



Celebrating 150 years of Pythianism

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A Message from The Supreme Chancellor

Dear Pythian Family:

Congratulations to the Grand Domains and Subordinate Lodges celebrating the 150th anniversary of our Order.

Rathbone Bible Classes and many Ranks have taken place during Pythian Recruitment Week.

Keep those membership drives going. LETS MAKE THIS A BANNER YEAR.

Please remember to send the names of our newly created Knights to the Supreme Secretary so they can receive Pythian/ACS shirts.

I am looking forward to seeing and greeting many of my Pythian Brothers and Sisters at the Supreme Convention in Las Vegas in August.

Nevada is also celebrating their 150 Statehood Anniversary. Las Vegas and the Riviera Hotel will be rolling out the red carpet for The Knights and Sisters.

God Bless you all,

With Fraternal Love , Jerry Deitch

Grand Lodge Conventions

British Columbia
May 7-9, 2014
Harrison Hot Springs

Florida
May 14-15, 2014 Boca Raton

Massachusetts
May 15-16, 2014 Westminster

California
May 15-17, 2014 Santa Ana

Arizona
June 6-8, 2014 Tucson

Tennessee
June 6-8, 2014 Gatlinburg

Alabama
June 7, 2014 Florence

Texas
June 6-8, 2014 Irving

New York
June 30-July 1, 2014 Callison

West Virginia
July 9-12, 2014 Elkins

Indiana
July 10-12, 2014 Lafayette

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*From the Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Where has the time gone? It's almost two years since you, my brethren, elected me to the position of Supreme Secretary; and I think we've grown together.

The Supreme Lodge Convention will soon be upon us, and toward that end I'm reminding all that regular filed legislation needs to be in my office no later than the end of May and/or postmarked no later than the end of May. I'm looking to print and mail the Supreme Lodge Manual by mid-June – the package will contain all the pertinent convention information, credentials, etc. needed by the Voting Members for the convention.

The Supreme Lodge Office will be relocated to the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas from Thursday, July 31 through Wednesday, August 6. Its location will be announced as will the office hours. Other than 150th Anniversary Pins, I will, for the most part, be bringing only one of each item that we offer for sale – I will, however, be bringing a lot of order slips. Orders will be filled and shipped upon the reopening of the office in its usual location.

The Supreme Secretary's office has a new vendor for badges to replace the Pasadena Badge Co. which is no longer in business.

Speaking of 150th Anniversary pins, they are for sale at the cost of \$4.00 each – if you order a minimum of 100 pins at a time the shipping will be waived.

Vivian and I are looking forward to meeting you in Las Vegas.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

Supreme Lodge News

PUBLIC RELATIONS- Take advantage of every opportunity to promote the Order with newspaper articles, cable television, electronic social media sites. Wear pins or clothing with Pythian logo.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM- If you have not had an activity celebrating the 150th anniversary, plan an event to honor this great milestone at your next convention or upcoming Grand Lodge convention, and promote and publicize the activity. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for Pythian planning, promotion, publicity. Visit the Rathbone Monument or one of our many historic sites this July 4th or during the summer; make a donation to the American Cancer Society, a Pythian charitable cause, or the Supreme Lodge Foundation- all in honor of this historic anniversary. Send a brief description of what your lodge or domain did for our "150th" to SMA Joel D. Fierstien at marathonlaw@aol.com, send photos, also to Pythian International.

My wife and I met in Hawaii, so we planned a visit there to celebrate our 50th anniversary. I've visited Pythian lodges in almost every state and province where the Order still exists, but never in Hawaii. So when our travel plans were finalized, I emailed Lodge Secretary Cleatus Ching asking if there were any functions scheduled at Mystic Lodge #2 (the only lodge in Hawaii) that I might attend during my stay on Oahu. He replied that the lodge would be holding a dinner and installation of officers on January 15th. He even arranged a ride from my hotel to the lodge.

The lodge owns a large and impressive building in downtown Honolulu. A dinner social hour preceded the meeting. A good turnout of about 30 Knights, all wearing shirts with the Pythian emblem, were present at the meeting. The Deputy Supreme Chancellor Clearus Ching and his team did a fine job installing the officers for 2014.

