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Supreme Chancellor Edwin E. Altman, KGS, and Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker, are looking forward to pleasures of greeting the many Pythians that will converge in the City of Albany, New York, for the 1998 biennial Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple sessions.

The opening ceremonies, a memorial service and banquet will be held on Sunday, August 2nd; the convention will conclude with installations of officers and a banquet on Wednesday, August 5th.

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## PYTHIAN PROSE

by GEORGE FOX, KGS, SR  
*Texas Grand Secretary*

As I grow older, I spend an increasing amount of time looking for things. I am not looking to discover or invent things, but to find where I put them. Recently, a search of my desk resulted in the resurrection of a newspaper article dated January, 1996, Titled "Civic-Mindlessness", it was authored by Robert D. Putnam, director of the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

Mr. Putnam discusses the puzzling social isolation common to the generations born since 1950. Those citizens, as a rule, read newspapers less often, vote less often and do not commonly join organizations of any kind where social interaction is a requirement.

To illustrate his point, Mr. Putnam points out that in 1996 more Americans were bowling than ever before, but membership in bowling leagues was down by 40 percent. The only organizations showing any growth are those where "membership" is attained by writing a check.

More disturbing, Americans no longer trust each other as they once did. The number of people who agree that most persons can be trusted fell from 58% in 1960 to 35% in 1994, a startling drop.

Recently, one of our members asked a young man if he would be interested in becoming a member of a group where you could anonymously leave a ten dollar bill on one of the chairs and find that a week later the bill would still be there. The young man was so impressed that he joined that lodge. Has common honesty become such a rarity?

The above facts brought forth in Mr. Putnam's article certainly have a direct bearing on the plight of our lodges today, but we cannot automatically jump to the conclusion that the younger generation is at fault for our lack of new member. It is best to forget all that stuff.

The days when men lined up to ask for membership are long gone but there is much good material out there if we search. We have to ask!!

A man cannot be guilty of failure to help until he has refused an invitation to join. How long has it been since you made such an invitation? That's too long, partner.



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## Grand Secretaries, Grand Treasurers Breakfast Meeting

The International Association of Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers of the Knights of Pythias will hold their 48th Biennial meeting at the Omni Albany Hotel, New York, on Sunday, August 2nd, in connection with the Supreme Lodge Convention.

The breakfast meeting will commence at 7 a.m. (note new time) in arranging for members to participate with the bus tour to the Rathbone Memorial and Shrine at Utica. Wives and lady friends are welcome to the breakfast part of the program.

The meeting offers Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers the opportunity to meet with your peers and exchange ideas; learn about other domain programs and opportunity to discuss business that will be brought on the convention floor.

The breakfast cost is \$15.00; Dues for 1999-2000 is \$10.00. Please forward reservations and dues money to George Ntiros, sec/treas., 14242 Briarwood Terrace, Rockville, Maryland 20853.

## NOW IS THE TIME . . .



VICKNESS

by STEPHEN VICKNESS, *Supreme Vice Chancellor*

NOW IS THE TIME for ALL good Pythians to come to the aid of our Order. Our Supreme Lodge Convention is just a month away and NOW IS THE TIME to prepare ourselves for the future of the Order Knights of Pythias.

So just how do we prepare ourselves for our future? To begin with, we start AND leave the convention on a positive. We come together at our Supreme Lodge Convention to further our goals. We work together, all Domains, big or small, side by side, to increase our membership and promote the Friendship we all talk about, but some do not practice.

We, the leaders of the order, you Supreme Council and your Supreme Representatives, agree to set the standard by practicing what we preach. By leading the way by example and NOT allowing old wounds to surface. By seeing to it that a constructive convention is had. NOW IS THE TIME to see that legislation for THE GOOD OF THE ORDER is presented in Albany.

And yes, if elected as your Supreme Chancellor, NOW IS THE TIME to unveil a WARM AND FUZZY. I am quite proud to be the son of a man, I, like many of you, respected for his devotion to our Order. And love for

mankind. PSC Victor Vickness always taught his sons of the great things that our fraternity has done for over one hundred and twenty five years for our respective communities. He bragged about the love Pythian Brothers shared no matter the Domain, no matter the lodge. I still feel that enthusiasm.

In the spirit of all of our great past leaders, NOW IS THE TIME to rededicate ourselves to a better, brighter Knights of Pythias. To let the world know who we are and what we stand for,

**NOW IS THE TIME!**

## THANKS FOR ALL HELP IN SUPPORTING U.C.P.

by JILL UNGER-MODER  
*Pythian Sister / UCP Chairman*

As the time for supreme sessions are coming near, my position as national chairman for the Pythian Sisters is coming to an end.

As of this date, we have raised \$4,482.54 towards the "Saddle Fund" and \$3,716 from sales of suncatchers with Supreme Chief Mary Chelf 'Let a Smile be Your Umbrella' emblem. Suncatchers will be available in the Craft Room at time of the Convention.

Each Chairman of the various Jurisdictions have been most helpful and each have been a joy to work with. May we all enjoy the UCP 'surprise' that will take place at Albany, New York . . . we will have a wonderful time with that surprise.

Fund raising on behalf of this altruistic program has been carried out by means of

## MORE MONEY DONATED FOR IOWA PROJECT

Iowa — The special project for Iowa Pythians support for 1996-97 was Camp Courageous. During the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple banquet, last Sept., more than \$7,000 was presented to Charley Becker, director of the camp. A \$588 was supplied to the camp recreation program book sales.

Pythians had also been used for kidney dial had collected more than fine work is a tribute all over the state.



collections from canisters, bowling tournaments, duck races, ticket sales and other numerous projects, as well as generosity of our Sister's heart which continue to help individuals who are afflicted with Cerebral Palsy which continues to affect people's lives.

Please keep up the good work and may God keep an eye on us all.

### NEXT ISSUE

Copy deadline for the next issue of the Pythian International is August 15th . . . please report copy material as it happens; pictures must be of good quality.

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## CHARITABLE WORKER

Stephanie Pierce, a member of Rainbow Temple #88, Bothell, Washington, presented a \$5,000 grant to the Vets Affairs medical Center and University of Washington Alzheimers Disease Research Center.

Stephanie raised the money by selling homemade pies at Bingo Games and Recycling Aluminum Cans.



From left, Ida Timpone, grand junior; Susan Fuirst, Founder and Chairperson of 'Women at Risk'; Rhoda L. Halfon, grand chief; Toby Skier, grand guard.

### GENEROUS CHARITY SUPPORT IN NEW YORK

What are we Pythians all about? Of course, we're about friendship . . . compassion . . . fraternity . . . having good times . . . but mostly we're about helping make this world just a little bit better. As a case in point, recently our Grand Chief Rhoda Halfon met with, and presented a \$2,000 check to Susan Fuirst, Founder and Chairperson of Women At Risk ("WAR"). These funds, from Grand Temple of the State of New York, will help fund research on the cause and treatment of breast cancer.

### COME, ENJOY SUPREME CONVENTION

Grand Press Correspondent Judith Bernstein, observes that, we New York Pythian Sisters are working feverishly (but having lots of fun) preparing for the Supreme Convention. Nothing has been spared. Our top singers and dancers have been lined up, clever shows are being rehearsed, extravagant galas planned. Cordiality and hospitality are priorities. We want all attending Sisters and Brothers to have a fabulous time while here in our great State. PLEASE JOIN US!



### KNIGHTS AND DOKEYS WORKING TOGETHER

New Brunswick — Tidabora Temple #259 of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan along with Cumberland Lodge #5, Knights of Pythias presented Brother Warren Johnson with a wheelchair. A resident of DuMarais of Dieppe Home, he is pictured with, from left, GVC MacKay Smith, PGC Brian McGuire who serves as Deputy Imperial Prince of the DOKK, Social Worker Louisette Chiasson at the DuMont Hospital and Occupational Therapist Yona Landry.

## Maritime Regional Conference

Nova Scotia — Knights and Pythian Sisters gathered at Amherst for the spring sessions of the annual Regional Conference of business and social workings held by the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple.

Grand Chancellor Archie Scott welcomed all to the sessions and showed the new Pythian Video. Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson answered questions pertaining to the Video.

Brother Dickinson conducted a class of instructions on the duties and workings of the District Deputy Grand Chancellors and the Deputy Grand Chancellors. This was followed with information on the proper manner to address the chair and to ask questions in general; discussed proper procedure to carry out suspensions. All queries were answered with details as to where the answers may be found in the books.

Following the meetings, members and guests gathered for an enjoyable banquet; introductions of subordinate, past and present grand officers took place. Grand Chancellor Archie Scott presented a 60-year certificate to Ray Kelligrew; drawings took place including winners of door prizes.

Guest speaker was Joe Duprey, an ex-RCM Police Officer and now a member of the Amherst Police Force, who discussed police work.



### PYTHIANS PROUDLY PRESENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Massachusetts — The Grand Lodge High School Humanitarian Award was presented to Siddhartha Vivek, center, by Grand Master at Arms Rudolph Medeiros, left, chairman of the Humanitarian Awards Committee and PC William Margolin, right, 4th Vice President of West End House Boys & Girls Club as well as Secretary of Commonwealth-Brandeis Lodge #19, which nominated Mr. Vivek.

With support material, Brother Margolin observed, 'Sidd' Vivek, when nominated, was a senior at Boston Latin School and President of his senior class; was active in his school, his community and at West End House Boys & Girls Club. He had been a winner of the prestigious Unsung Heroes Award. A freshman at George Washington University in Washington, DC, he is a credit to his community, to his family, and to every institution which he has been affiliated.

Sidd is someone who recognized the importance of what the Club has done for him and who willingly gives back what he has gained from his own personal experiences; a most solid, caring, personable, intelligent, and honorable young man; always able, willing and available to get involved, lend a helping hand, listen to a problem, face a task, and judge a person by who he or she is, not on race, creed, color or religion.



Judaea members on duty manning concession stand from left, Harold Pelctovitz, CC; Sid Stein; PGC David Feldman.

### ONTARIO LODGE PROMOTES PYTHIAN ORDER

Judaea Lodge #52 of Toronto added some color as they proudly sported their colorful aprons while manning a booth at the annual winter carnival. With a reported attendance record of over 150,000, it's a good guess that some 50,000 pairs of adult eyes saw Judaea Pythians in action.

The aprons, incorporating the blue, yellow and red Pythian colors, show the emblem on the front while the lodge name appears on the back. This apron is just another attempt by Judaea lodge to highlight its profile within the community. The winter carnival is one of four service projects where more than two dozen member volunteers do their stuff while affording a Pythian lodge its greatest exposure to the general public.

While Judaea lodge has again contributed some \$20,000 to area hospitals and institutions, the lodge continues to progress through its belief that new members and higher visibility will carry it well into the next millennium.

### RAMAPO LODGE AND JAWONIO LINK TO HELP COMMUNITY

New York — The purchase of medical equipment can be a financial burden to those on a fixed income. Now, thanks to the efforts of PDGC Harry Moskowitz of Ramapo Lodge #485, this burden has been eased.

When Harry discovered how difficult it could be to get around without proper equipment after undergoing hip replacement surgery four years ago, he decided to take action.

He went to work collecting equipment and was able to store the items in a small room in the apartment complex where he lives. He was successful and quickly outgrew the small closet-like space. He spent the next two years looking for a more suitable locale, but had little money to cover any rent payments.

Through the efforts of Anita Packins, director of the Rockland County Office for People with Disabilities, Harry was put in contact with Jawonio, an organization which annually provides comprehensive rehabilitation services to more than 4000 children and adults with disabilities. They had in place their Grace Nightingale lending library, but Harry's contributions greatly expanded the equipment offerings.

Members of Ramapo Lodge have provided equipment and financial donations and are committed to helping the cause. From walkers to canes to beds to wheelchairs, Jawonio and the Knights of Pythias help those in need.

