience.

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As I move into the position of Supreme Chief, I know that the words of the New Hampshire poet Robert Frost will each day have more meaning for me.

*"I have promises to keep
And miles to go, before I sleep."*

CRAFT ROOM SUCCESSFUL

by GEORGIA JEAN BYRD, Supreme Senior

Thanks to all Pythian Sisters who helped make our Supreme Temple Ways and means fund-raising a success at Supreme Sessions in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In 1999, tickets for a Supreme Temple Ways and Means raffle were distributed to all Supreme Temple officers.

The first two prizes were a porcelain Victorian doll and an antique Model J 1934 Dusenberg auto. The latter prize was donated by PDSC Ralph Wilson of Michigan. Many other items were donated to the raffle, including quilted pillows donated by Past Supreme Chief Wenonah Jones and a handmade quilt contributed by PSR Glynolyn Wheat of Missouri.

Sitting Past Supreme Chief Pauline Manning was kind enough to donate a beautiful afghan, proceeds also going to Ways and Means. Several of Pauline's native American centerpiece dolls were also sold, adding to the profits.

The committee hopes that each sister attending Supreme Temple took time to visit our craft room, as beautiful items were sent by sisters throughout the jurisdiction. (If individual names were sent with the items, the name and jurisdiction of the sister was printed on a three by five card and placed near the

items. Our deepest gratitude goes out to those sisters who gave of their talents and to the jurisdictions who sent monetary donations.

On August 10th, the drawing for the raffle was held. The Victorian doll was won by Ester Kaplan of Florida and the antique auto was won by Linda Grant, wife of supreme Lodge Treasurer Donald Grant.

As of this writing, slightly over \$4000 has been turned over to the Supreme Secretary. Thanks also to those sisters who volunteered to work in the craft room. Without their efforts our proceeds would have been much lower.

Many "hurrahs" to all from the 1998-2000 Supreme Temple Ways and Means Committee.

Georgia Jean Byrd, Supreme Senior,
Kathlene Lacy, Supreme Junior,
Audrey Wheat, Supreme Manger,
Sheila Boren, Supreme Protector.

UPDATE FROM THE NEW COMMITTEE: Monetary donations to Supreme Temple Ways and Means for 200-2002 should be sent to the new chairman, Kathlene Lacy, Supreme Junior. Kathlene also has T-shirts for sale with the symbol and motto of our Supreme Chief Joyce Wright. "BUILD BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE" and purchase a T-shirt!

The time has come . . . another Supreme Convention has come and gone. It is my hope that everyone had a great time in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. I want to congratulate Past Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness on his presiding for the sessions.

I want to thank each of you for electing me to this high office. It is a honor and privilege that I will cherish. I will work hard and I promise to do the best job I can.

I "ASK" each member to join the Team and ask a prospect to join the Pythian Order as we work together.

The Supreme Chancellor Program is Membership — as our top priority with Special Olympics continuing as our National Charity. Listed below is the Supreme Chancellor program for this term.

I ask you to join the team today . . . let's make great things happen in 2000.

PROGRAM: ASK MEMBERSHIP 2000

- **VISION:** *Let's Get Back To Basics.*
- **FOCUS:** *Make A Commitment To Ask A Prospect To Join The Knights Of Pythias.*
- **MISSION:** *To Promote And Tell The Pythian Story Through Communications, Change And Teamwork To Achieve An Increase In Membership And Attendance.*

MEMBERSHIP will be the centerpiece of this term and I ask for your assistance. We must continue to practice our proven principals of FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE and tell the world who we are and what our great order is about. As we enter a new millennium, I ask each of you to again renew your commitment in rebuilding this great FRATERNITY.

For over 136 years our order and principals have survived, but we must keep pace with the changing trends of today's world. Change is a way of life and we must design our Pythian Order to reflect these changes.

We will continue that past administrations proven programs of change, Communication and Teamwork with positive alterations as we institute the new programs that reflect our needs for today's changing world.

We will solicit and encourage communication, cooperation and teamwork from each recognized auxiliary to work together to advance our order.

Membership recruitment is our top priority and I urge you to adopt this priority and initiate programs that will accomplish it. If each of you will join the PYTHIAN TEAM and work together, our goals of reviving weak domains, starting new lodges and increasing membership can be achieved. I ask you to join me in this effort.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

ASK one prospect to join our order each month. We will institute the "I ASKED A PROSPECT TO JOIN CARD" and promote the ASK button campaign. Each Lodge is asked to appoint a active membership committee to promote this program. A proven program from the DSC Manuel or one of their choice with the committee to follow up on all "I ASKED A PROSPECT TO JOIN CARD" leads.

Practice the 3 R'S for membership:

RECRUIT, REINSTATE AND RETAIN. Recruit new members, reinstate your suspended members and retain our current members. Host a Membership Drive 2000 Diner and show the membership video or some other promotion and sign up new candidates using the Matching Funds Program. Each lodge strive to do rank work, if needed, use the new condensed ritual due to limited membership.

Each domain urged to strive to start at least one new lodge with new members. Host a Rathbone Bible Class. Be a Team Player, reduce suspensions, attract new members and increase attendance by positive changes in your lodge's meeting format.

Monitor international inquires for membership. Earn the Supreme Chancellors Membership Achievement Certificate to any member who brings in Five (5) new members this term or for each subordinate lodge who achieves an increase of 3% or (a 2 members minimum or 6 maximum) over the prior year end membership.

Earn a Supreme Chancellors Membership Achievement Plaque plus a \$100 grant in your name, for any community or charity cause of your choice, by any member who starts a new lodge.

Each new lodge chartered will receive the sum of \$250 for expenses plus a set of office supplies. Our goal: A membership increase and one new lodge in each domain this term.

MATCHING FUNDS

We will provide matching funds up to the sum of \$500 per event for membership recruitment. A Matching Funds application request must be submitted to the committee for approval prior to the event and a membership gain from the event shall be attained to receive funds. Each lodge eligible for funds once per year.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympic Oath: Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt.

The Special Olympics Charity will be continued. We ask each of you to join us in support of this worthy cause to help others with your time and money. Help make these athletes dreams come true with local grass roots involvement. Support of the Proctor and Gamble Annual Coupon Program and thru the Coins For Athletes Program.

I urge each auxiliary to join with us as a



BOBBY G. CROWE
Supreme Chancellor

team in support of this worthy charity. We will continue KP/Special Olympic Lapel Pin Program, Free Golf Shirt, Coin For Athletes purchases and investigate other fundraising opportunities.

BOY SCOUTS

We will continue the Eagle Scout Certificate and Patch Program. A Junior Order promotional brochure and application will be made a part of the Eagle Scout presentation kit. We will participate with a Pythian promotional display at the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Continue to promote local scouting activities.

JUNIOR ORDER

I ask each lodge to name a Junior Order Committee to recruit new chapters. An auxiliary, the Junior Order affords our youth, ages 12 thru 17, training in the principals of Friendship, Leadership and Citizenship in Fraternalism who when of legal age can become members of the parent order.

We'll promote the Junior Order within our order and the public sector. Invite ball teams, civic clubs, boy scouts and other

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DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR AT LARGE

New York — Mid Island Lodge #828 hosted a ceremony when Grand Chancellor at the time, Sir Joel Bergenfeld, right, installed Nassau County Executive Tom Gulotta, left, a Past Chancellor of State Lodge #1, as Deputy Grand Chancellor at Large for the State of New York, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the Pythian Order, with looking forward to his continuous involvement.



PSR Erma Haslam, left, and her 'protégé', SA Sherry Hartel, who had the pleasure to make presentation of 75-year Service Bar.

ERMA HASLAM DESERVING OF HONORS

Florida — Clearwater Temple #32, Dunedin, is proud of its member of many years of service to the Pythian Order, PSR Erma Haslam is active and serves as Musician at the young age of 94. She was presented with 75-year honors during the 1999 Grand Temple events.

Born in Muscatine, Iowa, she moved with her family to St. Petersburg, Florida at age six. Joined St. Petersburg Temple #18 in 1924, was MEC in 1931 and Grand Chief service, 1939-1940. As State Organizer for the Sunshine Girls, was responsible for instituting nine Councils and the Florida Grand Council. Received Past Supreme Royal Princess honors in 1966.

Was co-founder of the Florida Grand Temple Sick and Distress Foundation; president and advisor for many years and elected to life membership on the Board. Erma is well remembered in Florida and elsewhere for her unique, intricate drills and special effects for floor work.

One would think that after reaching the incredible age of 94, filling almost an entire lifetime with enviable, distinguished Pythian service that Sister Erma would be ready and anxious to settle back, relax and . . . not so! She continues to be an energetic influence in the Pythian community.

WASHINGTON LODGE, COMMUNITY RAISE FUNDS TO PURCHASE LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT

Washington — On July 22, North Bank Lodge #145 from Camas and Washougal dedicated the second Thermal Imaging camera donated to the communities' fire departments. The Lodge and their Helmets for Life Committee worked for 2½ years to gather community support and funds to give a camera to each of the fire departments. The Washougal firemen received the first camera in January and the lodge dedicated it in February.