Under Good of the Order, I was introduced and asked to say a few words. I thanked my Hawaiian Brothers for their hospitality and service to the Order. I presented one of my Supreme Chancellor's coins to the incoming and past Chancellor Commanders. I also presented a Virginia Supreme Convention shirt to my driver, Benjamin Sanchez. It was certainly a pleasure to confirm that our Order is alive and active in our 50th State.



PSC Dave Mead poses with Mystic Lodge officers

L-R: Chancellor Commander Donald Schmus, PSC Mead,
Immediate Past Chancellor Bruce Holmberg



Nancy and David Mead on their wedding day.

Lodges celebrating 150 years of Pythianism

New Jersey

New Jersey received proclamations from Lakewood Township who also dedicated February as Pythian Founders Month, from The New Jersey State Senate and finally from the Governor of New Jersey Chris Christy.



Left to right Joel Fierstein, GC Mel Feldschneider , PGC Richard Friedman , GS PGC David Bellask, GMA Barry Winston.



SC Jerry Deitch & Rich Bale Conv. Chrm.



California

The Knights of Pythias building has been an important part of life in Old Town Tustin, since it was built in 1925.

Tustin Lodge #85 and El Camino Temple #7 meet in the building.



COURTESY PHOTO

On February 15, Pythians of California gathered in Tustin to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of our Order. The Rathbone Bible was there for the re-obligation of all Pythian Brothers present.



Lodges celebrating 150 years of Pythianism

Thunder Bay, ONT

Members from Amethyst Lodge # 49, Welcome Temple # 7, Kathundra Temple # 25 and Nomads came together this evening for an evening of fun.

The cake was in celebration of the 150 years of Pythianism.

We should all be proud of our accomplishments and thankful that the Knights of Pythias gave us all an opportunity to prosper.



Massachusetts

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias on Saturday evening, March 29 with food, entertainment and a few speeches.



L-R: Sir Allen Morris, GS/SS; Sir Alan Zamansky, GT; GP David C. Kahan; GC Marc Cadoff; GVC Joseph Haskell; GMA Paul Deletetsky; and GIG Edward Paderson. Sir Roger A. Kahan, SR is standing to the far right

British Columbia

Penticton Pythians had two display tables at the Cherry Lane Shopping Center to help mark the 150th Anniversary. Lodge Members manned the tables in pairs and passed out Knights of Pythias literature and discussed the work and effective manner that Pythianism has in the community.

Of special interest, the visitors were acquainted with the operation of Supreme Lodge over the past 150 years as well as Penticton Lodge #49 and its activity within the community, going on to mark 102 years of charity and community goodwill. Over the past 33 years, the lodge has contributed in excess of \$300,000 towards support of various endeavors in the community.



L-R: Reg Greenwood PGC and Marv Wilson KGS, PSR

We believe that the Pythian Lodge has been in Victoria since 1884 ... 129 years. With the 150th anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, we have opened the year with a Bang.

The Mayor of Victoria plus two Alderman now know who the Knights of Pythias are. They have seen us before but now know the Face to the Pythian Order.

Hopefully we may get some new recruits for the Lodge.

GRAND LODGE NEWS

British Columbia

Capital City Lodge #61 supports local community Event. At the Crystal Pool on Quadra Street, his Worship the Mayor, Dean Fortin, of Victoria came and thanked the volunteers for building Community Spirit. Especially the Chinese Community who organized Food for the Chinese New Year's Celebration of "Year of the Horse". Horse people, the Mayor said are the 7th Animal in the Chinese Zodiac ... People born in the year of the horse have ingenious communicating techniques.



Shortage of Volunteers and Funds, the Pythian Lodge came to the rescue. Chancellor Commander, Don Helliwell gave a cheque to Rowena of the Volunteer Committee. Don brought some special Blackberry Cheesecakes and Fortune Cookies.



All money donated from the Luncheon went to help support Crystal Pool's Campership Children Fund. The Knights of Pythias were thanked for their help and participation.

The 34th annual Share-a-Smile Telethon in Penticton raised close to \$42,000. Reg Greenwood presented \$1,000 from Penticton Lodge #49 & Darleen Greenwood presented \$1,500 on behalf of the Pythian Cerebral Palsy Comm. The money has been earmarked to update equipment in the Pythian Activity Room in the treatment center.