Supreme Lodge

## NOTE BOOK

by

Alfred A. Saltzman, LGS

Supreme Secretary



Note: The Supreme Lodge Office will be closed from Wednesday, July 29 to Friday August 7. The entire Staff — Joanne, Ruth and myself — will be available during the Supreme Convention at the Supreme Secretary's office at the Omni Albany Hotel. Phone Number is 518-462-6611.

A reminder to Subordinate Lodge and Grand Lodge Secretaries — Please send to the Supreme Lodge office the names, address and lodge affiliation of all newly — created Knights. We send them a welcoming letter and the first of four free issues of the Pythian International.

At the Supreme Lodge Convention we will have a complete display of all Jewelry and a new line of clothing to view and order from the Supreme Lodge.

Only five Grand Secretaries were late with their annual reports. Thanks to the rest of you. We have tried to spread out the return dates of papers such as the roster of Secretaries, the Necrology report and the password notification. We would appreciate it if you would send all papers back to the Supreme Lodge ASAP.

The Pythian promotional video is now available throughout the Supreme Lodge office at no charge. Requests for the film must come through your Grand Secretary. As of now, we can supply one copy for each District Deputy Grand Chancellor, but the video may be copied for more extensive distribution.

Applications for the Degree of the Golden Spur must be submitted on special forms that are available at the Supreme Lodge office. No other types of applications will be considered. The normal time for applications to be acted upon is usually about six weeks.

As of this writing, Grand Lodge visitation assignments for the second half of this year have not been completed. Grand Chancellors and Grand Secretaries will be notified about ten weeks in advance of the Grand Conventions sessions as to who will represent the Supreme Lodge.

Our e-mail messages have increased to a very impressive amount. All questions are answered immediately and orders are filled as soon as possible, saving much time and money. The Supreme Lodge office can be reached at [kop@earthlink.net](mailto:kop@earthlink.net).

FOUR-WAY OFFICER INSTALLATION took place at Thunder Bay, Ontario, with seating of new-term leadership and officer support for Amethyst Lodge #49, Knights of Pythias; Welcome Temple #7, Pythian Sisters; Kathundra Temple #25, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan and Kathundra Santha #25, Nomads of Avrudaka. Grand Chancellor Marvin Blier of Toronto, made the distant trip to serve as lodge installing officer with the occasion also serving as his official visit to the lodge. Grand Chief Avril Howald of Thunder Bay installed Temple officers; Imperial Ikfir Wayne Huber, assisted by Presiding Officer Sandra Symons installed Dokeys and Nomads.



# THE UPSIDE OF DOWNS RECEIVES \$14,500 AS ASSISTANCE

*From left, Ted Heman, Treasurer of The Upside of Downs, Dr. Rose Gabriel, Medical Editor for TV Channels 19 and 43 in Cleveland and featured speaker of the evening, KGS Sir Norm Weiss, Entertainment Book Chairman for Owatonna Lodge, PC Steve Weiss, Chancellor Commander of Owatonna Lodge and Dr. Brian Weiss, member of Owatonna Lodge, Board member of The Upside of Downs and Open House Chairman.*

## SUPREME SECRETARY NOTES

by WENONAH JONES  
Supreme Secretary

I am writing so that all Pythian Sisters will read this message. Many Temples have merged in the past years. Are you using item #33, Card of Merger and Articles of Merger, for these Temples? Also, are you sending item #22, the Notice to Defunct Members, so if they haven't transferred to the other Temple, that they will know they can join the State Temple?

A Grand Temple Card item No. 34 is for a Past Grand Chief Certificates and also their name in my ledger. If they have moved to another Jurisdiction or have changed their name since becoming a Past Grand Chief, it would help if the Grand Secretaries would let me know. I then add the new name to certificate.

I want to let you know that on the Price

### SEPA SPRING MEETING HELD IN MARTINSVILLE

Members of the Southeastern Pythian Association (SEPA), gathered in Martinsville, Virginia, at the Best Western for their annual spring rally. Approximately 60 members from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Virginia met for a weekend of meetings and fellowship.

An impressive memorial service and business meetings took place. A DOKK ceremonial was held at Patrick Henry Lodge #82 where six members were initiated into the DOKK Club of Rajah Temple #197.

The weekend concluded with a banquet and dance. Rajah Temple and Patrick Henry Lodge hosted the rally. The annual SEPA Convention will take place Sept. 18, 19 at Hickory, North Carolina.



sheet, item #163 is just a bar pin that has a Past Grand Chief Charm on it, and not the one for going out of office. We now have a new decal item #182 which is 4 1/4" diameter and has letter P L E F on it.

All Subordinate Temples that have the Re-obligation Booklet you need to correct a word in them. On the second page of the Re-obligation ceremony under Ex. SR, the word EQUALITY should be FIDELITY. Please change this in your books. These books were printed Ten Years ago but we never caught it to change this wording.

To pre-register for Supreme Convention send your money and your name, address, Rank to the Supreme Secretary. This way your packet will be ready for you.

Our jewelry will be for sale at Supreme in the Craft Room this year. You may order them and it will be filled before you leave Supreme.

Ohio — Owatonna Lodge #62 of Cleveland, made a contribution of \$14,500.00 to The Upside of Downs, a Downs Syndrome support group for children and their families affected by this condition. The funds were attained by the sale of nearly 1700 Entertainment Books under the chairmanship of PC Sir Norm Weiss.

Ted Berman, Treasurer of The Upside of Downs accepted the gift presentation and described to the joint open house group of over 150 people that the funds will be used for rehabilitation, education and grants. Some of the funds will be used to sponsor seminars and spread information about Downs Syndrome.

Featured speaker for the evening was Dr. Ross Gabriel, medical editor for TV channels 19 and 43 in the Cleveland area. Dr. Gabriel spoke about Downs Syndrome, her TV experiences and took questions from the audience.

This is the twelfth year that Owatonna Lodge has been selling Entertainment Books for various charities. In that time they have raised approximately \$115,000 dollars. The Upside of Downs has been the recipient since 1991. In the eight years they have received approximately \$95,000 dollars.

Admission to the open house was two non-perishable food items which were then turned over to a local food bank.

PLEASE REPORT NEWS ITEMS as they happen and forward promptly to Marv Wilson, Editor, 447 Penlicton Ave., Penlicton, British Columbia, Canada V2A 2M5. Fax: (250) 492-6520.



From left, Brian Stather, newest member of the Ontario Grand Lodge, and representing the newest lodge, along with retiring Grand Chancellor Marvin Blier.

### NEW LODGE HAS A MISSION FOR CHARITY

Ontario — Maccabiah Lodge #54, in the Toronto area, was established with a base of 17 members, on May 6, with Judaea Lodge #52 performing the work in conferring the Ranks. Institution of seating officers took place, in public ceremony on May 14. Monte Kwinter, MPP of Wilson Heights made presentation of a Canadian Flag. This marked the first time in more than 30 years that a subordinate lodge has been instituted in the Domain.

Much praise and thanks has been extended to Marvin Blier for his work and determination over his term as Grand Chancellor and with his single-minded determination and perseverance, the new lodge was realized; as well, Brother Blier is working with the same determination, for institution of additional lodge. Brother Blier is a member of Judaea Lodge #52 of Toronto with dual membership with Maccabiah #54.

Brian Stather, appointed Past Chancellor on institution, was in attendance for the grand lodge sessions, received the grand lodge rank and was elected to office of Grand Outer Guard. Bro. Stather reported: The new lodge membership mainly consists of a group of guys who have worked together performing community, charity activities; not necessarily for ritual involvement but are more interested in becoming involved in the community, obtaining results and doing something that to be productive, enjoyable with fun and not work..

Primary benefactor will be the CNIB, as programs will be arranged for Ski lessons in guiding blind skiers and events of Hockey with the blind. Their well planned activities will prevail as quality time is spent with families; Lodge Conventions will convene at 9:30 p.m. followed by activities of recreation and sports nature.



### THIRD GENERATION PYTHIAN FAMILY

Oregon — A proud PSR Irene Clink, center, pictured with daughter member at left, PGC Sherri Sievert and granddaughter member Rachelle Sievert at right. Serving as Grand Chief in the 1982-83 term, Irene was Supreme Representative in the 1990-91 term. Daughter, Sherri Sievert received her Past Grand Chief credentials last fall on completing five years as Grand Secretary service. Granddaughter, Rachelle, on turning age 16, was welcomed to membership last fall in a class of five. Sherri and Rachelle have active membership with Damona Temple #59 at Pendleton.



Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson, right, on installing Robert Buckingham to Ontario Grand Chancellor executive leadership during June Grand Lodge sessions at Wallaceburg.

### TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP AND TO FIND MANNERS OF FUNDING IS CHALLENGE

Ontario — Grand Chancellor-elect Robert Buckingham, observing that with a great pride he accepted the leadership role, and that he has some big shoes to fill with following the accomplishment of Marvin Blier and his term of Grand Chancellor. He pointed out the need of additional membership and in particular the need of fund raising to keep the Grand Lodge viable with programs and meeting financial obligations.

A Grand Lodge Fundraising committee will be headed by Grand Treasurer Charles Masofield, PGC, along with an appointed member of each subordinate lodge.

The Convention, which convened in Rokeby Castle Hall, enjoyed presence of members and visitors from Ontario, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, British Columbia along with Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson and his wife Lena. Brother Dickinson ably represented the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman, with assistance, information on programs, guidance in the business deliberations and speaker during social functions.

During banquet and program of awards, DSC and Grand Secretary George Symons, PGC, was honored with presentation of a Supreme Chancellor Honor Award Medal, presented by Dickinson along with Symons wife, Sandra, PGC. Ontario Pythian of the Year plaque honors was presented to PGC Terry Brodeur.

### INDIANA SISTERS ANSWER CALL FOR HELP AS A LARGE GROUP TRAVELS TO KENTUCKY

With Kentucky being small in membership and with determination for additional member acquisitions, Fayette Temple #49 with an active membership committee, set about a campaign for new members. They told family and friends about the principles of the Fraternal Order, Pythian Sisters, being Purity, Love, Equality and Fidelity.

As a result seven ladies accepted. A call of help was asked of Supreme Chief Mary C. Parker of Indiana who answered by coming to Kentucky to conduct an initiation and was backed by Indiana's Officers and Degree Team.

To a joy of the Kentucky Sisters, they hosted the 29 members from Indiana, including three Grand Lodge Knight members. A delicious buffet was served prior to the ceremony; Kentucky Grand Officers appreciated, was inspired and amazed by the efforts of Indiana Sisters by traveling to Kentucky for the fine work exemplified before them. Many of the Kentucky members had never seen the work performed.

# LEADERSHIP COVENANT

by **BOBBY G. CROWE**  
*Supreme Prelate*

As we approach the Supreme Convention and a new term begins, it is critical to keep the lines of communication open so that all members may understand what our goals and strategies are and communicate them thoroughly to ensure that these goals are achieved.

Effective communication is a must for a smooth transition and success for our Pythian brotherhood and leadership sets the tone. We must communicate often, honestly and completely to each member.

Research suggest we spend 75% of our time communicating. As leaders we must provide training, direction and assistance to our members and officers.

To grow, we must develop a work ethic to lead, promote and communicate what our Fraternal order has to offer. Help each other — Ask for and give help; and welcome it freely — it is not a sign of weakness but creates leadership.

Go out of your way to provide that extra support to a fellow brother. Earn trust by accepting and honoring agreements, keeping promises and discussing change.