These cameras see in and through total darkness to identify heat from bodies or fire behind walls or through floors. Both fire departments report that the cameras have been used from the first day they were available to them. The main purpose for the cameras was to save lives and during the fundraising, before they were purchased, a mother and baby died after a fire from exposure to smoke and heat. The firemen said that it might have saved a life if it had been available. The incident redoubled the efforts to get the technology to the firemen. They have not needed the cameras to save a life since, but used them to search for fires in walls and to save property.

Time during a fire is precious, by directing the fire fighting to those areas where the fire is centered rather than ripping out walls looking for the hidden fire, the firemen reduce their risk of injury and protect the property not damaged from the flame.

The Knights raised funds by contacting other community organizations, placing change canisters in local stores and contacting local businesses for contributions. The Pythian generosity was exemplified on all levels during the campaign. The local lodge donated over \$5,000 to the fund. District 4, Domain of Washington, the Grand Lodge of Washington and the Pythian Sisters all added funds along the way. No Pythians ever told the fundraisers no when informed of the need and the usefulness of this life saving technology.

As the dedication plaque read "We hope and pray that this technology will keep the citizens and the firefighters of these communities safe by their use."

PAST CHIEF ANN DONATI HONORED

Washington — Ann Donati, an active 54-year member of Crescent Temple #12, Black Diamond, was honored at a grand farewell reception, as friends, neighbors and relatives joined Pythian Sisters to reminisce and give good wishes as she moved from her home of 61 years to an assisted living facility closer to family.

At 93, Ann was the Musician for her Temple as well as for the Eagles Auxiliary. Music has always been a part of Ann's life. For 25 years she was the pianist in bands and musical groups who played for concerts and dances.

Ann never missed an opportunity to serve her Temple or do whatever she could to make the lives of others fuller. She is already providing music for the residents of her new home. Her positive 'Can Do' attitude and love of people make her a true exemplar of a Pythian



NEXT ISSUE — PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL

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PYTHIANISM LINKS EVERYONE TOGETHER

New York — The annual conventions of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and Grand Temple Pythian Sisters were held at the Nevele Grand East in Ellenville, during the last week of June, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness. Many new faces joined the many returnees as members gathered to conduct business and participate in social activities.

The pre-election parties, post-election celebrations, the good food, the after dinner, late night shows and the midnight refreshments were enjoyed by all present. SR Edward Birnbaum and SR Gilbert Rader, convention co-chairmen; PSR Edie Platsky, chairlady for the Pythian Sisters and their committees are to be commended for their outstanding efforts.

Grand Chief Ida Timpone and Grand Chancellor Joel Bergenfeld confidently presided over very productive sessions and completed all their business at hand.

A dignified memorial service was conducted by PGC Zelda Rubin. Making the ceremony more touching was the loss of a well loved, active Pythian Sister, PGC Sonia Tobin, before her time and leaving such a void in all the hearts. She was lovingly eulogized by PSR Edith Platsky for her energy and tireless efforts on behalf of the Pythian Sisters.

The Grand Temple was most fortunate having had the presence of Supreme Junior Georgia Byrd of Michigan and Grand Manager Nancy Mead of Virginia. Sister Byrd, gracious and poised took part in activities and pinned the new-term officers with their jewels.

Grand Chief Susan Grill and her corps of officers were installed by PGC Rhoda Halfon, assisted by PGC Roz Millman and PGC Vicki Gordon. Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness, with assistance by Howard Grief, supreme prelate and Robert Epstein, supreme master at arms, conferred PGC status on Joel Bergenfeld and installed the Grand Lodge



New-term New York Pythian leaders, Grand Chief Susan Grill and Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh, following their installations in June.

officers in his usual "warm and fuzzy" style.

During their installations, Grand Chief Grill and Grand Chancellor Hirsh, each had promised each other support and teamwork. Grand Chancellor Hirsh presented his "official portfolio" to Grand Chief Susan Grill.

The Grand Chancellor, in his address, outlined his plans for membership increase and retention and for the continuation of most of the Grand Lodge programs. Anyone needing help from Grand Lodge was instructed to "Dial M for Morty".

The summer did not stop New York Pythian Sisters as on July 1st, an honor night for the Long Island Pythians was held at Eisenhower Park. Members were honored on stage for the fine work that is carried out. The ceremony was followed by a doo wop musical evening. Many attended get together at Keystone Sutter, Neptune and Excelsior Temples.

As they embark on a new Pythian term, under the leadership of talented and vivacious Grand Chief Susan Grill, all look forward to intervisiting and plan on attending send offs and other functions, developing new and renewing old friendships. That's just what makes the Pythian order so unique and great. Love and friendship is spread wherever they go, as we find truth in the words of our Grand Chief Susan that "PYTHIANISM LINKS EVERYONE TOGETHER".



Enid Milford proudly displays an award she received for service with the Salvation Army.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR 30 YEARS SERVICE

British Columbia — PDDGC Enid Milford, Vancouver, has been a committed Red Shield Appeal volunteer since her parish priest asked the congregation to give some time to the worthy cause. She has given a few hours every year to a fundraising effort that benefits those living on the street, addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Sister Milford was honored at a breakfast when Friends of the Salvation Army Award was presented in recognition of her years of volunteer service. Her work with the army has made her more able to count her own blessings. She may not be wealthy, but she considers herself rich. "I have all the things that count," she said, referring to family and friends, health and happiness.

PYTHIANS SHARE PRIDE WITH RACE WINNER

Ohio — A successful night out was enjoyed by Brothers of Clark Lodge #764 as members, spouses and friends took part in the annual great social event of Race Night, held at Northfield Park Race Track.

The 5th event was named the Knights of Pythias Race. Pictured following that race, from left, the horse handler, winning horse, the jockey, CC Adolph Shamis and DSC Ron Kiessling, KGS.



LAS VEGAS LODGE ASSISTS SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAMS

Nevada — With appreciation to the members of Clark County Lodge #96, Las Vegas, Tod McLemore, Regional Sports Director of Special Olympics Nevada, sent letters of thanks and appreciation to the Knights of Pythias for their volunteer contribution of assistance.

Mr. McLemore observed, "As we look back upon our successes this year, one of the things that must be listed as a success was our relationship with the Knights of Pythias. Your organization has proven to be a valuable asset to Special Olympics Nevada. Your countless hours of volunteer time were deeply appreciated. I can only hope you realize the profound effect you had on the lives of our athletes . . . we look forward to continuing the relationship with the Knights of Pythias as Special Olympics Nevada grows as an organization. Hopefully, we will be utilizing your services with our upcoming fall and winter sports season".

NOMADS OF AVRUDAKA

by HELEN THOMAS, *Maharani*

Now that the summer is over, let us be ready for an active fall season. Think of it as a new year and make resolutions to bring in a new member to your Nomad Santha. Ask a friend, neighbor, Brother or Sister . . . explain to them what we stand for and then do it all over again.

Visits have been made to the Ohio Ceremonial, to British Columbia grand sessions, the Far Western at Hillsboro, Oregon in June. Enjoyed a good time as Preston and myself hosted a barbecue enjoying presence of members from the area. Nomad Day at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, was a great success, thanks to all who attended and for making arrangements.

Mid-July called for hospitalization and surgery with kidney problem. Preston has undergone stress tests on legs and with blocked arteries, finding that no relief is in sight except for pain-killers.

PYTHIAN CONVENTION AUDIENCE HEARS LORETTA CLAIBORNE SPEAK

Following is the introduction of Loretta Claiborne, given by Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness, at the Convention Banquet 2000, August 6th, in the Hyatt Regency, Pier 66, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Faced with an obstacle at every turn, she has blossomed into an American success story. In 1953, she was born legally blind and with mental retardation in York, Pennsylvania, where she lived in the projects with her mother and six siblings. She did not walk until she was four years old. After corrective eye surgery, she began attending school — only to have school officials advise her mother to put her in an institution. Her mother refused, and she continued her schooling. All through school, she endured the taunts of her classmates and often lashed out at those around her.

In 1970, she found her joy. "I found a place to belong," as she began training in athletics with Special Olympics. Her discipline from her training and the new confidence she gained from her successes transformed her from an angry teenager to a positive, composed role model.

She steadily progressed, participating in numerous Special Olympics and local road races. In 1981 and again in 1982, she competed in the prestigious and grueling Boston Marathon. Both years time of just over three hours put her among the top 100 female finishers. In all, she had run in 26 marathons!

Through the years, she has expanded her training to include figure skating, soccer, basketball, golf, softball, aquatics and bowling and she has earned a black belt in karate. Her achievements have brought numerous honors, including Runners World's Special Olympics Athlete of the Quarter Century, an Honorary Doctorate, and the Arthur Ashe Award for courage at the ESPY awards before a national television audience.