California

PC Murray Codman was among a select group of World War II veterans who were awarded the National Order of the Legion of Honor by the French government, France's highest award.

Bro. Codman served as a flight engineer and top gun turret gunner on a B-17 bomber in the 710 Squadron, 447th Bomb Group, 8th Air Force, U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943-1945.

Murray served as Chancellor Commander of Beverly Hills Lodge #393 and one year as Grand Prelate for the Grand Lodge of California. He and ten other World War II veterans, all in their nineties, were awarded certificates from Los Angeles County and the city of Los Angeles, in addition to their medals from the French government.

Massachusetts

Bay State-Sinai Lodge #141 held their 4th Annual Charity Dinner/Auction and presented \$5,119 to the Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton (FPFS).



Pictured from left to right: Sir Roger Kahan, CC/SR; GP David C. Kahan, Auction Committee Chairman; Dori Frankel, Treasurer FPFS; Elizabeth Snell, President FPFS; Chancellor Commander Thomas "Tiny" O'Connor, PDSC

New Hampshire

Derry New Hampshire Lodge #29 gave \$2,500 to their local First Baptist Church food pantry.



Pictured are James Tebo Chancellor of the Derry Rockingham Lodge and Janiss Sylvester from the First Baptist Church Community Food Pantry.

Nebraska

Hastings Lodge #28 sold their lodge hall of 62 years and moved to a new location which doubled their space. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place to celebrate the new Nebraska Grand Lodge Office and Records Room. The ribbon was jointly cut by CC Chris Van Boening and GC Don Robertson.

During the year, we initiated 6 new members.



Back L-R: Bob Bishop, PGC Larry Ackerman, PGC Dave Crecelius, PGC Chris Van Boening, Marlin Bates, GC Don Robertson, PGC Larry Bates, PGC Tim Van Boening.

Front L-R: Tim Grothen, Tim McNally, Robert Collins, Neil Brunkhorst, Tyler Peterson. Not pictured Ed Jonak.

New York

D.S.C. Allan Greenberg, David Stanger, Jeff Freese and Joseph Robinson visited The Wounded Warriors at The Hospital In Bethesda, MD. It is the primary Hospital on the East Coast for treating those Wounded Warriors who were injured during combat in Afghanistan. We visited with those that have lost limbs and were in rehab after being fitted for Artificial Limbs. This time, there were also Female warriors being treated. Their average age is between 19 and 23. The wounded are always smiling and cheerful. It was a very moving experience for my three Pythian Brothers. I also visit those who are recovering from P.T.S.D. in local VA facilities in New York. Anyone interested in help funding what we do for the veterans and servicemen and women, contact me at [dvldog35@ aol.com](mailto:dvldog35@aol.com) Sir Joseph Robinson

Ohio

Bethel Lodge #371 recognized 3 new 50 year members.



Front row L to R Bob Parker, Bob Willis, Arlie Root. Back Row, Jim Johnston, David Huey, Jim Brown, Walt Carter, all 50 year members.

South Carolina

The Knights of South Carolina held a 3 rank class following their Grand Lodge sessions. The candidate was Daniel Weigand.



LEFT, FRONT-REAR: Sir Bruce Brown SIG, Ed Smith Jr., Phillip Thompson Sr., Bernard J. McNulty, Jon Zelas-ko Jr.

RIGHT, FRONT TO REAR: Mike Prater, Matt Amerson, Edwin Kennerly, Perry Gene Patrick Jr.

KING - Rawl Scheibler; ATTENDANTS, Wayne C. Smith & Craig Hill; HERALD - Ronald Brown; CANDIDATE - Daniel Weigand

Tennessee

Pythians of Sam Davis Lodge #158 from Center-ville, TN have developed a promotional program called the KP Clown Caravan. Pictured here is most of the troupe getting ready to participate in the annual Centerville Christmas Parade. They also make appearances at the town's Halloween Parade & East Hickman Christmas Parade.

During these parades, the KP Clowns hand out candy, balloons or small toys to children along the parade route. Their antics are most appreciated and bring awareness of the Knights of Pythias to the public.



Virginia

Virginia's Grand Vice Chancellor Steve Chitwood presented Boyd W Gray with a 50 year life membership certificate and pin.