Simply put; if we promise to do something, then carry through in your behaviour. We must keep our work and do what we say. In order to establish Trust in

## GRAND SECRETARY LORRAINE TERWILLIGER HONORED AT RECEPTION

Washington — Rhododendron Temple #30, Renton, held a reception with honoring Grand Secretary Lorraine Terwilliger who took over the office last fall, enjoying the presence of more than 50 members and guests. With a color theme of pink, the decorations, punch and even pink ice cream added to gaiety.

Lorraine was introduced by her sister PSR Maxine Houlbjerg who was proud to present Lorraine and offered her help observing that she was thankful for all help from her sister when Maxine became grand chief. Lorraine introduced her husband of 49 years, Morgan, and two daughters-in-law, Lisa and Gerry.

Lorraine said grace and a delicious luncheon was served. Lorraine joined the Pythian Sisters along with her mother, Elberta Draszt and sister Maxine in 1951. She lost some active time with being busy with her career and came back into active workings when Maxine became Grand Chief. Lorraine served as DDGC in 1988, has visited most of the Inspections and all District Conventions this year.



any relationship our words and actions must match.

Remember communication is a two way avenue, let us take time to listen and develop a sincere concern to resolve issues with mutual respect and trust.

Lets develop a leadership covenant to communicate, strive to establish trust, respect other viewpoints and work together to further our principals of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



## CHARITIES BENEFIT THROUGH LUNCHEON AND STYLE SHOW

Iowa — Pythian Sisters of District #3 held a Salad Luncheon and Style Show at the Community Center in Buffalo. The committee staged a great event with two Sisters from each of the five District Temples as models. A fun time was enjoyed by all who attended.

The affair was a benefit for United Cerebral Palsy and Iowa Grand Chief, Sharlyn Trudell's project of "Children's Square, U.S.A." Grand Chief Trudell had to travel seven hours to attend the show, but

## WORKING TOGETHER FOR SUCCESSSES IN MAINE

The annual sessions of the Maine Grand Lodge convened in Bangor, enjoying the presence of Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman and Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson, PSC Archie Block, along with guests from Maritimes, New Hampshire, Massachusetts.

Events included a fun night filled with laughter and good clean fun. All enjoyed an excellent banquet. Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, representing Supreme Lodge gave report on Supreme Lodge and Supreme Chancellor programs and answered questions for clarifications.

Bradley L. Lovell of Birch Harbor was installed to Grand Chancellor leadership role along with his slate of new-term officers. Grand Inner Guard Sam Toothaker observed that together we can make a difference and make our great order grow into the future.

## MEMBERS HONORED

Ohio — Findlay Lodge #85 presented 50-year credentials to John Huntley and Marcus Hanna during a meeting. Irvin Klein was also honored but unable to be present.

Palmetto Lodge #513 dedicated a plaque in memory of Ed Irwin, a long time member. His son and three granddaughters were in attendance for the dedication.

Some of the members that participated as models for the style show, from left, Agnes Duncan, Janet Kluever, Arlene Johansen, Grand Chief Sharlyn Trudell, Ruby McCullough, Dora Finkbeiner.

she delighted with the result of her challenge.

On March 29th a local U.C.P. Telethon was presented with a check for \$500 from several of the committee members. A similar amount was sent to Children's Square.

Door prizes of \$50 gift certificates from two clothing shops, plus a bird house and numerous large spring flowering plants which decorated the tables, were well received.

## Pythian Choir Entertains At Anniversary Supper

Nova Scotia — Cumberland Lodge #5, Springhill, celebrated the 134th anniversary of the founding of the Order with a supper and program at the Castle Hall, enjoying the presence of past and present grand lodge and grand temple officers, together with officers and members of the lodge and Pythian Sisters.

Special presentations took place including: 60-year certificate to Stewart Fraser, George Campbell and John Hunter. PDDGC Harold MacDonald presented a 70-year plaque to Bill Blenkhorn, all representing over 455 years of Pythian Service.

Reverend Likely was guest speaker. Following the supper those present were entertained by the Pythian Choir who sang Irish songs for St. Patrick's Day, with all enjoying a great time



Officers serving the Mid-Atlantic Pythian Association, from left, Vice President Roxanne Beatty from Maryland; President David M. Via, Jr., PSMA, from Pennsylvania and Secretary-Treasurer Steven R. Arch from Pennsylvania.



## SUCCESSFUL SPEAKING CONTEST SPONSORED IN NEW JERSEY

New Jersey — The annual public speaking contest final was held at Sanford M. Schor Lodge #22, Livingston, May 18th, with David Reichman, a Moorestown High School junior recognized for first place. Lina Kabaria, N. Bergen High School junior was second and Arabella Ongjoco, third. Grand Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien, right added congratulations.

Public speaking contest winners with Marvin I. Diner, left, who presented prizes on behalf of Charities Foundation to David Reichman, first; Lina Kabaria, second; Arabella Ongjoco, third. Grand Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien, right added congratulations.

Students discussed the topic: "Should the US adopt a policy of exploration for non-deteriorating energy sources".

The contest was chaired by PC Alan H. Plosnick, with assistance by PDGC Ted Robinson, PC Harry Schaeenman, PCDGC Stan Hoffman and PSR Kahn Cohen. Regional contests were held at Abraham Lincoln, Essex Eureka and Covered Bridge Lodges.

## ATTENDANCE AWARD OFFERED

Missouri — Sicilian Lodge #39 has instituted an annual Attendance Award to reward the faithful members who attend at least 12 lodge meetings during the year. If one qualifies, he will receive a \$25 gift certificate at the annual Christmas Party, in addition to the usual gifts given to all members.

## GRAND CHIEF VISITATION

Washington — Harmony Temple #8 of Renton held their Inspection, March 5th, with honored guests Grand Chief Roxy DelCamp and DDGC Piilani Kailimai, as well as several past and present grand temple officers together with PSR Chuck Fowler. A dinner was enjoyed prior to the meeting. Charter was draped in memory of Bobbie Marjavandi who died while serving in the Grand Chief office. A donation of \$40 was given to Hospice in her memory.

## DDGC VISITS NM TEMPLE

New Mexico — DDGC JoAnn Misté, SR, made her official visit to Miracle Temple #18, visitors for the occasion were members from Victory Temple #1, Socorro, and Albuquerque #8, of Albuquerque. Miracle Temple treated the DDGC and visitors to a delightful Luncheon at The Gold Corral before the meeting. During the Good of the Order, PSR Ellend Nourse from Victory Temple #1 was presented her 25 year pin and certificate by PSR Mary Jane Woodruff. She was pinned by DDGC JoAnn Misté.

## NEW MID-ATLANTIC PYTHIAN ASSOCIATION TO HELP THE ORDER

A new organization called the Mid-Atlantic Pythian Association has been formed in the Mid-Atlantic area of the United States by Pythians from Pennsylvania, Maryland and the District of Columbia. The organization was formed to improve communications, foster a spirit of co-operation and develop a better understanding of our common goals.

The Association was formed in April, 1997, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and in the past year has held meetings throughout the mid-Atlantic area. Currently, there are 55 members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, West Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

The first Annual Convention took place this past April 25th in Gaithersburg, Maryland which was named in honor of Past Imperial Prince Michael Monaghan, who was called by the Supreme Ruler this past December. The meeting was well attended by over 45 members of the Association and Mike's wife, Gaye, as well as other members of Mike's family.

The Association looks forward to continued growth, not only for the sake of the Association, but for the order as well. For Further information, please contact Steven R. Arch, secretary-treasurer, 1202 Wellington Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. 19111-4227. Phone, (215) 745-6595 or e-mail at L197@aol.com.

# LET US TALK MORE ABOUT THE PYTHIAN ORDER

Sometime ago, as I entered a small restaurant, I was stopped by a lady tugging on my jacket and asking what I knew about that organization as she pointed to my Pythian Sister jacket. I'll admit I was a bit startled by her approach, but did manage to answer her that I knew quite a lot about the Pythian Sisters. She then explained that her mother and father had been members and that she had some of their old Pythian jewelry. She asked why the Pythians were no longer in existence.

There is not a Pythian Sister Temple in her town, but there is an active Knights of Pythias Lodge. In talking to her and explaining about the Knights of Pythias meeting in her town, she stated that all she had ever really known about the Pythians were that her parents had been members. She didn't give me her name, but she did tell me who her parents were.

I left my name with her, as she stated that she was not through looking at her parents Pythian jewelry yet, but when she

by JOYCE WRIGHT  
Supreme Junior



was she wanted someone to contact. I have not heard from her since and can only hope that she is enjoying looking at the jewelry and remembering the few Pythian social functions that she did attend with her parents.

This meeting left me wondering why so many Pythians have such a hard time talking about the Order that they belong to, work for, and apparently enjoy. It seems, to me, that if you enjoy something surely you would hope that by talking about it your children would also want to give it a try to see if they enjoy it too.

I have spent some time observing the response that Pythias give when approached suddenly about the jacket they are wearing, or the decal or sun catcher in their window

or the license plate displayed on their car. All of these items are promotional materials, they are expected to call attention, they can be expected to lead to questions.

Often I see the person questioned fumble about in a purse or pocket looking for written promotional material to hand to the person, I see them turn to someone with them and say "you tell them, you can do it better than I can", or I hear them say, "It is sort of like" and name another Fraternal Order.

Why would we expect anyone to know about another Fraternal Order if they do not know about the Pythian Sisters or the Knights of Pythias? It is startling when someone says *secret order* in a tone that is derogatory or says *cult* in the same tone.

It does take a moment to reply. We need to be ready to reply to any question about the Pythians. We need to be prepared to explain why we are members. We need to be ready to explain our principles. We need to be ready to assure anyone who asks that we are a Fraternal organization based on principles not on scripture.

Written promotional material is wonderful, it is needed, we can use all that is available, but would you join any organization based on printed material as quickly as you would join one that your relative, your friend, your neighbor talks about in glowing terms? We need to talk and talk about the organization that we love.

Only you can decide how to talk to people about the Pythian order, only you know why it is important in your life.

We have the best Fraternal Order in the World, but only we are going to know that if we cannot talk about it to our peers.



## PC PIN PRESENTATION TEMPLE SUPPORTS COMMUNITY

Washington — Cheryl Fitzgerald, left, received her Past Chief credentials, for service as Treasurer, from her sister Gwen Rhodes, right. As well as serving as MEC of Crescent Temple #12, Black Diamond, Gwen serves as Grand Manager.

Crescent is a small temple with a big heart which does a lot for the community. A primary project is "Bless Their Souls" as they provide underprivileged children with shoes and coats; donate large amounts of clothing and food to the Presbyterian Church 'Open Door' Society that feeds and clothes persons in the County, Romania and Russia.

They provide special gifts to the residents of Enumclaw Nursing Center and the Adult Day Care group of 25, on occasions of Valentine's, St. Patakes, Easter and Memorial Days.

On Mother's Day, they gave baskets featuring a pacifier to the new mothers at the Valley General medical Center and Baskets featuring pens with a statute of Liberty on the cap to the nurses. These projects along with support to the members are among many things that the members do to further the image of Pythianism in the community.



## ARIZONA PYTHIANS SUPPORT PHYSICALLY DISABLED

The Grand Lodge of Arizona is the proud sponsor of two physically disabled organizations for young children and young adults. Arizona organization for Disabled Athletes (AZODA) receives support in the Tucson area while Mesa Sports for Disabled receives support in the Phoenix area. The two groups compete against each other twice a year in a Special Olympics program when each participant is awarded a medal. Pictured with some of the athletes and passing over two checks in amount of \$1200 are Bill Crouse, director of AZODA; Pythians, SR Red Hollander, DSC Nat Levinson; the director of Mesa Sports and Carol Crouse, president of AZODA.



From left, Lee Cushman, chancellor commander; Assemblyman Mark Herbst; Herb Gold, chairman public relations.