She has appeared on the Oprah Winfrey



Loretta Claiborne

show twice, and has been featured on ESPN, Nickelodeon, CBS This Morning, and ABC Wide World of Sports. She has been interviewed by and featured in the NY Times, Sports Illustrated, Washington Post, and numerous other newspapers and magazines.

The hallmark of her character is that she is a person of her word. In 1995, she turned down an invitation to run with President Clinton because she had promised a fellow athlete she would attend the Pennsylvania send-off where he was singing.

The Golden Rule within the Special Olympics circles is simple: You NEVER want to follow a speech by her. Because she communicates with a unique mixture of humility and passion, there may be no tougher act to follow.

Her compelling life story inspired "The Loretta Claiborne Story," that aired on ABC TV's The Wonderful World of Disney in January 2000. Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me a great deal of pride and pleasure to introduce my friend, Loretta Claiborne.



ASSISTING SPECIAL OLYMPICS

District of Columbia — Grand Chancellor Greg Dix, overseeing preparations as Pythians cooked and fed a barbecue lunch to over 300 Athletes and volunteers taking part in the District of Columbia Summer Special Olympics.



FUNDING FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

British Columbia — Two participants in the Duncan Special Olympics program were on hand during the Grand Lodge sessions and spoke with their usual enthusiasm about their activities and specially swimming events. Grand Prelate Ian Rothnie, left, presenting cheque of \$500 to Sherri Allen and Debbie Shumka, along with their swimming coach Bruce Clark, right.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 'HONOR AN ATHLETE' PROGRAM CONTINUES

by **STEPHEN VICKNESS**
Past Supreme Chancellor
Supreme Lodge Chairman

The main focus of our Special Olympics will continue to be the selling of the Honor an Athlete coins. This program has been most successful over the past two years and we believe that it can continue to do the same.

There has been so many lodges and Domains that have reported they are receiving their warm and fuzzies because they have chosen to get involved. By now you have probably heard about the new lodges and new members that have joined our Order because of our involvement with Special Olympics. Many lodges in many Domains have used these coins in presentations to the Athletes in their Castle Halls as well as at events held for Special Olympics in your towns and cities. We want to continue this program as it allows you the flexibility to make it work for your lodges. Remember, you are NOT limited to just selling the coins.

The best part of being involved with this number one charity and volunteer organization is that you decide what you would like to be involved in doing. Whether sponsoring a local track meet, supplying and feeding lunches as some Domains continue to do, coaching athletes, or just attending to

cheer them on. I promise you once you get involved you WILL be hooked. These "Special" athletes are truly SPECIAL people!

I would ask that you continue to send me your particular success stories so that I can continue to inform all Pythians of programs that are working around the Order Universal. By caring and sharing, we continue to keep our corporate status with Special Olympics so that we can continue to have the name Knights of Pythias shown in their quarterly magazine Spirit, for all to see. Incidentally, it should be noted that we are the ONLY Fraternal organization mentioned with the corporate sponsors.

So, get on board. Let us know of your success stories. If you should encounter a problem in your area, let us know that too. I have assembled an all star committee and they stand ready to assist as well. In Canada, you may contact Brother Marv Wilson. On the west coast, Supreme Outer Guard Dan Cowen. And in the Northeast, Brother Don Grant, Supreme Treasurer.

We are also looking in to some new ventures to tie our name in with other well known companies that are also sponsors of Special Olympics and we will let you know when we have finalized some new ideas.

I would like to thank Supreme Chancellor Crowe for his confidence in making me his chairman and promise to keep me and the entire Council of which I still serve, informed to our progress. Thank YOU for your continued support. I am especially thankful to our new Supreme Chief, Joyce Wright, who has informed me that one of her projects for her administration will be to have the Sisters join with us in this worthwhile venture. Once again, WE ARE UNITED!



Sitting Past Grand Chief Trudy Hicks passing a cheque in amount of \$3,566.70, to little Christie Fitzpatrick.

FUNDS WILL ASSIST FOR FUTURE MEDICAL NEEDS

British Columbia — During the term of Grand Chief service, Trudy Hicks accepted donations to support a project in that Christie Fitzpatrick, 5, granddaughter of Dale and Aldene Fitzpatrick, has a mild form of Cerebral Palsy. This will be costly as she grows and her needs change.

Sister Hicks observed of thanks to the Pythians, lodges and temples that contributed with helping the family bear some of the load that in some small way will help a Sister, Brother or their family, that we as Pythians have pledged to do. During the annual Pythian Cerebral Palsy meeting, Trudy Hicks turned over an amount of \$2,131.36 as support she had received over the term.

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ORDER FORM

Yes! I want to *Honor An Athlete*.

Honor 1 Athlete and receive your own coin (US\$50). Total US\$ _____

Honor _____ Athlete(s) with a coin (at US\$30 per athlete). Total US\$ _____

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SUPREME TEMPLE CHAIR PERSONS



Seated, from left, Linda Bridges, supreme secretary, Holliday, Texas; Joyce Wright, supreme chief, Plaistow, New Hampshire; Pauline Manning, sitting past supreme chief, Scottsdale, Arizona; Dorothy Hughes, supreme treasurer, Lexington, Virginia. Standing, from left, Kahlene Lacy, supreme junior, Portland, Oregon; Sheila Boren, supreme protector, Findlay, Ohio; Addie SADBERRY, supreme guard, Alexandria, Virginia; Audrey Wheat, supreme manager, Liberty, Missouri; Georgia Byrd, supreme senior, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

**ADDIE
SADBERRY**

**SANDRA
SYMONS**

**VIRGINIA
KELLEY**

**AUDREY
WETTERWALD**

With programs well in place, the supreme temple chair persons are pictured above and offer their assistance to the various jurisdictions and subordinate temples.

- Addie SADBERRY, supreme guard, is chairman for the Pythian International Magazine. Please contact and report to her at 5428 Roanoke, #251, Alexandria, Virginia 22311.

- Sandra Symons, supreme representative, is serving as Canadian chairman in support

of the altruistic programs. Please contact her at 413 Rita Street, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7A 1H6

- Virginia Kelley, supreme representative, is serving as supreme membership program. Please contact her at 1209 Windy Meadows, Burleson, Texas 76028.

- Audrey Wetterwald, past supreme representative, is serving as altruistic chairman for the United States. Please contact her at 11 Moonbeam Ave., Chelmsford, Massachusetts 01824,

MY THANKS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE

It's been said before, and I'll say it again: What the last two years gone? Some days I wondered if I ever get caught up on my correspondence, and now "What do I do first with my time?" Suitcases unpack put away, now what?

This has been a good two years. I made many friends. The Sisters and Brother Knights have wonderful to me. There are so many people to thank am using this article to thank each and every one who shown Love, Friendship, Kindness, and Faith. Now you can find the right formula to gain membership as fast as grass in the back yard has grown, everything would "Okay"!!

My visitations were inspiring. I attended various of Instructions pertaining to the Rituals and policies is hope for some changes in the Constitution and statutes.

The Sunshine Girls put on a beautiful Memorial Installation service. It was very impressive. All considering the snags, I believe we had a beautiful successful convention.

My best wishes to the newly elected Sisters Knights. May your years in office be pleasant and rewarding.

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Seated, from left, Alfred Saltzman, supreme secretary, Wollaston, Massachusetts; Bobby G. Crowe, supreme chancellor, Rockwood, Tennessee; Stephen Vickness, immediate past supreme chancellor, Plantation, Florida; Donald Grant, supreme treasurer, Woodlyn, Pennsylvania. Standing, from left, Ronald Dickinson, supreme prelate, New Glasgow, Nova Scotia; Norman T. (Tim) McLaurin, supreme master at arms, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Harris Breit, supreme vice chancellor, Tucson, Arizona; Dan Cowan, supreme outer guard, Los Angeles, California; David Mead, supreme inner guard, Fredericksburg, Virginia

PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR HONORS

Past supreme Chancellor Jim Hess, right, installing officer, assisted by Sheila Vickness, presenting Past Supreme Chancellor credentials and honors to Stephen Vickness on concluding his two-year Supreme Chancellor term. Stephen was presented a Past Supreme Chancellor ring that had been passed down from his late father, PSC Victor Vickness, being the only time in the history that a father and son have served in the highest office of Pythian service.



PAULINE MANNING
 Past Supreme Chief

My Dear Pythian Brothers:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every member of the great Fraternity for allowing me to serve as your Supreme Chancellor these past two years. It is truly a humbling, yet rewarding experience that I will never forget.

There are so many people that played such an integral part of my administration. First and foremost, I must tell you that my Supreme Council stood by my side throughout the entire term. We always had discussion amongst us and they were always free to give their input into how we would administer any and all programs.

As in any lodge or grand lodge the Secretary is usually the piece of the puzzle that keeps us all together. To that end you can be sure that our Supreme Secretary was there for us ANY time we needed Brother Saltzman. Communication was essential to all Pythians, and when we needed to communicate to you, Brother Al did it in a most timely manner. To each and every one of

the members of my Council, I personally tell you if we had any success' these past two years, it was because of their involvement and concern.