Texas

February 18, 2014, Mineral Wells Lodge #212 of Texas celebrated Pythian Recruitment Week as only Texas can. Mineral Wells Lodge #212 initiated six young recruits under the 150th anniversary celebration banner. All three ranks were done in long form, with Supreme Representative Dr. Randall Northcutt, Grand Chancellor Jim Fears, Grand Treasurer Roger Fangman and Grand Vice Chancellor Powell Choate assisting in the floor work. After the rank work, Supreme Representative Northcutt was our Founders Day Guest Speaker. On this same evening, Mineral Wells Lodge #212 hosted GC Jim Fears as he made his official visit. There were thirty five Knights present with four Lodges represented. Pictured with the six candidates fourth from left is PC Eddie Davila who signed them up.



L-R: Daniel Fielder, Joe Perez, Colton Watson, PC Eddie Davila, Jay Walker, GVC Powell Choate, Blake Choate, Richard Choate

Virginia

DSC Mike Thornton presents an Earned Life Diploma to S. T. Fulcher



Wyoming

Wyoming Governor Matthew Mead hands Mike Mansfield a ceremonial pen after signing the Governor's Proclamation proclaiming February 19, 2014 as the "150th Anniversary of the Order of Knights of Pythias."



Attending the proclamation signing ceremony were (l-r) Rocky Bolin, Mike Mansfield, Governor Matt Mead, Greg Searls, Joe Darling, and Dean Jeffries.

Pythian International Deadlines

Articles need to be sent in to the PI Chairman by the following dates to be printed in the next issue.

March 31st for May issue

July 30th for September issue

November 30th for January issue

If you have timely news articles that you would like to share with other Grand Domains, please e-mail them to: KeithS848@aol.com. Pictures are always a plus. Thank you for your help!

Supreme Convention 2014 Shows / Entertainment / Tours

The Mob Museum Monday, 8/4/14 10am-2pm \$39 per person

Organized crime vs. law enforcement....High-Tech theater presentation of artifacts and interactive exhibits. Discover the truth and nothing but the truth. Then enjoy souvenir shopping and sightseeing downtown Las Vegas. Enjoy lunch at the Paradise Buffet located inside the Fremont Hotel (optional—not included in price)

Tournament of Kings Monday, 8/4/14 5:45pm-9:30pm \$89 per person

The Tournament of Kings is at the Excalibur Hotel.... Don't miss the most popular Las Vegas dinner show, Tournament of Kings. Invading armies! Dancing maidens! Jousting! Fireworks! And eating with your fingers! A '3' course dinner! (gluten free, vegetarian and vegan meals available by request)

Treasures on the Las Vegas Strip Tuesday 8/5/14 10am-3pm \$58 per person

Gondola Ride....float beneath bridges, under balconies and through the Venetian streetscapes as your singing gondolier serenades you. Sightseeing inside the Venetian Hotel. The Eiffel Tower Experience.... Breathtaking views 46 stories above the city. An ambassador will point out unforgettable Las Vegas landmarks. Sightseeing inside the Paris Hotel followed by a visit to the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace.

Exciting Shows on the Strip Tuesday 8/5/14 7:15pm-11:30pm \$141 per person

Your choice of Thunder Down Under or Menopause — Can only be combined with the Monday night performance of the Tournament of Kings

It's a Las Vegas bachelorette party every night! Direct from Australia, it's Thunder from Down Under! You'll laugh! You'll stare! You may even faint! These guys will give you something to write home about! Get ready to party with the hottest blokes in town. * * OR * * Four women at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black-lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! Menopause The Musical® is a 90-minute production which includes 25 re-lyricized tunes from the '60s and '70s and culminates with a salute to women who are experiencing The Change. Come see what nearly 11 million fans all over the world are laughing about!

Lunch - Chocolate - Cactus Wednesday 8/6/14 10:45am-3:30pm \$45 per person

Opus Too will delight, excite and satisfy you: this student-run restaurant provides an upscale cuisine that draws its' inspiration from the culinary regions from around the world. Students demonstrate the skills they developed throughout the course of their studies in the culinary arts program and apply this experience to a real-world restaurant environment. THEN -> -> -> For more than 100 years, the Mars family has shared their passion and time-honored traditions for chocolate-making. It started back in the early 1900's when Forrest Mars, Sr., one of the founders of Mars, Inc., learned about the art of chocolate making from his mother, Ethel Mars. Ethel Mars's teachings about chocolate making, enabled Forrest Mars Sr., and Mars, Inc., to create one of the world's largest chocolate companies, and beloved chocolate brands such as M&M'S®, SNICKERS®, DOVE®

All trips require a minimum of 15 people — All taxes and tips are inclusive with the exception of Lunches which are not included in the price — All Buses will pick up and drop off at the Rivera.