### LODGE HONORED ON 134TH ANNIVERSARY

New York — Mid Island Lodge #828 were honored to have met with Hon. State Assemblyman Marc Herbst, a long time friend of the Knights of Pythias who gave due recognition to the Pythians on marking the 134th anniversary last February.

With compliments, it was observed that the Knights of Pythias, a non-sectarian Fraternal organization was founded on February 19, 1864; chartered by the Congress of the United States and supports a wide variety of young people, the elderly, the ill and the needy and has as its basic philosophy, the principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



Grand Prelate Wilson Husley, left, made presentation of a framed photograph of the river at the Milltown, New Brunswick and Calais, Maine border crossing. Recipient Llyorlus Brown, center and his wife, Evelyn.

### LODGE OBSERVES 134TH ANNIVERSARY

Maritime Provinces — Oxford Lodge of Oxford, Nova Scotia, held a supper and program with marking the 134th anniversary of the Order, on Feb. 19, the actual founding date. The occasion enjoyed presence of several grand and past grand lodge and temple officers.

Llyorlus and Evelyn Brown were especially honored as they cut the anniversary cake together with Grand Prelate Wilson Husley and his wife Edith, presenting Bro. Brown with a picture, along with their thanks for help and acts of kindness by Brother Brown over many years of support, service and workings to the Order.

As Speaker for the evening, Brother Husley spoke on adapting to leadership in sharing for success in friendship and love, with hard work being the first commitment for success, cultivating good relationships, speaking on the five rules of success for the love of people and the love of our keeper, observing this can only be done through love for one another.

### OREGON-WASHINGTON PYTHIAN HOME BUSY WITH MANY ACTIVITIES

Washington — One would find it easy to make friends at the Oregon-Washington Pythian Home at Vancouver, Washington. First you would find that all the folks are a friendly bunch; but then you would also find that the actives at the Pythian Home would bring you into contact with many more friendly folks.

Early on you would note that there is something going on continuously, such as Bingo on Tuesdays; Bible study on Wednesdays and Bunco on Thursdays.

Additionally, if you are a music lover — two or three times each month musical groups are brought in to entertain and provide music for dancing.

Then too, Bob, Ruth and Ed provide a little 'home-grown' music with the accordion, violin and guitar.

Handcraft groups and quilters meet to share common interests and make fast friends.

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Pythian Home. The saga of Damon and Pythias and the strength of their friendship is repeated many times at the Pythian Home in Vancouver, Washington.

### TRINITY LODGE MARKS 100TH ANNIVERSARY TEMPLE MARKS 75TH

New Hampshire — Trinity Lodge #56 and Trinity Temple #17 of Plaistow, celebrated 100 years of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence together with 75 years of Purity, Love, Equality and Fidelity as Pythians and friends from around the state gathered to celebrate with the local Pythians.

The history of Trinity Lodge was presented by PSIG Laurence P. Ackerson and PDSC Edwin H. Wright. History of Trinity Temple was prepared by PSR Pauline H. Keezer and presented by Supreme Junior Joyce Wright. Local Pythian memorabilia was on display and a jewelry collection was enjoyed.

The Lodge and Temple have always considered themselves, as Most Excellent Chief Marilyn Willard stated "part of a team and a circle of friends" and this teamwork and friendship was much in evidence.

## THE LAST HURRAH



MARY C. PARKER  
*Supreme Chief*

During these two years Building and Growing have often been the subject of discussion and I believe we all agree we have many obstacles to overcome and sometimes it is easier to give up and throw in the towel than be determined to find a way.

I am reminded of the story of the carefree frog. As he hopped along his soggy path that had been hit with a heavy rain, he landed in a really sticky mudhole. Mr. Frog tried and tried to leap out of that hole, he grunted, he flexed his muscles, he gave it his all but to no avail.

Soon his friends found him in the mire and set about to set him free. They pulled and pushed, grunted and croaked but one by one they gave up and left him stranded. Much later as the froggy friends sunned on the nearby lily pads they were astonished to see Mr. Frog from the mudhole.

At once a barrage of questions, "What happened, who helped, we thought you couldn't get out." His response was, "I couldn't, but I had to because a wagon was coming right through that mudhole."

There is a moral to this story, we may think we can't build and grow but as we approach this new century we want our beloved Order of Pythian Sisters to shine forth. Now Let us first try to avoid that mudhole and the threat of extinction with positive attitude and involvement resulting in increases instead of losses. The bottom line! We can if we have to!!

This is my last article written as your Supreme Chief. You have given me wonderful memories, showered me with gifts, love and respect making my visits everything I could hope for and in many ways making my dreams come true. Thank You.

Now I invite you all to attend our Supreme Convention to be held in beautiful Albany, New York, July 31st through August 5th. Memorial and joint opening will be held on August 2nd. You are encouraged to be involved, to enjoy and to help make this session productive and harmonious. Bring your hugs and your umbrella of smiles. May God Bless and Protect You All.

### CHARITY SUPPORT AT ALTRUISM NIGHT

New York — South Shore Nassau Lodge #770 held their 21st annual Altruism Night program, April 22, when Chancellor Commander Murray Zindman was joined by 50 members and guests at the Castle Hall to witness distribution of charity support funds and enjoy the collation at the end of the program.

Through Lodge efforts and support by members and friends in fund raising, significant contributions were made to Franklin Hospital medical Center at Valley Stream and South Nassau Communities Hospital at Oceanside. Both facilities display plaques attesting to the liberal altruism carried out by the Knights of Pythias Lodge.

In addition, among the list of recipients are: St. Francis hospital, Valley Stream Central High School, Cystic Fibrosis, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Sephardic Geriatric Foundation of NY, Grand Lodge Scholarship Fund, Grand Lodge Youth Commission, Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund, Samaritan Foundation, Inc., Pythian Camp, Pythian Humanitarian Fund, Police Athletic League Valley Stream Unit, North Shore University Hospital, Valley Stream Volunteer Fire Department, Shore Foundation, PAL-Valley Stream Unit.

The lodge three-time re-elected Chancellor Commander Murray Zindman, PC, has vowed that bigger and better acts of Altruism will be forthcoming from the lodge in his fourth term as unanimously elected Chancellor Commander.

### TESTIMONIAL LUNCHEON

Florida — Pythian Sisters of District #5, were the hostesses for the Testimonial luncheon for Grand Chief Elizabeth Pedowitz. The tables were beautifully decorated with the Grand Chief's colors of yellow and orange with vases of yellow roses.

The Mistress of Ceremonies was PGC Myrna Goldenstein. Honored guests were Past Supreme Chief Shirley Bach, Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness, Grand

Chancellor Marvin Ladner and Grand Chief Elizabeth Pedowitz.

There were several Past Grand Chiefs and Past Grand Chancellors in attendance. Grand Chief Elizabeth was initiated into the elite club of Past Grand Chiefs with a candlelight service. It was a most beautiful ceremony. Grand Chief Elizabeth is a member of the only Centennial Temple instituted during the Centennial year.



### PYTHIAN OF THE YEAR

Virginia — Mike Thornton of Martinsville was honored as Pythian of the Year by Patrick Henry Lodge #82, Knights of Pythias. He received this honor at the Lodge's annual outing to the Barn Dinner Theater on March 1st. Thornton was chosen because of his leadership and dedication to the Pythian Order. S. T. Fulcher, Jr., Supreme Representative, left, presented Thornton with this distinguished award.

## 'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

It is said the only history that is worth anything is the history we make today. We must profit from history and then we look forward to our future. The late President Kennedy once wrote: "The future arises out of the past, and history is a statement of the values and hopes, which, having forged what has gone before, will now forecast what is to come".

Change is a way of life. Old products, old services, old ideas, must dwindle into obsolescence. We must keep pace with continually changing trends. In this age of two career families, rights for women, and ever increasing leisure time, we must redesign our Pythian Order to reflect these great changes.

We can be justly proud of over 134 years of Pythianism serving our brothers, sisters, families and most importantly our communities. Our Order, our Principles, will not only survive, but will flourish if we phase out the rhetoric that has plagued our society and our Order.

We must institute positive programs to effect the changes that will reflect our needs of today and tomorrow. We can only be successful if we continue to replace antiquated systems, practices, rituals, programs, and thoughts with modern business procedures, promotions, up-dated rituals, and programs. Help us to retain our nucleus of stalwart Pythian families, who are imbued with our spirit, and to attract a new breed of potential members.

As we look forward to our Supreme Lodge Convention, we must continue to think and believe that . . .

*'The Best Is Yet To Come'*



EDWIN E. ALTMAN, KGS  
*Supreme Chancellor*

## 'A SINGLE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS'

To put this old adage to the test, we proudly present the 1998 version of the promotional video "THE FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS".

This film portrays the Order in all its glory, prominently featuring all the segments and auxiliaries of our Order. It elaborates in full detail the many altruistic avenues that we pursue in our objective of achieving the betterment of mankind. It very completely demonstrates our adherence to the cardinal principles of the Order — Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

This initial issue went to the Supreme Lodge officers, Grand Secretaries, and Secretaries under the control of the Supreme Lodge. Additional copies will be mailed by the Supreme Secretary when you submit the names of your Subordinate Lodge Membership Chairmen and/or District Deputies in charge of soliciting membership.

We want the film to be distributed widely throughout all the domains, but with a limited supply, we want to insure that there are enough copies for everyone. Use this film to its fullest advantage and let it be a major tool in the further development of our Order. It will be the best source of better public relations if it is exhibited properly.

Thank you in advance for your full cooperation and support of this new program that was designed to bring to the Order Knights of Pythias the public recognition that is so vital to our future growth.

— Edwin E. Altman, KGS, Supreme Chancellor



SR Robert Herman as he greeted son, Ira Scott Herman, to Knights of Pythias membership.

### WAS EAGER TO JOIN

Arizona — Throughout his life, Ira Scott Herman had been hearing about the Knights of Pythias from his father and many of his fathers friends. Leading to his 18th birthday and the institution of Rincon Lodge #4, Tucson, it gave young Ira Scott the opportunity to be one of the first to make out an application for membership. Having heard in the past much about Ritual work, he was nominated for position of Master at Arms and with pride, he does a terrific job.



Displaying 25-year honors were John F. Clark, left, and Milas L. Turner.

SVC Stephen Vickness, left, assisted by SOG Tim McLaurin, made 50-year Veteran Pin and Certificate presentations to Cumberland Lodge #5 members, from left, Tommy Squires, Charles E. Warren, Lester G. Carter Jr., and Jarvis D. Jones Jr., seated.



Franklin A. Dawson, left, receiving credentials of Past Grand Chancellor of the North Carolina Domain, from SVC Steve Vickness, during awards presentations.



Grand Chancellor William R. Spade presenting "Extra Mile Award" to Grand Outer Guard Gene D. Freeman, a member of Cumberland Lodge #5.

## FULL PROGRAM OF AWARDS, RECOGNITION

North Carolina — "The Pythian Order is one built on brotherhood" were the words of Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness, and they rang true for Cumberland Lodge #5, Fayetteville, on a very special night. At their annual Awards and Recognition Banquet, these Knights recognized a very special group of people in their midst. On a night filled with food and fun, awards were given to several twenty-five year and fifty year members.

The ceremony kicked off amid an atmosphere of fellowship and delight. The lodge was decorated gaily. A plethora of food was served, with a mountain of deserts being provided by the members' wives. A musical program was then provided, which featured several enjoyable Irving Berlin melodies, sung by Barbara Lawson.

A memorable point of the program was reached during the remembrance of the lodge's deceased brothers. This memorial service was headed by Supreme Outer Guard Tim McLaurin, and some comforting lines of verse were recited to the widows present. An extravagant arrangement of flowers was given to the eldest widow present.

The high point of the evening came when the year awards were presented. The twenty-five year members that were present included John Clark and Milas Turner. Lester Carter, Jr., Jarvis Jones, Jr., John Squires, and Charles Warren had the whole lodge's appreciation for being fifty year members of the Pythian order.