Today your Supreme Lodge has a new TEAM leader. We can all be proud of the fact that these group of officers are in fact a TEAM. Having had the pleasure to work with many of them for several years. I know that you have a group of dedicated Pythian professionals. And, having worked side by side with Brother Bobby for the last ten years, I know that he will continue to help turn this great organization of ours in the right direction. But as in years past, we CAN NOT do it alone. We need your continued support.

I ask each of you now, to join me, as I too take my pledge to rededicate myself to helping rebuild our once great fraternity to the heights we so justly deserve. In order to do so, we MUST continue to let the world know WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE STAND FOR!

Again, THANK YOU for your wonderful support and cooperation. fraternally, Stephen

MEDIA THANKED DURING AWARDS CEREMONY



New York — Mid Island Lodge #828, held its annual Awards and Scholarship event with recognition to local newspapers and members for their dedication and service. The event was privileged to have the presence of County Executive Tom Gulotta, Deputy Grand Chancellor at Large together with state and local officials in attendance.

KNIGHTS, SISTERS THANKED

Knights of Pythias of Nassau County and Pythian Sisters of Mid Island Temple #234 were privileged to have been given the opportunity of being recognized by the residents of Nassau County during a ceremony held at Eisenhower Park, Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh was present for the occasion.



PROCLAMATION PRESENTED

Grand Chancellor Morton Hirsh, left, receiving Proclamation from John Venditto, supervisor Town of Oyster Bay, during ceremonies in Burns Park, Massapequa Park, when the Officers of Grand Lodge and area lodges in the Town of Oyster Bay along with Pythian Sisters of Mid Island Temple #234 were given the honor of being recognized by residents of the community.

Appreciation was extended to Supervisor John Venditto for affording Pythians the opportunity to take part in the program, noting Pythian history and the 136th anniversary of the Order.

From left, Fred Morante, Guinan Publishing Corp.; Sol Zweben, Past Chancellor; Hon Tom Gulotta, Nassau County Executive; Diana Cushman, Woman of the Year; Jerry Brynlen, Treasurer; Howard Koltkin, Man of the Year; Lee Cushman, Past Chancellor.

DEAN GIRARD HEADS GRAND TEMPLE OF PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Saskatchewan — The 70th session of the Grand Temple of Prairie Provinces convened at Moose Jaw, in the spring, with Grand Chief Helen Smith presiding. She presented each with a souvenir bag. A dignified Memorial Service took place with remembering those that had passed on since last session.

Sister Lori Atkinson of Calgary was welcomed on receiving her grand temple degree. Business included reports showing continuing altruistic, community service and fraternal fellowship. In the face of declining membership and diminishing funds, several recommendations from the budget committee were adopted in that one supreme representative will be sponsored after this year, and other cost cutting measures. With regrets, Myrtle Temple #15 of Medicine Hat, Alberta, has surrendered their charter.

A banquet was well attended with delightful entertainment by a musical trio of mother, father and son. Prior to the sessions, Grand Chief Helen asked members to prepare a Tribute to a special Sister; several were read at the banquet and at the sessions.

Sister Dean Girard of Victory Temple #1, Calgary, Alberta, was installed, with her fellow Grand Temple Officers by PSC Wally Johnson, assisted by PSR's Phyllis Handley and Nancy Rutt. Her motto is 'to live our obligation, increase membership and attendance, and to spread love so others may see our good works'.



DEAN GIRARD

PEERLESS LODGE HONORS VETERANS AND EAGLE SCOUT

Iowa — During their June dinner meeting, seven members of Peerless Lodge #60, Maquoketa, were honored for long time membership. 25-year membership certificates were presented to Dale Caraway and Frank Goodenow.

Receiving 50-year Veteran Life membership credentials were Carl Bartels, Dr. M. L. Bernard, Gale Stickley, Richard Millerm, George Owen and Donald Nissen. Grand Chancellor Ted Maze made the presentations.

Also honored was Nicholas Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ward. Nicholas joined the Boy Scouts in 1987 and has steadily progressed through the various ranks finally reaching the Eagle Scout Rank. His Eagle Scout project was concentrated at the Horseshoe Pond where he created a limestone path consuming many tons of limestone and also building and erecting a number of bird, bat and wood duck houses. Presentation consisted of the Knights of Pythias Boy Scout Certificate and Eagle Patch. Nicholas' father, Mark, is a member of Maquoketa Lodge.



50-YEAR PRESENTATION

Maine — M. Elizabeth Knowles of Falmouth Temple #100, right, receiving 50-year membership pin and credentials, being presented by Adelaide Scheuchzer.

BEN HARRIS HELPS PROMOTE PYTHIANISM IN VERMONT LODGE

Vermont — The Caledonian-Record newspaper, St. Johnsbury, printed a two-column, 12-inch feature 'Community' news article, including a large picture of Brother Ben Harris displaying his original Pythian membership diploma from 1934. Damon Lodge #16, the only lodge in Vermont, serves the community actively with aspects of charity.

Brother Harris observed, we are very interested in doing good for the community. Through means of chicken barbecues, renting the Castle Hall, and other fundraisers, the lodge is able to donate to the Danville Fair, create scholarships and assist many other organizations.

As another form of help to the community, members also donate much of their time to assist with the labor force of other groups. The Knights of Pythias are visible with awareness in a newspaper advertisement, with other community organizations for potential contacts with the Lodge.

MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM

by ALLEN S. MORRIS, KGS
Supreme Representative, MA
Chairman

Harris Breit, SVC, Committee
Arnold Hendelman, PSR — Committee

Alive, it's alive! No, not Frankenstein — that guy's been resurrected more times than the union on my right foot. I'm talking about the Supreme Lodge Matching Funds Program. It's alive and well; living, breathing and here to assist you with your financial endeavors to increase your membership.

Funds have been set aside to aid your Grand or Subordinate Lodge membership program(s). This committee will match up to 50% of what you expend, up to \$500. If you spend \$300, we'll match \$150; if you spend \$400, we'll match \$200; and so on up to a maximum contribution of \$500.

There are rules that need to be adhered to:

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A. Matching Funds can be applied for by Grand and/or Subordinate Lodges, provided that Subordinate Lodges submit their forms to the committee through their Grand Lodge.

B. A "Request for Matching Funds Form" must be approved prior to the implementation of your membership program. Copies of that form are available by mail or E-mail from the office of the Supreme Secretary. Any membership program implemented before the application is approved by this committee will not be eligible for Matching Funds.

C. Only one Matching Funds contribution will be made to a Grand or Subordinate Lodge in any calendar year.

D. The Supreme Lodge has a membership program that you may want to try. This program has been proven to work and a copy of same is available upon request from the Supreme Lodge Office. The word is "ASK." Try it, it's easy, it does work.

We wish you the best of luck with your membership endeavors. The members of this committee are here to assist you, we're on your side, we all need to pitch in with the rebuilding process.



From left, David Mead of Virginia, who represented Supreme Lodge; Grand Chancellor Harry Echols, Jr., receiving Service Award for outstanding effort, in sponsoring eight new members. The award was presented by Grand Secretary George Nitros, PSR

136TH GRAND SESSIONS ON FOUNDERS DAY

District of Columbia — The Mother Domain of Pythianism held its 136th Grand Lodge Convention, February 19th, in Rockwood, Maryland. Guests were welcomed from Maryland, West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania. Grand Chancellor Harry Echols presided over the business sessions, enjoying the presence of Supreme Outer Guard David Mead.

The Grand Lodge was pleased to report on accomplishments for the year, including, Special Olympics which honored 25 Athletes with medallions; participation in the Summer Olympics; efforts of Grand Chancellor Harry Echols who sponsored eight new members.

Members had involvement in the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Day Service and the Franklin Roosevelt Memorial Service as well as participation in the Mid-Atlantic Pythian Association as well as other charitable ventures.

New-term Grand Chancellor Greg Dix is reported to be full of new ideas, energy and enthusiasm; members are looking forward to his leadership



Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, right, passed the gavel of authority for Idaho to Grand Chancellor Chester Brown of Bonners Ferry. Brother Brown had earlier served in the office in 1994/1995 term.

CHESTER BROWN IDAHO GRAND CHANCELLOR

Idaho — With the Idaho grand sessions convening at Bonners Ferry in June, Grand Chancellor Clint Chamberlain had the pleasure to welcome Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, representing Supreme Chancellor Stephen Vickness. Grand Lodge business included the awarding of scholarships in subordinate lodges and financial assistance to the Boy Scout activities. Brother Saltzman gave details on the various Supreme Lodge programs and installed the new-term officers.



Jim White and Dovie Wright display their awards.

OUTSTANDING PYTHIANS HONORED

Texas — PSR Dovie Wright, Eleanor Temple and PC Jim White, Ft. Worth Lodge #101, were judged Outstanding Knight and Sister, during the Grand Lodge, Grand Temple sessions at Wichita Falls in June. Sister Wright, with 52 years of dedicated service to the Order, served as Grand Chief in the 1973-74 term and currently serves her temple as secretary. Brother Jim White serves his lodge as Financial Secretary and goes above and beyond in supporting the Pythian Order. Jim works with Special Olympics both as a Pythian and as a TXU employee. Ft. Worth lodge and temple are very proud of the honorees.



LODGE SUPPORTS MINOR BASEBALL

Ohio — Coach Clint Long, back row left, and his assistants pictured with members of the Knights of sponsored Pee Wee Baseball team in the Graham Youth Athletic Association. This was the first year of Knights of Pythias sponsorship in the Pee Wee level even though the Pythians have been sponsors for the past several years with T-Ball. The association consists of approximately 450 boys and girls ranging in age from six through 13 years of age. The sponsoring Knights of Pythias Lodge is Magrew #433 of Westville, of which coach Clint Long is an active member.



Part of the Contingent of Michigan Pythians who participated in the Michigan Special Olympics 2000.

PYTHIANS FIND JOY WORKING AT SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2000 EVENT

Michigan — On the beautiful campus of Central Michigan University in the middle of the State of Michigan, 6,000 athletes, volunteers, family and coaches gathered to participate in the Michigan Special Olympics 2000.

There were 3500 athletes, 600 volunteers and over 1900 parents and coaches all with one purpose in mind and that was to have a great time. Pythians arrived on June 1 and stayed until the final competition was completed on June 3rd.

Grand Chancellor Erwin M. Waldman observed as being Grand Chancellor, he and his wife felt compelled to attend and

participate, but after seeing the sheer joy and desire in the faces of the very special athletes they learned what Special Olympics is all about. It's about giving back to the community, love and friendship, and we look forward to coming back year after year.

Brother Waldman noted, just think how lucky most of us are to have healthy children and grandchildren and how lucky we are to be able to help others and bring them happiness. I say to each and every member of the Pythian Orders, get involved and it will bring you joy and a great sense of fulfillment.

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REORGANIZED DISTRICT HOLDS SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

Washington — DDGC Vicki Lindblad lowered the gavel to open the first annual Convention of District #2, under the reorganization of the Jurisdiction. The attending Sisters were excited about the prospects for the day and very pleased to have the presence of DDGC Irv Tiffany, representing the Knights of Pythias.

The volunteer staff performed impressive floor work for the initiation, which was followed by a demonstration of exemplifications by the Sisters of Subordinate Temples.

The Sisters enthusiastically tackled and completed the new by-laws and all of the business of the district. As rumored all attendees received a loaf of bread and coal candy, being representative of the historic town of Black Diamond, where the convention was hosted by Crescent Temple #12.

FUN EVENING

Wisconsin — A good attendance of members and guests enjoyed a Fun Evening of Bingo with some very nice prizes offered. The event was sponsored by Juneau Lodge #21, Milwaukee, with thanks to Bro. Bob Uecher who managed the games, obtained the prizes and arranged the lunch, with all enjoying hospitality, games, socializing.

PALMS WEST LODGE #222 INSTITUTED IN FLORIDA

Florida — The newest Lodge in Florida was honored by the presentation of its Warrant and a successful "3 Ranks in 1-night Initiation Class" during a May function, including the induction of six neophytes.

This was the culmination of years of work by a special Grand Lodge Committee, consisting of SDGC Reuben Barres, GOG Irving Margulies and PDGC Milton Mandel, appointed by Grand Chancellor Bruce Laster to form a new Pythian Lodge in the western portion of Palm Beach County.

Palms West Lodge #222, the generic name for the Village of Wellington and the surrounding area, celebrated their birth and inauguration in a big way. A "3 in 1 initiation class" was held at Palms West meeting hall, the Wellington Municipal Complex. Palm Beach/Rainbow Lodge #203 supplied the paraphernalia and administered the event under their Charter. The rank team, with assistance by grand lodge officers performed an excellent job.

Grand Chancellor Bruce Laster presented Chancellor Commander Ed Filowitz with the Lodge Warrant. Brother Filowitz was also accommodated for singly sponsoring 17 members for the lodge. Chancellor Commander Filowitz advised that in addition to the 36 members, four more neophytes were awaiting their initiation. Those in attendance were hosted with a sumptuous collation donated by SDGC Reuben Barres.

Grand Outer Guard Irving Margulies reports that Palms West Lodge #222 is on its way to becoming Florida's shining example of what the Pythian Order can still accomplish in the Y2K era, with officers and committees functioning in a true Pythian manner.



Pictured during the 17th annual presentation for Cystic Fibrosis Care, from left, PDGC Sir Dan Feigan, David N. Bellask, grand master at arms; Dr. Dorothy Bisberg, Director, Children's Hospital at the Beth.

\$17,500 PRESENTATION BY NEW JERSEY PYTHIANS

New Jersey — Many Pythians and guests attended the 17th annual presentation to the Knights of Pythias Cystic Fibrosis Children's Center at the Children's Hospital at the Beth, Newark as part of the St. Barnabas Healthcare System, where \$17,500 was donated.

The program featured a brunch, remarks by Dorothy Bisberg, M.D., Director; Foundation President David N. Bellask and PC David Englander, "We Care" chairman, with PDSC Sir Dan

Feigan as master of ceremonies.

An additional generous contribution was made by the Ladies Auxiliary of Community Lodge. Eight crocheted quilts were presented on behalf of the Pine Needlers Crochet Guild, by Rochelle Bellask.

The day concluded with the dedication of an inscription on the Tree of Life sculpture in memory of PDSC Sir Norman Wolf and Gertrude Wolf, unveiled by Leonard Wolf.



Accepting the keys for the new 15-passenger van, for the California Pythian Youth Camp, Grand Junior Pegge Davis, Camp President Steve Greenup and MEC Kay Larson, seated.

CALIFORNIA TEMPLE DONATES \$9,000

Faced with a problem of having to give up the charter of Harbor Temple #62 of Long Beach, Most Excellent Chief at the time, Kay Larson, and members designated funds in amount of \$9,000 for purchase of a passenger van, for the Pythian Youth Camp. The funds were presented at a charity luncheon during the Grand Temple sessions at Visalia, in May, as they welcomed the President of the Pythian Youth Camp and Children's Welfare Foundation.

For the first time, California sessions were held by Pythian Sisters only, reporting that the events were successful, under the leadership of Grand Chief Dorothy Monroe, enjoying a full scope of business and social activities.

New-term grand temple officers are: Sally Kamensky, grand chief; PSC Geri Worley, grand senior; Pegge Davis, grand junior; Muriel Lightfoot, grand manager; Toni Mendez, grand secretary; Jo Ann Gotcher, grand treasurer; Mickey Harris, grand protector; Verbel Sweet, grand guard. Sister Kamensky's motto is "Slow but Sure". She is selling turtles for her projects.

GLIMPSES FROM THE PAST . . .

MAMMOTH CENTENNIAL EVENT PLANNED

(1975) . . . a news article by supreme Secretary Jule O. Pritchard, brought to attention that 1976 would mark a special Bicentennial Program to take place throughout the supreme domain with special initiation classes. The seven domains in and around Washington, D.C., will have a huge affair on Feb. 21, 1976.



Dignitaries present for the occasion of institution of Franklin Lodge #2000, at Vineland, from left, Chancellor Commander Anthony Falciani; Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant, KGS of Pennsylvania; Grand Chancellor Allen S. Kornfeld; DSC Richard Boates of Pennsylvania; PC Justin Falciani; Membership Chairman PGC Joel D. Fierstien, KGS.

NEW JERSEY CHARTERS NEW LODGE

New Jersey — A new lodge was instituted at Vineland on August 30th with the presence of Grand Chancellor Allen S. Kornfeld. The Rathbone Bible was used in the ceremonies.

New Brothers were welcomed into the Order with a team conferring the Ranks, led by PDSC Sir Dan Feigan, followed by installation of officers which was conducted by Grand Chancellor Kornfeld.

Among the numerous members helping in the formation of the new lodge were Al Weinberg, Justin Falciani, Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant of Pennsylvania, DSC Richard Boates of Pennsylvania, Brothers of Faraday Lodge in Wharton, Pennsylvania and PGC Joel D. Fierstien, KGS.

The achievement required a blend of patience, perseverance, cooperation, foresight, dedication, leadership, initiative, planning, promotion and luck.

Vineland Lodge #152 existed from 1900 until 1959; PSR Gilbert Smith, who died in



Part of the newly-initiated class with the Rathbone Bible.

1996, of that lodge was Grand Chancellor in 1932 and was included in the New Jersey section of PDSC Michael Carr's 'Fourteen Decades of Brotherhood.'

Membership Chairman, Joel D. Fierstien, KGS, observed, starting this lodge was one of the most exciting events in the New Jersey Domain in recent years. The return of

Pythianism to an area where Pythianism had been dormant for 40 years, is a fabulous opportunity across southern New Jersey from the Delaware River to the ocean. With unlimited potential, this beacon brightly beams enthusiasm and inspiration eastward to the Atlantic City area and throughout the Domain and the Order.