"I've seen a lot of things change in the world during my time, but the Pythian organization has always welcomed myself and others to join together in brotherhood", remarked one fifty-year member.

The evening came to a close after some words from Supreme Vice Chancellor Vickness, who said "I feel the love present in the domain of North Carolina." Indeed, anyone who was present that night would have been beaming with pride from the friendship and togetherness.

## 20TH ANNIVERSARY

Florida — Bright Star Temple #36, Deerfield Beach, celebrated its 20th anniversary on April 22 with a luncheon. Members and guests enjoyed entertainment as well as each in attendance receiving a gift.

In March, Bright Star Temple held a luncheon/card party to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation. They raised \$650 for this charity. This is a very active working Temple and congratulations to them on their 20th anniversary.



## 50-YEAR HONORS

Washington — PSR Mary Fowler, left, of Rhododendron Temple #30, Renton, pictured receiving her 50-year membership credentials from Grand Press Correspondent Velma Johnson. The event took place during the Temple Inspection meeting. Sister Fowler joined the Pythian Sisters with her mother and a sister. Mary's two grandmothers were also members. Her father was a Past Grand Chancellor. She has always been active in the work of the temples and is now serving as secretary.

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS LONG-TERM CARE

Pythians, their spouses, and immediate family members are now eligible to receive a 10% member discount for the new John Hancock Long-Term Care Program. If you have not thought about the impact that Long-Term Care can have on your financial security, this will be an opportunity to learn the facts. Statistically, your chance of having a nursing home stay is 48.6% by age 65, and there is a 71.8% chance you will need home health care, according to Health Insurance Association of America, "Long-Term Care: Knowing the Risks, Paying the Price," 1997.

This program is being administered by Membership Services Inc., Reston, Virginia. Other plans available include: Dental Coverage, Prescription, Vision, Hearing & Chiropractic discount plan; Term Life Protection.

Information will be mailed periodically. If you haven't received any of the literature and are interested, please call toll free 1-800-421-1470, and identify yourself as a Pythian.

In addition, an agreement has just been worked out with United American Insurance to provide member Medicare Supplement Insurance. Four plans will be offered. If you have not received the mailing, you can also call the toll free number to have information sent.

## MEMBERS SALUTE TURGEL DURING HONOR NIGHT

Florida — During a Founder's Day program, Feb. 19th, marking the 134th anniversary of the Order, members and guests of Fort Lauderdale Lodge #201 held a special Honor Night program for Charter member PDSC George Turgel, KGS, who has led a very active and prestigious Pythian life.

His original Pythian membership started in Massachusetts; Chancellor Commander Frank Brown made presentation to George of 50-year Earned Life Membership credentials; He was thanked for his many workings and dedications of Florida Grand Secretary; Past President of Past Chancellor's Assn.; Past President of Pythian Youth Foundation;

The event enjoyed presence of many past and present grand lodge and grand temple officers, all giving accolades to Brother Turgel, including Supreme Vice Chancellor Stephen Vickness.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Iowa — During a School of Instruction in Manchester, Pythian Sisters were proud to initiate two candidates into the mysteries of the Order. MEC Doris Ross and team of officers were happy to introduce Terry and Pat Otto. Terry is an officer with the lodge. Guests were present from Cedar Rapids, Edgewood and Charles City.



## NEW YORK MEMBERS HOLD LARGE PARTY IN FLORIDA

When Genesis Lodge #594, Domain of New York, throws a party everyone comes. At the Tenth Annual Florida Reunion held in Inverrary, Florida, close to 200 were in attendance . . . kissing, hugging, touching, just to make sure they weren't holographs. The friends of fifty or more years tried to catch up on what had transpired since last they met.

The Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman was present. Grand Chancellor of New York, William Rubin was there as well as Past Grand Chancellors, Supreme

Representative, Past SR's and more. From left, PDSC Milton Schultz, PGC Dave Applebaum, DGC Irving Sherman, Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman, SR Edward Baumbaum, PGC Irving Mendelson, PSR Saul Drexler, Grand Chancellor William Rubin, SR Gil Rader and PGC Norman Klein.

The distaff side was represented by the upper triangle of the Pythian Sisters of New York. Grand Chief Rhoda Halfon, Grand Senior Zelda Rubin and Grand Junior Ida Timphone. Many Past Grand Chiefs also graded the room.

The food and drink were excellent, but the ambiance of Love and Friendship took center stage. They were busy anticipating the next reunion . . . May they all be present!



From left, seated, Ruth Kirchenschlager, grand chief; Laura Mallard, grand junior; Amy Burke, grand manage; Standing: Kay Sorells, grand protector; Frankie Shedd, grand treasurer; Annie Cay, grand secretary. Not pictured were grand senior, sitting past grand chief and grand guard.

## OKLAHOMA SUPPORT TO CHARITIES

The Oklahoma Grand Temple convened for their sessions at Wagoner, March 29-31, in connection with the Grand Lodge sessions. Opening events included a reception for grand lodge and grand temple officers.

Pythian Sisters enjoyed the presence of PSC Hazel Wet of Texas, PSC Elnora Gorman of Missouri, PSR Marjorie Cowan of Texas, and Maxine Kerns, grand manager of Missouri. Sisters Gorman, West and Annie Cay served as installing team for new-term officers.

With presiding, Grand Chief Alma Jean Christie gave progress reports on the grand temple program in support to the Heart Fund. New-term Grand Chief Ruth Kirchenschlager and her compliment of officer leadership is urging support for projects of Heart Fund, Cancer Fund and membership acquisition.

## PYTHIAN SUNSHINE GIRLS WILL MEET IN ALBANY

by CATHY BLAKE, *Supreme Royal Princess*

The Supreme Council Session of the Pythian Sunshine Girls will be held in Albany, NY, on August 1 and 2, at the Omni Hotel. Many Knights and Sisters may not be aware that they can attend the meetings of the Sunshine Girls, without voice or vote, even if they are not Honorary or Courtesy Members.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all Pythians to register with us and attend any of our meetings, especially our Memorial and Courtesy Degree. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to see our work or to take our Courtesy Degree.

Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters can show their support of the Pythian Sunshine Girls by becoming a Courtesy member. You do not need to have a Sunshine Girls council near you to become a member. You can sign up for the degree at our registration table at the Supreme Session. There is a one time fee of \$1.00 and the degree will be given at 4:00 p.m. on Sat. Aug. 1.

We welcome all Pythians to register with us from Fri. afternoon through Sat. afternoon, July 31 and Aug. 1. Our registration fee is \$5.00, half of which is donated to United Cerebral Palsy. Your registration will entitle you to a program, badge and a loot bag.

Our business session will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Sat. Aug. 1, with the Memorial Service and Courtesy Degree being given that afternoon at 4:00 p.m. On Sun. Aug. 2, we will have a luncheon (prior reservations required) at 11:00 a.m. This will be followed by Open Installation of Officers beginning at 12:15 p.m. This will be over in time for everyone to attend the Joint Opening Ceremonies at 2:00 p.m.

Please stop by our registration table where you will find several young ladies who will be glad to assist you and answer any questions you may have about the Sunshine Girls. I really hope to have many Knights and Sisters join us.

# ENTHUSIASM, ENTHUSIASTICALLY

by SIR JOEL D. FIERSTIEN  
New Jersey Grand Chancellor

The future depends on enthusiasm. As a positive approach to life, look forward eagerly and find excitement. Imagine how a four year-old approaches a birthday party. This has great meaning, be optimistic, and see the better side. What to do, to experience, and to accomplish.

Find the joy whether it is with family or friends. It translates to work and business situations. It is not to say that work is fun or enjoyable, but it may be more productive and with less stress.

Want to make a difference, to give to others. Enthusiasm is great or fervent interest or excitement, and experience and share that with the Order, each unit, and each member.

View the Knights of Pythias enthusiastically. Today and tomorrow offer the opportunity to be upbeat, to have fun, to do, to inspire others, and to recruit new brothers.

As two concise examples: I just wrote to my daughter, "Have a great day!" I was collecting with another brother with a canister in front of a supermarket for our charity weekend, we had to ask for contributions and to be encouraging, enticing, and informative. Recently, I accepted a new credo, I will not reflect on the negative, but only will look to the brighter as life and health are too precious to waste on the petty.

Insert that smile in your day, Pythianism, and Pythian activities. Make dreams of progress and growth in the new millennium

## OAK LEAF LODGE SUPPER, PROGRAM FOR FOUNDERS DAY

Tennessee — Oak Leaf Lodge in Rockwood, celebrated Founders Day with a covered dish dinner on Saturday, February 21. A delicious ham dinner was enjoyed by the members and guests. Volunteer Temple #1 Pythian Sisters of Rockwood joined in the good food and fellowship.

John Rhoads served as Master of Ceremonies and presented Kenneth McNelly the lodge young Knight of the Year Award. He also presented several Certificates of Appreciation to brothers for their work in the lodge and community.

Supreme Prelate Bobby Crowe presented Robert T. Clem a Fifty year life membership certificate and pin and a Knights of Pythias watch to Grand Outer Guard Patrick Wells for his outstanding participation in the Grand Lodge incentive membership program.

Louis Hill was the featured speaker of the evening and gave a brief history of our founder, Justus H. Rathbone and the Order. Special guest in attendance were Grand Chancellor Richard Collins, Grand Treasurer Floyd Dillon and Grand Outer Guard Patrick Wells.



PDCS Ralph Wilson, KGS, and PSR Maxine Wilson

## POPULAR MICHIGAN COUPLE MARK 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Ralph and Maxine Wilson celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 3rd at an Open House in Jonesville. They were married May 2, 1948 at Moscow Plains Methodist Church in Jonesville with a reception in the basement of the Church. Brother Ralph was Grand Chancellor of Michigan in 1960-61 and DSC 1986-1990; a Life Member, belongs to Allen Lodge #230, Allen; recipient of the Degree of the Golden Spur.

Maxine was Grand Chief of Michigan in 1970-71; a member of Hillsdale Temple #146 and dual with Waldon Temple #74, will be life member this coming December. They have two children, four grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Ralph and Maxine were the former owners of Wilson Auto Parts and House of Flavors, and presently owner-operator of Wilson Hall, all located in Hillsdale.



SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS have been carried out by Ft. Worth Lodge #101, Fort Worth, Texas, as the Lodge has undertaken support of an annual Scholarship Program in a local high school. Awards are to be based on merit and grades by the students who are also required to submit an essay on the importance of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence toward others. First time winners, front, Jacque Penigar and Sypraphy Phimmalang are pictured with lodge members, from left, J. R. Kiser, PGC Grover Watson and Grand Secretary George Fox, PGC, KGS

# SAMUEL HINES IS WELL REMEMBERED

by DAVID MEAD

*Supreme Representative*

Earlier this year, George Fox, grand secretary of Texas, wrote an article, in his Pythian Prose writings, about Samuel Holder Hines, a true Pythian hero.

He stated it was unfortunate that not much was known about this hero. We here in the Grand Domain of Virginia do know a great deal about him and still honor his memory. Our Hines memorial Home Board donates thousands of dollars annually to medically needy children throughout our state. The following information comes from a pamphlet published in 1986 by John A. Reid, PC of Norfolk, entitled *The Origin and History of the Hines Memorial Pythian Home*.

Samuel Hines was born in January, 1836 in Milton, NC. At the age of fifteen he began working as a clerk in a dry goods store where he was well regarded. But at the beginning of the Civil War he entered the Confederate Army as a Private. A period of ill health interrupted his military service, but he was able to reenter the Army as a Second Lieutenant (Company J, 45th NC regiment of Daniel's brigade) in 1862.