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Grand Chancellor Joel Begensfeld, center, holds the Genesis Gavel Award. Onlookers are Chancellor Commander Don Weiss, PGC Sir William Rubin, PDSC Sir Sol E. Levin and PSR Sir Milton Schultz.

SPECIAL GAVEL AND ROBES IS CONVENTION TRADITION

New York — When Grand Chancellor Sir Joel Bergenfeld opened the June sessions of the New York Grand Convention, he had the best wishes of the entire domain. However, three lodges and one district extended good wishes in a material way.

He called the Convention to order with the Genesis Lodge Gavel, symbolic of the sword of the Commander. He wore the "Robes of a Chancellor", the Blue Jacket from the 46th Pythian District and the Red Jacket from Mid Island Lodge. This was topped by the Red Collar from Excelsior Lodge, being Ermine for the "Robes of a Chancellor".

These traditional presentations go back 25 or more years when the officers of Mid Island Lodge stopped wearing Tuxedos and wore the Red Jackets. The Gavel originated as the 37th Pythian District Gavel Award and the Collar came from the 38th Pythian District. Tradition lives on in the Pythian Order.

An interesting side note is that the Grand Chancellor informs the Past Grand Chancellors of the order in which he will wear the red and blue jackets and they coordinate with him.



Hroch, Zvolanek Honored

Nebraska — Ingomar Lodge #142 in Wilber honored Charles Hroch, left, and Joe Zvolanek at a dinner with recognition of their long-time membership and dedications to the Lodge and the Order. Hroch received a certificate and plaque in recognition of 65-year membership. Zvolanek was presented with 50-year membership credentials. Zvolanek has served the lodge as Chancellor Commander; the Grand Lodge as Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary and Supreme Representative.

Friends, family, Pythian Sisters were in attendance. Grand Chancellor Robert Vocasek was making an official visit as well as visitation by Grand Chief Pegge Hormandl.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES

Massachusetts — Brothers and Sisters of Cape Cod Lodge #129 and Criterion Temple #85 held a breakfast social, followed by a gathering at the Stone, West Dennis Cemetery. Each organization read their Memorial Service and placed Myrtle on the Triangle or Maltese Cross in memory of departed members whose names were read.

Dandy's FAMILY RESTAURANT



PLAQUE OF ACHIEVEMENT

New Brunswick — PGC Elizabeth Moore, right, chairman for the Pythian Sisters Cerebral Palsy fund raising in the Maritimes, presented Dandy's Family Restaurant with a Plaque of Achievement in Sussex. The management allows the Pythians to place a collection canister by the cash register, the year round, where they realize a sizeable amount of collections from the restaurant clients.



\$40,000 MASSACHUSETTS SUPPORT FOR UCP

Massachusetts — On July 11th, Massachusetts Pythians were invited to a reception sponsored by the United Cerebral Palsy Association aboard the British Ship, Lord Nelson, when it visited the port of Boston as one of the Tall Ships.

Highlight of the occasion was the presentation of a check to United Cerebral Palsy for \$40,000, which was the result of the ongoing canister program that has been an important project in Massachusetts

since it was started by the late PSR Helen Teplitz.

Pythians present for the occasion were photographed beside the ship, from left, front, PSR Lucy Brown, SR Marion Stevenson, SR Allen S. Morris, PC Edmund Wetterwald, SR Audrey Wetterwald, Ruth Saltzman. At rear, from left, PC Edgar Packard, Nancy Snyder, PGC Donna Lawler, SS Alfred Saltzman, PGC Marjorie Anderson.



WELCOME LODGE PROGRAM HONORS EAGLE SCOUTS

Florida — Welcome Lodge #9, Deland, held an anniversary evening featuring the members of the Lodge who had attained the rank of Eagle Scout. Veteran members were recognized, including PSR Robert G. Summers, a member of the lodge for 70 years, and Major Chandler Holmes Sharon, Jr., Prelate, an Eagle Scout for 40 years.

The lodge also initiated an Eagle Scout, Brother Patrick Green in the Rank of Knight,

and heard a presentation from him on the details of the Scouting program. The Chancellor Commander described the importance of the Eagle Scout mission to the Supreme Lodge, Order Knights of Pythias, and the parallels between the Scouting program and the lessons of the Order: Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

The lodge presently has three Eagle Scouts among its membership, and actively seeks to support this program in various local communities as part of the Supreme Lodge program. Welcome Lodge is the oldest lodge in the Grand Domain of Florida and enjoys the honor of having had amongst its members a U.S. Senator, The Hon. Park Trammel (D-Florida) in the 1920's.

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From left, PGC Jack Yeoumans; PGC Robert Palmer, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary Richard Beck.



CATHELEN TRUEBLOOD
Indiana Grand Chief

INDIANA GRAND TEMPLE HOLDS ANNUAL SESSIONS

The 11th convention of the Grand Temple convened, in July, at the Radison Inn at Lafayette with Grand Chief Jill Unger-Moder presiding over the business sessions. Activities included a meeting with School of Instructions.

Joint activities with the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias included a banquet with presentation of awards followed by an amount of humor with members performing a Talent Show.

Grand Chief Cathleen Trueblood announced her motto of 'Look to the Rainbow'. She appointed Kathleen Conway as grand temple mother and Florabelle Etchison as grand temple grandmother.

POET'S CORNER

THE UPS AND DOWNS

I feel the wind upon my face
and wavelets playfully embrace
my ship to push us on,
in skies of blue to sail along

I feel the rain upon my face
and stormy seas my ship embrace
to toss my fragile hull about,
insinuating fears and hope and doubt.

With Ups and Downs in life's true quest,
I take the ugly and the best,
For what we see and feel within,
makes life's short journey int'resting.

(Matthew Beaugrand, Penticton, B.C.)

A PYTHIAN

A Page is but a youthful guide,
An Esquire bears the shield,
The Knight, the holder of the Sword,
Has pledged it, not to yield.

Regardless of the rank they hold,
Their words are sacred rights,
This caring for their fellow man,
Has soared them to the heights.

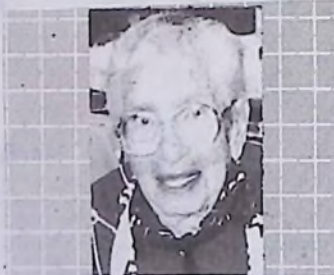
So Brother Knight, you have the right,
To hold your head up high,
The Pythians, a sacred trust,
Which no man can deny.

(William Solomon, San Diego, CA)

TWO IDAHO MEMBERS HONORED FOR THEIR LONG-TIME SERVICE

Idaho — A special presentation took place during the Idaho Grand Sessions, at Bonners Ferry, when Grand Secretary Richard Beck extended thanks on behalf of the Grand Lodge to PGC Jack Yeoumans and PSR Robert Palmer. The honorees received individual plaques and a watch bracelet with Pythian logos.

Brother Palmer, has been serving in the office of Grand Treasurer for better than 43 years. Brother Yeoumans, as one of the youngest to serve the Domain as Grand Chancellor in 1971, has been serving as Grand Secretary since 1988 before illness in the family caused his resignation at the first of this year.



MARKING 102ND BIRTHDAY

New York — Goldie Halpern, born Sept. 30, 1898, was certified as Past Chief of Barbara Fricthe Temple, December, 1954. Her sons, Nat and Saul are Life Members of the Pythian Order. With residing at the Menora Home in Brooklyn, visitations give her the kind of day she truly enjoys. The entire Pythian Order wishes her well.



Rosie Samter, left and her sister, Naomi, as they entertained a Pythian audience.

YOUTH ENTERTAINERS

During the banquet at Idaho's Grand Convention, members were royally entertained with a violin concert by the Samter sisters, as they presented a variety of classical and popular music plus a few 'golden oldies'.

The girls were home-schooled until the fall of 1999 when they entered the public school system. Naomi was just three when the girls started taking violin lessons. They and their class have successfully entered several competitions.

Idaho Grand Lodge and Acme Lodge #15 of Bonners Ferry each presented checks for \$150 towards expenses to a competition and Acme Lodge helped sponsor an earlier competition.

GRAND OFFICERS RECEPTION

Massachusetts — Stoughton Lodge #150 and Watertown Temple #72 sponsored a banquet and reception in honor of Grand Chancellor Rudolph Mederios and Grand Chief Lori Anderson, at Albert's Restaurant in Stoughton. Members and guests enjoyed a banquet, entertainment and dancing and an evening of good fellowship.



From left, PC Helen Wright, Grand Chief Norma Crawford, PC Katrene Robinson, MEC Norma Calhoun, PC Dorothy P. Lawson.

PRESENTATIONS OF LIFE MEMBERSHIPS, 40-YEAR AND 25-YEAR AWARDS

New Brunswick — On the special occasion of visitation to Saxby Temple #25 of Riverview, by Grand Chief Norma Crawford, members enjoyed a supper prior to the meeting which featured awards to long-time members. Life memberships were presented to Sisters Helen Wright, Katrene Robinson and Dorothy P. Lawson.