He soon became a Captain, and after the Battle of Gettysburg was assigned to command the brigade of Sharpshooters, a position of importance as well as great danger. His skill and bravery earned him

praise from his commanding general. In May of 1864 he was taken prisoner and spent time in several Union prisons.

Shortly after the close of the War, he was released and moved to Virginia. In 1867 he became a salesman for a large mercantile house in Richmond. It was there that he was initiated into Old Dominion Lodge #4 where he was instructed in the story of Damon and Pythias, a lesson that he obviously learned well.

"Brother Hines was reported to have been a man of very pleasing appearance, handsome of face, with a laughing brown eye, a straight and well formed figure, rather above the medium height graceful in carriage and genial in his address."

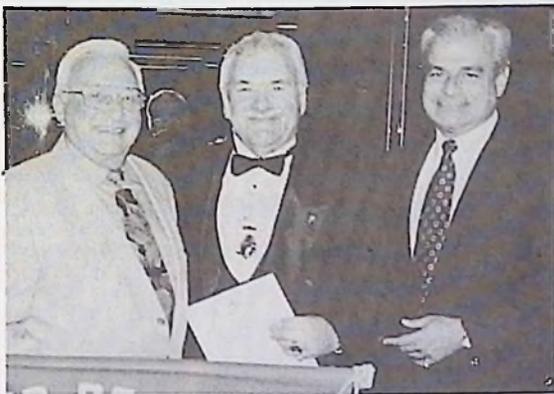
On Christmas Eve, 1870 Hines and a fellow Pythian, Erasmus W. Ross were staying at the Spotswood Hotel, a five story brick and stone landmark in Richmond. In the early morning hours fire broke out in the hotel and spread rapidly. Extreme weather hampered fire fighting efforts, but it appeared that all residents had managed to exit safely. Then Hines realized that his Pythian Brother was still inside on one of the upper floors. Ignoring the warnings, Samuel reentered the building determined to save his friend. Unfortunately, both men perished.

The story of the fire was widely reported in the Richmond newspaper. The heroism of

Samuel Hines was much discussed especially in Pythian Lodges of Virginia. Talk of erecting a memorial to honor this brave Brother which extended from the Grand Lodge to the Supreme Lodge.

Sporadically, for the next three decades, money for this memorial was raised, but no specific plans for the memorial were proposed. Finally, after lengthy debate over what form this memorial should take, the Hines memorial Pythian Home for children was built in New Market with the funds raised for the Hines Memorial. It was dedicated in 1927. By 1928 it already housed 18 children which increased to 37 by 1933. In 1951 the home was moved to Bedford, Virginia.

By 1953 it was obvious that it was no longer needed, so the Grand Lodge decided to sell the property and invest the proceeds. An elected Hines Memorial Pythian Home Board is now administering this fund. They may never spend the principle and must add at least 10% of the interest to it annually. Fifty percent of the interest may be donated to medically needy Virginian children for whom application has been made. Since this fund has been in existence, donations of over \$268,671 have been made. This year alone \$14,250 was donated. This is truly a lasting and meaningful memorial to our true Virginian Pythian hero, Samuel H. Hines!



From left, Supreme Chancellor Edwin E. Altman, KGS; Grand-Chancellor Bill Rubin, KGS; Nassau County Executive Tom Gulotta.

## SPECIAL GUESTS HONOR NY GRAND CHANCELLOR

New York — Mid Island Lodge #828 were honored to have Nassau County Executive Tom Gulotta attend a special honor night event recognizing Grand Chancellor Sir Bill Rubin for his many years of dedicated service and achievements to the Pythian Order. The event was unique in the sense that the Supreme Chancellor was present as his schedule constantly requires his traveling around the country. Sincere thanks to County Executive Tom Gulotta for his taking the time out of his busy schedule to be present at the special event.



From left, Glen G. Shunaker, William Carlson, Timothy Seibel.

## BLUE RIDGE WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS

West Virginia — Blue Ridge Lodge #131 conducted an impressive Ritualistic fashion ceremony in April, on occasion of welcoming three new members. The three Ranks were conferred on a Saturday as Pythian Sisters provided the lodge members with refreshments in the morning and a noon luncheon. Another initiation ceremony took place in May.

Blue Ridge Lodge members have been busy with fund-raising through paper drives and country ham sandwich sales. The Chancellor Commander's program calls for a rather large donation to be made to a local men's nursing home that is presently in financial need. In addition, the Knights attended a Church Service, as a group on May 3rd and are planning to attend a ball game during the summer.



PSR Richard Richie and his wife, PSR Norma Richie, as they pose with daughters, Kim Densmore, Grand Chief, seated left and Sherry Ameriault, Grand Protector.

## PROUD PARENTS HELP WITH SEATING DAUGHTERS TO GRAND TEMPLE OFFICES

Ontario — During events of the 71st session of the Ontario Grand Temple, convening in Wallaceburg, PSR's Richard and Norma Richie had the pleasure to witness two daughters taking active officer leadership roles in the Grand Temple. Sister Norma served as Installing Supreme Chief as daughter Kim Densmore took over the office of Grand Chief.

With long time active service with the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters in Wallaceburg, and service to the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple, Brother Richie was presented honors of Ontario Pythian of the Year in 1981; Kim Densmore received the honors in 1985 and Norma was honored with the award in 1997.

In her acceptance message, Grand Chief Kim Densmore observed, "I would like to thank my Mom and Dad for introducing me to the Pythian Sisters and the Knight of Pythias organization, as I have truly enjoyed my 20-plus years of involvement". She urges for membership growth over the year. She has chosen Alzheimer's Society as main altruistic program with fund raising for this worthwhile project and hopefully to see a cure in her lifetime.

Her motto: Take One Day at a Time.

## PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and thanks to all the Sisters throughout the United States and Canada for your dedication in promoting and sending in subscriptions for Pythian International. These results will be reported at Supreme Temple Sessions in August.

I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the efforts of Supreme Lodge Secretary Al Saltzman and his Staff for the job they did in updating these listings and doing some "house cleaning". Many Thanks!!! Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

It has been an honor to serve Supreme Chief Mary Parker in this capacity and I thank her for the appointment and the opportunity to serve — as this has been a very enjoyable task these past two years.

Beverly W. Dalton, PSR  
Supreme Temple Pythian  
International Chairman

## IOWA PGC'S MEET

The annual spring dinner-meeting of Iowa Past Grand Chancellors took place at Dyersville, enjoying the presence of 26 including wives with Grand Chancellor Bruce Roorda as guest. Don and Iola Rhines were hosts for the day which included a dinner followed by a business meeting with the Knights while the ladies were treated to a tour of the St. Francis Xavier Basilica.

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## ALUMINUM PULL TAB PROGRAMS HELP AID R. McDONALD HOUSE

Florida — PC Ted Bluestone, representing Atlantic Lodge #217, met with Lowell E. White, Golf Stream Council of Boy Scouts of America to discuss the adoption by Scouts in the Pull, Pull Pop Tops Pythian program. This slogan dramatically appeals to the scouts for their support of the Ronald McDonald Houses, by collecting and donating pop tops pulled from soda and beer cans. Pop tops are made from pure high-grade aluminum. When sold the funds are used to support the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Ronald McDonald Houses, located throughout the country are situated close by hospitals that specialize in treating children ill with cancer or other life threatening diseases. Instead of traveling long distances daily, parents may use the conveniences of a Ronald McDonald apartment, as a home away from home, that provides lodging, emotional support and comfort to families of

Displaying the "PULL, PULL, PULL" from left, Atlantic Lodge #217 Outer Guard Eagle Scout David Klein; PC Ted Bluestone and Gulf Stream Council District Director Palm Beach County Boy Scouts of America, Lowell E. White.

seriously ill children. The cost is nominal, or if unable to pay, there is no charge.

Conducting the lodge program, PC Arthur Robb has support by Girl Scouts, King Pointers, Delray Beach Lions Club, Volunteer Police, Justice Department, Lion Tom Gallo family and friends, Church groups, Pythian Sisters, etc.

Through Brother Bluestone's organization, Dutchess lodge #860, Domain of New York, has five school districts participating with 25,000 students, families and friends actively involved.

Over the years, active participation in the program, and collections in support of other charities have been carried out by Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Utah, West Virginia. A statistic tells us that 1,150,000 tabs will pay for one wheelchair. There are 1,050 tabs to a pound.

## MANY VISITORS ENJOY B. C. GRAND SESIONS

British Columbia — The annual May sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened in Burnaby enjoying a good attendance of British Columbia members together with Pythian dignitaries from Oregon, California, Washington and Arizona.

The convention appreciated the presence of Supreme Chancellor Edwin E. Altman, KGS, and his wife, Bernice from New York. Brother Altman gave messages of his pleasure to be in attendance, appreciation of courtesies, dealt with supreme lodge programs, installed grand lodge officers and gave an inspiring message during banquet.

Grand Chancellor Reg Greenwood from Penticton and Grand Chief Mary Ann Matuga from Revelstoke, presided over their respective business sessions, reporting of enjoyments in Pythian service during terms.

Long Range Planning with viewing avenues for Pythian Renewal in the Province, under chairmanship of Edward J. Eagles, grand secretary-elect, will take on concerted effort and involvement with the Pythian Sisters as well.

A Supreme Chancellor Medal Award was presented to Marv Wilson, for his work and services to the grand and supreme lodges. Wilson retired after 21 years of grand secretary service.



Dan L. Cornett of Vancouver Lodge #3 and Laura Brown of Union Temple #12, were duly installed to Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief Pythian leadership roles during impressive joint installation of officers ceremonies.

Seated: PSC Ethel Nellist, Supreme Chancellor Edwin Altman and Supreme Senior Pauline Manning. Standing, from left, Supreme Protector Kathleen Lacy, Grand Chancellor Dan L. Cornett, Grand Chief Laura Brown, PSC Geri Worley.

## HUSBAND AND WIFE HEADS SOUTH CAROLINA PYTHIANS

The annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple of South Carolina convened in Santee, May 15, 16, enjoying the presence of Supreme Outer Guard Norman 'Tim' McLaurin, representing the Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Lodge.

New-term husband and wife team leadership is being carried out by Grand Chief Jane Karbowski and Grand Chancellor Ferdinand A. Karbowski, members of Myrtle Temple #3 and Myrtle Lodge #3 at Columbia.

Banquet highlight presentations included a Supreme Chancellor's Medal award to PDDGC Robert E. Fuseler. PDGC Joseph L. McGee, of Myrtle Lodge #3, Columbia, was presented a Plaque on being selected Domain Pythian of the Year.



Grand Chief Jane Karbowski and her husband Grand Chancellor Ferdinand A. Karbowski.

## British Columbia Lodge Supports the Grand Lodge



Financial assistance from a subordinate to grand lodge took place as Grand Chancellor Reg Greenwood, left, received a cheque in amount of \$1,100 from R. Jay Vuden, grand representative for Victory Lodge #63 of Sidney. Victory Lodge, on selling their Castle Hall set up a foundation with naming the grand lodge as annual recipient of 10% of the net income.

## MAINE GRAND TEMPLE

The Grand Temple sessions of Maine convened in April at the Ramada Inn at Bangor. New-term Grand Chief Dorothy Canwell, supporting a project for Music Scholarships. Her motto: Communication, Cooperation and Consideration, dispensed with Love for each other.



PGC Jeanean Fuseler placed the Supreme Chancellor's Honor Award Medal around the neck of her husband, Robert Fuseler.



PDGC Joseph McGee, left, receiving Domain Pythian of the Year Plaque from PDCS Richard W. Jantzen, KGS, Grand Secretary.



## PYTHIANS HONOR EAGLE SCOUTS

New Jersey — Boy Scouts were awarded as Grand Chancellor Sir Joel D. Fierstien, center, had pleasure to present Knights of Pythias Eagle Challenge Badges and Certificates to Michael Ladolcetta, left and Joseph Belles, right, of Troop #16, during an awards program at Sanford M. Schor Lodge #22, Livingston, before a large audience.

The presentation was part of the New Jersey Knights/Boy Scouts Connection program of the Supreme Lodge. Eagles Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, and is based on teamwork, spirit, and leadership, and also acknowledges the efforts of family, friends and the scoutmaster.

Larry Kalb is coordinating this valuable program in New Jersey, which recognizes the accomplishments of our youth and affords a tremendous opportunity for

## PENNSYLVANIA HOSTS PYTHIAN SEMINAR

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hosted a spring session of Pythian Seminar at Carlisle. Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson of the Maritimes assembled and conducted the seminar with attendance of 40 members including interested members from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

The Seminar was presented in an excellent manner and brought about many questions with open discussions. All in all, the popularity led to requests for further Seminars in different occasions in the state as well as holding Seminars in Virginia and North Carolina.

Knights of Pythias involvement with Scouting.

## CORSAGES DONATED

Washington — Bellingham Temple #22, Bellingham, collected over 50 corsages from members of their Temple which were delivered to four Nursing Homes in the area and used at Mother's Day.

Sisters Ilene Mitchell and Ruby Delcamp distributed the corsages which went first to Pythian Sisters in the nursing home, then to other members of the home who did not have relatives or friends visiting them.

Each nursing home was having a tea on Mother's Day and the ladies wore their corsages for the tea.

## ANNIVERSARY SUPPER

Nova Scotia — Liberty Lodge #22 of New Glasgow marked the 134th anniversary of the Order with a supper, enjoying the presence of Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson who spoke about the Pythian order. PC Stan Wong made a plaque presentation to Knight Jack Arnold, the lodge newest member, in recognition of being named Lodge Knight of the Year. With regret, Brother Arnold passed away suddenly two weeks later.



## FAMILY MEMBERS INITIATED AT IDAHO BIBLE CLASS

Seated, from left, Dione Bailey, Supreme Chief Mary Parker who displayed the historic Pythian Sisters Bible, Mike Bailey, DDGC Trudy Bircher. Standing, from left, Grand Chief Ellen Carrithers, PGC Janice Bailey, VC Ed Bailey and Supreme Protector Kathleen Lacy of Oregon.

Idaho — The 76th annual spring District Convention convened in Kellogg was a big success which combined district business with a special event of a Pythian Sisters Bible Class initiation. Among family members initiation, PGC Janice and Ed Bailey of Kellogg, witnessed the initiation of their son, Mike, and his wife, Dione. The event enjoyed presence of members from Montana, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon along with a good attendance of Idaho Sisters and Supreme Chief Mary Parker from Indiana.

DDGC Trudy Bircher with Evergreen Temple #11, Kellogg, as hosts, enjoyed a full day of business and social activities. Seven members, from Kellogg, Couer d' alene and Bonners Ferry were welcomed during initiation as others of the eleven signed up were unable to attend and have been initiated since.

Speaking at the banquet, Supreme Chief Mary Parker quoted the DDGC motto of "Remember Yesterday, Dream of Tomorrow, Work Today" as a sound basis for all Pythians to live by.

# COMING UP ON THE \$1,000,000 MARK?



PGC Lorna Hunt displays gift presented by PSR Ernie Wood, KGS, Chairman of the Pythian Cerebral Palsy Committee as thanks to Sister Hunt for the many years of work and dedications.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA EXCEEDS \$58,156 ASSISTING C.P.

PSR Ernie Wood, chairman of the Pythian Cerebral Palsy Committee of British Columbia was proud to report on the 47th consecutive year that Pythians have been involved with supporting treatment centers in various parts of the Province.

The report was given during an evening meeting in connection with the Grand Lodge/Grand Temple sessions at Burnaby, as members heard a guest speaker who gave due credit to the Pythians for their generousities and involvement over many years. More than \$20,000 was donated at the meeting from lodges, temples and individuals as a good start towards the operation for another year.

Funds are raised over the year within the communities by ways and means of Pythians, walk-a-thon, special grand chief projects.

by ALLEN S. MORRIS, SR  
Pythian Order/UCP Chairman

I'm sure many of you have not kept track of the amount of money we, the Pythian Order has donated to UCP, in the United States alone since the inception of the program. If all goes as planned, sometime during the next biennium we will have donated \$1,000,000 to this worth while charity. Can you believe it? And of that money, 85 percent (\$850,000) will have gone to programming and rehabilitation..

## Pythian Support to United Cerebral Palsy

We have done ourselves proud!

Requests for canisters have been received on a steady basis, along with orders for additional insert cards to replace those that have worn out. I'm glad I can be of service, I'm happy that we as an Order have helped and somehow made a difference.

Please try to keep our canisters looking good by washing them on a periodic basis. Simply remove the insert card and wash to top and bottom with warm, soapy water using a nonabrasive sponge or rag. Let them air dry, or if you wish use a towel. Appearance is everything. Many people will not put money in a dirty canister. This process takes only a few minutes to do, but benefits everyone.

I'm not sure what the next administration has in mind for this program, but I'll try to find out, and if successful I'll let you know in my next report.

Reminder, don't forget to mail your donations to United Cerebral Palsy (check or money order only) along with your Activity Report to:

Raymond Snarr, PGC  
Treasurer, Pythian Order/  
UCP Central Account  
6469 Runkle Road  
St. Paris, Ohio 43072-9479

No Activity Report Form? Drop Brother Ray a note and he'll send you as many as you need.

On behalf of the ENTIRE Pythian order, thank you for your continued support.

### CONTRIBUTIONS BY STATE WITH PYTHIAN FINANCIAL AID

To May 31st

Colorado/Wyoming .....	97.49
District of Columbia .....	300.00
Florida .....	433.60
Illinois .....	677.00
Indiana .....	3,186.54
Iowa .....	788.63
Kentucky .....	156.96
Maine .....	243.20
Maryland .....	700.00
Massachusetts .....	29,874.44
Michigan .....	72.00
Mississippi .....	268.33
Missouri .....	1,351.24
Montana .....	219.55
North Carolina .....	1,000.00
Nebraska .....	130.65
Nevada .....	40.00
New Jersey .....	1,806.00
New Mexico .....	800.00
New York .....	1,448.38
Ohio .....	2,561.15
Oklahoma .....	2,677.21
South Carolina .....	2,935.00
Tennessee .....	3,557.98
Texas .....	1,672.94
Utah .....	385.65
Virginia .....	1,836.45
Wisconsin .....	351.76

**TOTAL \$59,637.15**



PYTHIAN TELEVISION STARS were greeted as members of Wisconsin's Eau Claire Lodge #49, were on hand for a check presentation of \$600 to the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon. Show host George Robert, left, introduced and thanked, from left, Grand Chancellor Earl McIlquhan, Grand Outer Guard William McIlquhan and PGC Leonard Polenz

### 'HELP THE KNIGHTS HELP U.C.P.'

New York — That is the motto of PDGC Mike Sukenick of New City-Orangetown Lodge #854. PDGC Mike Sukenick has outdone the entire collections of the lodges in New York with raising \$1,700 to date for United Cerebral Palsy.

For his efforts, this unselfish Pythian shrugs off the publicity offered him and continues to work helping others in the 72nd Pythian District as well as the Grand Lodge.

Mike simply says, "Thanks for your support, what else can I do?" As for our appreciation for Brother Mike we say "Great job and our fraternal love and our support for your efforts for people in need." What can we do for you?

Typically, Mike Sukenick, when he completed his term as DGC, he was asked where do you want to go from here? His answer was "Charity work for organizations and people". Way to go, Mike . . . that's what Pythianism is all about. We support your ideals.



Genesis Lodge Gavel Award, from left, PDSC Milton Schultz, KGS; Grand Chancellor William Rubin, KGS; ACDGC Alan Bachrach; PDGC Milton Seckafsky.

### GIVING GRAND CHANCELLOR UP-BEAT APPEARANCE

New York — In the week that was . . . the 46th District Past Chancellor's Association and three lodges outfitted the Grand Chancellor Sir William D. Rubin for the sessions at the Grand Lodge Convention, the end of June.

To make the grand chancellor, sartorially perfect, the 46th district presents the grand chancellor with a blue jacket and Mid-Island Lodge gave him a red jacket. The grand chancellor informs the past grand chancellor's what color he will wear each day, so that the PGC's who have previously received these jackets can follow the color scheme.

To make our grand chancellor parliamentarily correct, Excelsiop Lodge presented him with a red collar to wear at the sessions and Genesis Lodge gave him a gavel with which to open and close the meetings.

These events, tradition of more than two decades, are well attended. These speakers and brothers present, wish the grand chancellor a successful convention.

## D. C. HOLDS GRAND SESSIONS

District of Columbia — Birthplace of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias — celebrated its 134th grand lodge convention last February 21. It was the largest convention held in many years with visitors from Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

Highlighting the convention were displays of Pythian Artifacts, which included photographs more than 130 years old and pictures of 1886 which represented the first Supreme Lodge sessions held in Canada, being in Toronto. Pictures of interest included Uniform Rank, DOKK in full dress and the Supreme Lodge Officers of 1886.

Displays also featured pictorial directories of Pythian Memorials in the Supreme Domain, personalities, events and awards. Scrapbooks of District of Columbia events and projects as well as lumber from Temperance Hall where the Order was founded and records of the minutes of the first Grand Lodge convention.

Accomplishments of the past year included charity reports to United Cerebral Palsy and Cystic Fibrosis together with local charities and a \$2,000 donation to the Board of Education for computer equipment for students.

Other noted activities included Pythian participation with wreath laying ceremonies

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at Abraham Lincoln Memorial, Arlington Cemetery Unknown Soldiers Tomb on Memorial Day and the FAR Installation Ceremony.

Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant of Pennsylvania represented the Supreme Lodge, reporting on Supreme Lodge programs. District of Columbia Domain again resolved for 100% subscription to the Pythian International Magazine.

The District of Columbia Domain has purchased a block in the new NCI Convention Sport Center in the Walk of Fans area. Programs for the new term include a Pythian Museum, directory of Pythian memorials and personalities as well as a subordinate lodge directory.

### STAFF OF 16 DISPLAY WORK

Iowa — Still using a staff of 16 Edgewood Sisters, initiatory work was demonstrated well at their School of Instruction, under leadership of Grand Senior Lois Rasmus, being the last School of Instruction as she will be installed as Grand Chief in the fall. Staff leader Velma Cuthbertson deserves much credit to round up a staff of 16 dedicated Sisters.

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## LODGE SPEARHEADING CAMPAIGN FOR FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

Washington — Spaghetti and information were shared in an effort to raise funds to purchase Thermal Imaging Systems for Camas and Washougal Fire Departments, as members of North Bank Lodge #145, Knights of Pythias served a spaghetti supper to more than 150 members of the community as they continue with project fund raising.

The new type Thermal Imaging Systems, for fire fighting are devices which allow firefighters to see through dense heat and smoke and are engineered to be incorporated in a special helmet or used as a hand held device. The devices will help firefighters locate persons and save lives. It can also pinpoint the hottest part of the fire in trouble spots.



From left, Max Fetterman, displaying Earned Life Membership credentials; Harry Nass, Ed Rosenblum — all three members of Lodge #720, Bronx, New York, along with PDGC Bill Sheldon, KGS.

### "PEN PALS" ARRANGEMENT FOR PRESENTATION

Florida — Sir Bill Sheldon of Atlantic Lodge #217, Delray Beach, having had an 8-year "Pen Pal" contact with Larry Hochfeld, secretary of University-Co-Op City Lodge #720, Bronx, New York, made arrangements to present Brother Max Fetterman with his Earned Life Credentials. Fetterman, now residing at Delray Beach, Florida, was joined by other Brothers of #720, residing in Florida for the special occasion of presentation at Atlantic Lodge #217.