40-year membership recognition was presented to PSR Margaret Heighton as well as 25-year credentials to Sisters Mildred Jonah, PC and Dorothy Perks, PC. Each of the honorees were presented with a bouquet of long-stem roses.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PYTHIANS SHOW PRIDE WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS

California — A June event, featured the 2000 Special Olympic Summer Games of Southern California held at State University Long Beach. Knights and Sisters from Pasadena, Tustin, Beverly Hills, Gov. Frank Merriman, Lakewood-Long Beach and Eleanor Roosevelt lodge and temple showed their Pythian Pride and volunteered their services as delegation escorts, coaches and referees. Pythians, with supporters, worked hands on with three chapters of Athletes from San Gabriel, Temecula and Ventura County.

Brother Dan Cowan (now Supreme Outer Guard), the Pythian volunteer coordinator, went above and beyond the call of duty in that finding out that an Athlete from the team he was escorting was to be filmed by FOX SportsNet West, wearing his Uniting the World Special Olympics/Knights of Pythias shirt, approached the film crew, introduced himself and the Pythian Order, and asked what his chances for an interview on behalf of the Pythians would be. Wish granted.

Brother Dan was given a 10-minute interview on camera and an additional five minutes of footage of 'hands on' with the Athletes. Dan was asked to be a referee for the Bocce championship games. Popularity of the Honor an Athlete Coin, used for the coin toss brought much interest by parents, coaches and athletes.

Brother Cowan observed, you want warm and fuzzy? Wear your Pythian shirts, caps, jackets, logos, etc., to Special Olympics events and members will receive hours filled with warm and fuzzy feelings with every smile shared with the Special Athletes.



Margaret Heighton.



HENRY AND ADELL TAYLOR TAYLOR'S CELEBRATE 55 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Washington — Congratulations are extended to Henry and Adell Taylor of Glenoma, both active Pythians, on celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. The couple lived in Seattle for 48 years before moving to Glenoma seven years ago.

Brother Henry, a 26-year member, worked as manager for a grocery company for 41 years. He also has membership with the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge.

Sister Adell, a 36-year Pythian Sister member, served the Washington Jurisdiction as grand chief and Supreme Representative. She worked for Sears Roebuck for 32 years and has membership with the American Legion Auxiliary. They are blessed with eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



Judge Arthur Fort, presenting Texas Poster Contest award of \$500 to Lindsay Latting.

POSTER CONTEST, HONOR AWARDS MADE DURING TEXAS GRAND SESSIONS

Texas — Grand Vice Chancellor Judge Arthur Fort presented Lindsay Latting, a White Oak High School student, with a \$500 check on her winning first place in the Knights of Pythias of Texas sponsored Poster Contest. In the state contest, posters submitted from Longview Lodge #26, walked off with all the prize money.

Additional winners were: 2nd, Danielle Houck, \$300; 3rd, Glen Boiles, \$200. All of the posters were made by students of White Oak High School. The theme of the poster contest was the Millennium, Boom or Bust, which presented a challenge to the students to use their imagination in the contest.

The 127th session of the Texas Grand Lodge convened in June, at Wichita Falls. Judge Arthur Fort of Longview Lodge #26, was elected to office of Grand Vice Chancellor. In addition, Fort was given the award for Outstanding Secretary of the state among the lodges and won first place in the Individual Ritualistic Work.

RECEPTION HELD TO HONOR GRAND CHIEF JANET SMITH

New Hampshire — 'Better Later than Never' . . . this could not have been truer in the case of Grand Chief Janet Smith. Due to an accident last fall, a reception could not be held in her honor.

Plans were then made for a reception in June, held at Trinity Temple #17, Plaistow. As it was her homecoming visit, it was an appropriate celebration to honor Grand Chief Janet.

The Knights presented a beautiful floral arrangement. A large showing of Sisters from Temples were there to join in the celebration. PSR Edwin Wright, as master of ceremonies, called on dignitaries for messages. Brother Wright honored Lin Furbish with presentation of 50-year membership credentials. All enjoyed a light supper, dessert.

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groups to join. Strive to institute new Junior Order Chapters (15 – members) in each domain using the Buddy System to secure new members with an adult advisor and a sponsoring lodge.

The sum of \$100 and a "supply kit" will be awarded to each new Junior Order Chapter chartered. A free Junior Order promotional packet is available from the supreme secretary office on request.

POSTER CONTEST

The Poster Contest reinstated, titled, "Avoid Violence in Schools" for high school students with appropriate prizes. Contact supreme secretary for details.

RATHBONE HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Shrine of Memory of Justus H. Rathbone was re-dedicated in August, 1999, in Utica, New York. Paver blocks are still available to honor outstanding Pythians, lodges and temples at various cost. You can continue to recognize your dedicated and deserving loved ones through purchasing of a "Paver Block" in their honor. Enroll today, become a Rathbone heritage Society Member.

COMMUNICATIONS

Help open the door for improved communications in our order. We must improve communications from top to bottom. We will continue our effort for better communications between the Supreme Lodge, Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodges.

We will promote the Pythian International, e-mail, newsletters, and personal contact in addition to our normal correspondence and telephone services. We'll strive to improve communications and cooperation among the Knights, Dokies, Sisters and Nomads. To offer and provide assistance to weak domains as possible. To provide and expand member benefits and fundraising program opportunities.

- **PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL** We will continue to solicit new subscriptions from our members. Each new member will receive a free one year subscription to the Pythian International. We will continue to explore ways to make the Pythian International more attractive and appealing to each member at a reasonable cost.

Supreme Officers are urged to contribute informative articles and each lodge is asked to promote current activities.

- **E-MAIL** — We Will continue to upgrade the world wide web internet services.

- **NEWSLETTERS** — I urge each grand and subordinate lodge to look for ways to provide improved communications to keep our membership informed. Promote meetings and special events thru newsletters,

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newspapers and electronic media.

- **PERSONAL CONTACT** — I believe one on one contact is the best method to recruit new members. Just ASK a prospect, promote and tell the Pythian story. Each lodge is asked to become involved in local community activities of your choice. We will recognize outstanding service and performance with appropriate awards.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

We will strive to improve public awareness of our order. A new public relations program will be developed to promote our public image nationally using all the available media outlets. We must be proud to be a Pythian and tell our story to the world and advertise who we are and what we are about.

DEPUTY SUPREME CHANCELLORS

A Deputy Supreme Chancellor will be appointed for each domain to promote the Supreme Chancellors program and serve as a liaison between the Supreme Lodge and Grand Lodge. A new Deputy Supreme Chancellor manual will be provided each deputy. The Deputy Supreme Chancellor will make written reports of their domain's activity to the Chief Deputy Supreme Chancellor as scheduled.

Let's get back to the basics, make a commitment, tell the Pythian story, ASK a prospect to join your lodge. We will keep our word and do what we say, we will be fair, honest and treat each other with respect. I want to thank you for your confidence in electing me to this high office. With all of us working together as a team I know we can attain our goal to increase membership.

CITATION OF HONOR FOR STEVEN GROGER

New York — Brother Steven Groger, a member of United Queens Lodge #777, serving as vice president of the 52nd District Handicapped Children's Committee, has been awarded a Citation of Honor by the Task Force on Persons with Disabilities.

Brother Groger carries out roles of driver for the Inta-Boro Two Way Radio Assoc. Inc; recognized by the Queens Borough President's Task Force on Persons with Disabilities of this work with the Knights of Pythians Handicapped Children's Committee for the Association for the Advancement of Blind and Retarded and Queens Special Olympics.

Brother Groger is involved "Because I want to see these people to laugh and to smile. I want them to kick up their heels and to feel great. I want to make their day. This is what I enjoy".

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LINDELL W. (Pete) PETERSON, KGS

Ohio — The Pythian Order has suffered a great loss on the passing of PSR Lindell W. (Pete) Peterson, KGS, on August 9th, who has been serving as a Supreme Foundation Trustee. Brother Peterson served as a Foundation Trustee diligently and faithfully, and as secretary at time of passing.



Graduated from Cable High School, Cable, Ohio; served in the United States Army Air Force during World War II; followed employment in manufacturing management.

Joined the Pythian Order in 1947, Ingomar Lodge #610, Springfield; served in offices and committee functions in subordinate and grand lodge, serving as Grand Chancellor in 1977; was awarded the Degree of the Golden Spur in 1978. Also had membership with DOKK, Nomads, Pythian Sisters, Masons and Eastern Star.

Brother Pete and his late wife, Mary, PSR, co-chaired the successful Supreme Convention at Cincinnati, in 1990. Son, Terrance and Daughter, Vicki are members of the Order. Pete was an unsuccessful candidate for office of Supreme Master at Arms in 1986.