## J. A. HILL TEMPLE PERFORMS MUCH ALTRUISTIC WORK

Massachusetts — J. A. Hill Temple has had a busy season. The Temple was host to the District Convention under the direction of Dorothy Chipman, district deputy, and the Massachusetts Past Chiefs' Association mid-term meeting under the direction of Alice Woodside, president.

A raffle was held with profits given to several charities and a basket of food to a worthy family.

At Christmas, the Temple procured names and needs of worthy families, and the Sisters chose persons from the families to purchase gifts for them.

A Christmas Party with the Knights was held with a gift exchange. A "Breakfast with Santa" was held under the leadership of Ruth Richards, grand guard. Other Fun-raisers include Penny Sales, Cribbage Tournaments and socials after the meetings.

The Annual Roll Call supper included a candlelight ceremony under the direction of Marie Pike. Following the Roll Call, with Erma Hall in charge a reception for Ruth Richards was held. Ruth was presented gifts and a beautiful cake.

In April, Grand Chief, Marion paid her official "homecoming" visit to the Temple and a special program held.

# HURRY . . . HURRY

## It's Almost Convention Time

The time is now to make your reservations . . . if you have not already done so . . . this last-minute reminder is offered for tours and two meals on basis of space availability.

• You will not want to miss a really great time. Attend the Convention and also have the opportunity to

enjoy the outstanding trips that have been planned for your pleasure.

- Visit the historical and beautiful sights of New York State, cruise the magnificent Lake George and thrill to the Big Apple with all of its exciting places to see. This is a kind of vacation that you would want to bring your family.
- You have the opportunity to meet, great and socialize with your Pythian Brothers and Sisters and return home with wonderful memories.



*Dr. Sy Rubin, PC, displays honor award he was presented for sincere and dedicated service as Chancellor Commander.*

### AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Florida — What started as a very slow number of reservations, wound up with a packed hall for Knights of Pythias of Atlantic Lodge #217, celebrating their 13th annual celebration. Enjoying more than a 150 members, including support from Boca Raton #214, Victory #220; Grand Chancellor Marvin Ladner and his wife, Grand Prelate Bruce Laster and his wife, New York Grand Chancellor Bill and Sylvia Rubin.

Honoring PC Sy Rubin, in turn, he presented a special Certificate to each of 18 Atlantic Lodge Brothers for a job well done during Rubin's reign as the Chief of Staff of the Chief of Staff Lodge Chancellor Commander.

### DOKEY / NOMAD SESSIONS

The 1999 sessions of the Imperial Palace of the DOKK and the Imperial Darbar of the Nomads, will take place, August 12-18, at Wilson World Hotel and Suites at Spartanburg, South Carolina. The recent issue of the Dokey/Nomad Herald lists details as well as up-to-date info about the student loan program, and cash draws in amount of \$999.99, \$299.99 and \$199.99; a timely message from Paul Borstein, chairman of the Imperial Palace Humanitarian Program.

#### TOUR #1

### NEW YORK CITY

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 1st**

New York City is the nation's largest city, composed of five boroughs — The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, and Staten Island. 6:30 a.m. — We depart the Omni Hotel. Coffee stop enroute. 10:00 a.m. — Enjoy the sights of Manhattan on this four hour guided sightseeing tour.

Box lunch included.

1:15 p.m. — Arrive at the South Street Seaport to view a different perspective of New York on New York water ways popular 45 min. Lower Harbor Cruise.

Dinner will be on your own on an outstanding restaurant in the New York area. Cost of Tour #1 — \$60.00 US Funds Limited capacity.

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#### SUPREME CHANCELLOR ELECT SUPREME CHIEF ELECT

### BANQUET

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5th**  
\$30.00 US Funds

Choice of: Breast of Chicken Neapolitan, Broiled Fish or Beef Tenderloin Bourguignone  
Please select one choice.

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#### TOUR #2

### JUSTUS RATHBONE MONUMENT

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd**

Visit the final resting place of the founder of our Order, Justus Rathbone, in Utica, New York. The Justus Rathbone Monument is located in New York Forest Cemetery. You will see the restoration and a dedication ceremony. A light snack and beverage provided by Utica Justus Rathbone Lodge.

7:00 a.m. Depart Omni Hotel  
8:45 a.m. Arrive Justus Rathbone Monument  
10:30 a.m. Depart for Omni Hotel  
No Charge Limited capacity

#### SUPREME LODGES/SUPREME TEMPLE

### BANQUET

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2nd**

\$35.00 US Funds

Choice of: Chicken Chardonay, Broiled Salmon or Prime Rib of Beef

Please select one choice.

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#### TOUR #3

### SPOUSE TOUR

**MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd**

Enjoy the beauty of the Hudson River Valley. Once you've experienced the local flavor of the land you will realize that you don't need to know the history of the Hudson Valley to appreciate all it has to offer.

9:00 a.m. Depart Omni Hotel

10:30 a.m. Arrive at US Military Academy at West Point for guided tour.

12:30 p.m. Tour and Luncheon at the Rivendell Winery. Sampling and purchase of wine permitted.

2:30 p.m. Visit Hyde Park. Guided tour of home and library of Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1826 estate.

Limited Capacity.

Cost of Tour #3 — \$58.00 US Funds

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#### TOUR #4

### DISCOVER ALBANY

**WALKING TOUR OF ALBANY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th**

Experience Albany's Urban Cultural Park from the shores of the scenic Hudson River to the Grand Concourse of the sprawling Empire State Plaza. Dazzling architecture, museums, libraries, mansions and churches. Albany offers something to satisfy every taste and spur every imagination.

9:30 a.m. Assemble in Lobby of Omni Hotel

12:00 p.m. Return to Omni Hotel

Cost of Tour #4 — \$5.00 US Funds

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#### TOUR #5

### LAKE GEORGE DISCOVERY TOUR

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 4th**

The Adirondack Park in northern New York is larger than Yellowstone, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Glacier and Olympic National Parks combined.

4:30 p.m. Depart the Omni Hotel

6:00 p.m. All aboard the Lac de Saint Sacrament for a dinner cruise on Lake George.

8:30 p.m. Return to the Steel Pier from your cruise. Free time to explore and shop in the village.

10:00 p.m. Depart Lake St. George.

Cost of Tour #5 — \$50.00 US Funds

Limited capacity.

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# PYTHIAN WEBSITE GAINS ACCEPTANCE

by BRUCE NELSON, PACDGC  
Webmaster, <http://www.pythias.org>

The Order of Knights of Pythias has entered the information age with the establishment of its own website on the World Wide Web.

The Knights of Pythias website, <http://www.pythias.org> has been in existence for approximately two years. The site started out as an unofficial site when PACDGC Bruce Nelson of Rochester Jay Lodge #639, posted some information about the Order and its history on a community website.

PC Marty Nyear of Mid-Island Lodge #828, New York, saw that site, and thought it would be a good idea to make it official and to secure an official Internet domain name. He was able to secure web space on TIAC, a major Internet provider.

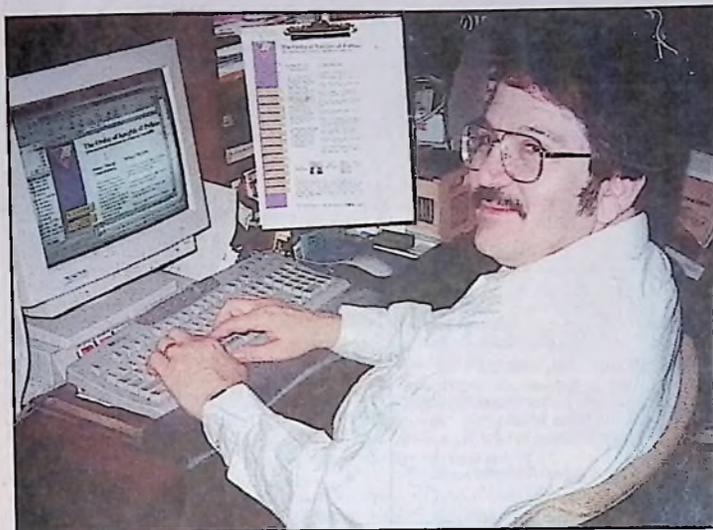
Supreme Chancellor Ed Altman authorized the expenditure of the funds necessary to register the domain name, [www.pythias.org](http://www.pythias.org), and the Supreme Council established an Internet Committee, chaired by DSC Richard Boates of Farady Lodge #280, Pennsylvania, to oversee development and contents of the site. Brother Nelson was invited to transfer the work he had done to the new site and to become its webmaster.

In a independent effort, PACDGC Fred Milman of Tri-County Lodge #182 in New York had started a "mailing list" of brothers who have e-mail addresses. When the website went public, a page was set up to allow brothers to sign up for the mailing list. Electronic mail can be sent to Brother Milman to be forwarded to the brothers who have signed up for the list.

Since its inception, the website has attracted over 11,500 visitors. Many of these visitors find out about the site by searching for "Pythias" on the search services such as Yahoo, Excite, Lycos, or Alta Vista. Once on the site, the visitor will find information on the history of our Order, a biography of Justus Rathbone, information on the Dokies and Pythian Sisters, an order form for paver blocks at the Pythian Memorial, and downloadable clipart.

There is also an on-line listing of brothers who have signed up for the mailing list, and a page where questions can be submitted to the Supreme Secretary. A list of subordinate lodge and grand lodge web pages was recently added along with an on-line discussion area where brothers can find such items as lodge announcements or want ads.

The website has been well received by Pythians and the general public. Many questions have been sent to the Supreme Secretary who personally answers them.



Pythian Webmaster Bruce Nelson advancing Pythianism in modern technology.

## CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

RATHBONE HERITAGE SOCIETY

Work at the Pythian International Shrine in Utica, New York, is underway. Massive slabs of granite have been cut to line the walls around the monument and to be placed on the stairs leading up to the gravesite of Justus H. Rathbone and his wife Emma.

The forty foot monument, which graces the skies high atop the hill overlooking the Mohawk Valley, has been repointed and cleaned. The escutcheon consisting of the globe of the world with Knights helmet and armor has been restored and sits back in its original spot in the center of the monument.

"Walk of Honor" Paver Bricks have been engraved; as the construction crew led by Pythian Paul Cecilia of Utica moves to have everything ready for the visit by Pythians on August 2nd.

All Pythians, regardless of whether they are members of the Rathbone Heritage Society or not, are invited to visit the Shrine anytime, but especially on Sunday, August 2nd. Busses will run from the Supreme Convention in Albany, check for time schedule, and returning around noon. Dana Roecker, Rathbone Heritage Society Committee Member, and members of Utica Justus Rathbone Lodge

#290 will host this event and serve refreshments.

It is expected that most of the work scheduled to be carried out in phase II of this project will be completed, as we have been working on a tight time frame.

### DIRECTIONS TO MONUMENT

Take New York State Thruway to Utica Exit.  
After Toll Booth, keep left and follow signs to DOWNTOWN UTICA.

Coming up to Genesee Street, get into the right lane.

Turn right on Genesee and stay in left lane.  
Heading to Downtown, you will go over a long viaduct and down to traffic lights.

From these lights, continue straight on Genesee Street for 1.8 miles, through Downtown and on to a divided boulevard with a double set of traffic lights.

There will be a large statue on the left.  
Turn left on this boulevard.  
Proceed past the next traffic light to the second traffic light. This will be Oneida Street.

Turn right on Oneida Street and proceed 0.3 miles to driveway on the left. This is the entrance to New Forest Cemetery.

Turn left into driveway and then right, proceeding thru gates into the cemetery. Follow road to the end where it turns left and uphill. The Pythian Monument is at the top of the hill.