Due to the passing of Brother Peterson, Supreme Chancellor Bro. Bobby Crowe, has appointed Tennessee Supreme Representative J. B. Walker to the Supreme Lodge Foundation. Brother Walker, banker by profession and longtime Supreme Lodge Finance Committee member will bring a wealth of experience to the Foundation Trustees.

Besides being involved with the Knights of Pythias and Special Olympics, he is also active with three animal rescue shelters and Eyes for the Needy, which collects used or donated eyeglasses; as well as any other donations that he can obtain.

"With the help of my crew from the Knights of Pythias, I organize about seven parties a year, obtaining donations from different manufacturers and distributors, including pizza and soda. I even bring in a DJ, because they love to dance."

WIN . . . cash prizes . . . WIN

Ohio — A Pythian fund raiser by Cuyahoga County Pythian Convention Committee, is offered for a \$20.00 donation you receive a number calendar. The 3-digit number is to be compared to the number drawn by the Evening Ohio Daily Lottery Pick-3, between Oct. 1, 2000 and March 31, 2001. When/if you win the cash prize will be sent automatically. To participate, make your check out to "CCPCC", mail to Ron Kiessling, 19 Schubert's, Olmsted Twp, OH 44138, you'll get your calendar and then you're set to have 155 chances to win for only \$20, six months of fun for less than 13 cents a day.

LARGE ATTENDANCE FOR UNVEILING OF REFURBISHED STATUE

Ohio — Fraternalism has come to mean: "What can I do for my fellowman; how can I make his life happier and bring to him some of the sunshine that he has been denied?"

It was with much of this thought in mind that a resolution was presented by R. F. Casebeer of Hicksville Lodge #244, and approved by the grand lodge at its convention in 1907, paving the way for the purchase of the P. P. Mast property at 901 West High Street, Springfield. The purchase was for the establishing a "Home for Aged Pythians."

The home was ready for occupancy on October 3, 1915. A dedicatory program was observed, with an address given by William Beatty, of Toledo, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. This has been reported as the largest gathering of any kind ever in Springfield. Pythians and friends were present from all over the country.

On August 12, the Ohio Pythian Home, now referred to as "Castle Knoll", celebrated its 85th year, with a picnic as Pythians and guests gathered from throughout Ohio for the occasion.

Events included a short program with welcome by Wayne Davis, administrator. The welcome included a short history of the home. A proclamation by the Mayor of Springfield was read and presented.

An earlier fund-raiser to refurbish the Beatty Statue had been successful with thanks to Lenape Lodge #29 and the Cuyahoga County Pythian Bowling Committee for their large donations together

Idaho Left With Two Temples

With the majority of members being senior citizens and various health problems, which seem to go hand-in-hand with "Our Golden Years", are preventing attendance and participation at Pythian events.

Being unable to have more than two temples, Idaho Jurisdiction has surrendered their Charter. All efforts to reinstate or institute another subordinate temple has been unsuccessful, as did a plan to merge with another Grand Jurisdiction.

Syringa Temple #4 at Bonners Ferry and Evergreen Temple #11 at Kellogg, have retained their charters and have gone under the direct jurisdiction of Supreme Temple.



The William Beatty Statue after the unveiling.

with thanks for all other contributions. Grand Chancellor Paul Bragg had the honor of unveiling the Statue. Everyone was quite satisfied with the finished product.

Activities included free carriage rides and conducted tours throughout the home. The food served was at the prices of 85 years ago. It was a great day for everyone that attended.

Past Grand Chiefs Meet

Iowa — The Past Grand Chiefs Council met with a banquet during the Iowa Grand Sessions. Special guests included Supreme Chief Joyce Wright of New Hampshire, along with Supreme Manager Audrey Wheat and her mother, Glenellen Wheat of Missouri and PGC Jill Unger of Indiana. President Nancy Hall presided over the business. Bonnie Fox of Wheatland is the new term president.

A SPECIAL OLYMPICS

EVENT in Vernon, British Columbia, received Knights of Pythias support, in June, as DDGC Fred Wernicke, right, and a crew of Charlie French, Tony Kuhn, served up hamburgers to more than 100 Special Olympic baseball players from Vernon, Kamloops, Quesnel, Williams Lake, Kelowna and Prince George.

PYTHIAN PROSE

by GEORGE FOX, KGS, SR
Texas Grand Secretary

THE MYSTERIES OF FRATERNAL JEWELRY

I have been asked many times about the curious skull and bones symbol on the older forms of fraternal jewelry. If you have ever seen antique watch fobs, rings or certain medals of the Pythian Order, the skull and bones appear. Why?

I never have found anything dangerous about joining a secret order. As far as I know, there has never been a Fraternal Order of Pirates, so what was the reason?

Here are the facts as I see them. The earliest use of this symbol, to save space I will call it S&B, that I have found, is in both the York and Scottish Rites of the Masonic Lodge. The S&B was used to represent the mortality of man and the inevitability of death. I have seen a miniature Cross of the Crucifixion, used in York Rite teachings, that dates long before the Pythian Order started. On the base is the S&B.

Lodge jewelry sanctioned by governing bodies such as the Pythian Supreme Lodge, did not have the symbol. It appears mainly on personal items that were made and sold by jewelry stores, the exceptions being the Masons and Knights of Columbus, and then only rarely.

Fraternal orders were notorious for pirating each other's emblems. If something looked especially good on one lodge's jewelry, it soon appeared on someone else's jewelry. The Masonic "All Seeing Eye", the clasped hands, and the cross and crown seemed to be everywhere.

Between 1890 and 1930, lodge jewelry was made at an unbelievable rate. Competition was stiff. The jewelry had to be attractive. A jeweler of that time had many pre-manufactured parts to choose from. He might select a gold Maltese cross to start with. On the front he could add any one of many lodge emblems, let's say he used the Pythian FCB logo. In another bin he had some S&B to solder on somewhere. On the back, he might select a Uniform Rank Lily with swords. Then he would attach a hinged knight's helmet and falcon to the top, and he had a Pythian watch fob. He used the same process for other lodge's items.

The S&B symbol attracted attention and must have sold well. Originally used to emphasize teachings on the mortality of man, I believe it later stood for nothing in particular, only a gimmick. After 1930 or so, the S&B suddenly disappeared.

Interestingly, I have seen many pieces of jewelry from Pythian Sisters, Eastern Star, Rebecca, and some of the other ladies organizations, without ever noticing any use of the S&B. It must have been a guy thing.



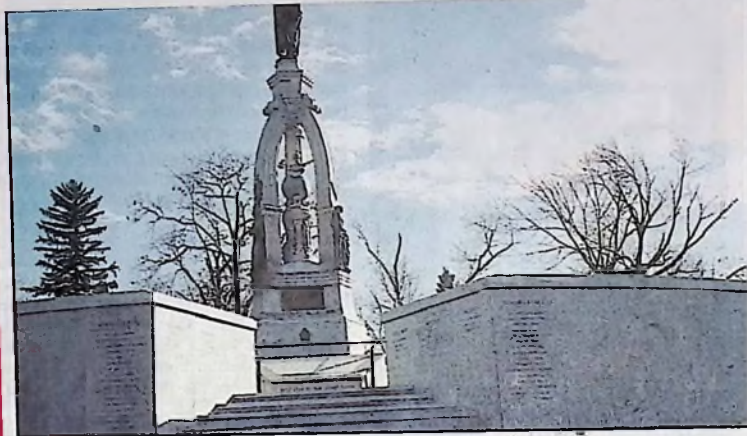
RATHBONE MEMORIAL & SHRINE

COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Rathbone Heritage Society gives opportunities for Knights, Sisters, their relatives, Lodges, Temples, Grand Lodges and Grand Temples to be able to have their names placed at one of the designated gift areas and be enrolled in the Society as a member and be recognized in perpetuity. A special reception for all Rathbone Heritage Society members will be held at each Supreme Lodge Convention.

The monument, a shrine memorializing our founder, Justus Henry Rathbone, stands 40 feet tall within a 100-foot diameter plot overlooking the beautiful Mohawk Valley of New Forest Cemetery at Utica, in upstate New York. The monument contains the graves of Justus H. Rathbone and his wife, Emma.

The Rathbone Heritage Society are urging for further subscriptions towards purchase of Paver Blocks and space portions on the granite panels. All funds generated to the project now go into the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias Foundation.



"WALK OF HONOR" PAVER BLOCKS

For a \$200 contribution, a 4" by 8" Paver can be engraved with the name and/or words you choose. Your personal "Walk of Honor" Paver will become part of the permanent pathway at the foot of the 40' Rathbone Monument in Utica, New York. For an additional \$125 you can share the same Paver with another. Add additional \$20 for a third line or First Row Paver are available for \$500.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS FOUNDATION

Rathbone Heritage Society

(I/We/The) _____ wish(es) to enroll in the Rathbone Heritage Society. A gift in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ gift opportunity is being made to commemorate or memorialize _____ of the Domain of _____ (print exactly as you wish it to appear). Indicate highest Pythian rank if an individual: _____

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