If you are going to be at Supreme on Friday night, email Robin Michelin, Rich Bale's daughter, to let her know if you would be interested in attending the game of the Triple-A affiliate baseball team of the New York Mets at a reasonable price. Last year, the Last Vegas 51's went to the playoffs; the first time in over 11 years. Email her at robinmichelin@live.com by June 15th if you are interested in going to the game



**77th Convention of the Supreme Knights of Pythians
&
62nd Convention of the Supreme Temple
August 1-6, 2014**



Order Form of Events:

Please make checks payable to: **Supreme Convention 2014**
Send To: Rich Bale 1044 Atticus Ave Henderson Nevada 89014

Please visit our website at http://www.knightsofpythiasnevada.org/	Price	# Persons	Total Cost
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 - 6 PM			
<i>Supreme Convention Banquet Dinner (Black Tie Optional)</i>			
Prime Rib	\$55.00		
Chicken Marsala	\$55.00		
Trout D'Amande	\$55.00		
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 - NOON			
<i>Sunshine Girls' Luncheon / All American Picnic</i>			
	\$32.00		
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 - 7 AM			
<i>Canadian Breakfast</i>			
	\$24.00		
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 - NOON			
<i>Grand Temple S & T Luncheon / Margaret Grochoki Retiring Reception</i>			
	\$30.00		
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014 - 7 PM			
<i>Incoming Supreme Officer's Dinner Reception</i>			
Pan-Seared Alaskan Salmon Filet	\$55.00		
Chicken Parmesan	\$55.00		
Prime Rib	\$55.00		
TOTAL OF FOOD COST			
TOURS			
THE MOB MUSUEM	\$39.00		
TOURNAMENT OF KINGS ***ONLY***	\$89.00		
TREASURES ON THE LAS VEGAS STRIP	\$58.00		
THUNDER DOWN UNDER W/ TOURNAMENT OF KINGS	\$141.00		
MENOPAUSE W/ TOURNAMENT OF KINGS	\$141.00		
LUNCH - CHOCOLATE - CACTUS	\$45.00		
TOTAL OF TOURS COST			
TOTAL OF ALL COSTS			
Knight/Sister Name:			
Knight/Sister Domain:			
Knight/Sister Contact #:			

**The 77th Convention Of the Supreme Lodge
Knights of Pythias and the 62nd Convention
of the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters will be held at the
Riviera Hotel and Casino In Las Vegas,
Nevada from August 3-6, 2014.
Tours are being planned by the committee.**

Call 1-800-634-6753 & use Code SKOP714. Luxury room is \$59 (Sun-Thurs) & \$79 (Fri-Sat) plus tax. Room Reservations Cutoff date is June 30, 2014.

Tentative Schedule -

Sunday, August 3

Noon Sunshine Girls Lunch

Installation of Officers

2 PM Joint Opening &

Memorial

6 PM Supreme Banquet

Monday to Wednesday AM, August 4-6

Supreme Business Sessions

Wednesday, August 6

2 PM Joint Installation

**7 PM Reception Dinner honoring the
new Supreme Officers**



There is a lot of walking at the Riviera. Those needing help can get the following:

Scooters: 1 day - \$45, 2 days - \$80, 3 days \$100, 4 days \$110, 5-7 days \$130.00, 8-9 days \$155.00.

Power Wheelchairs: 1 day \$65, 2 days \$90, 3 days \$110, 4 days - \$125, 5-7 days - \$145, 8-9 days \$180

Standard Wheelchair & Walkers: 1 days - \$20, 2 days - \$30, 3-4 days \$40, 5-7 days \$45, 8-9 days - \$50

Wheelchair - extra wide - 1 day - \$35, 2 days \$50, 3 -4 days \$55, 5-7 days \$60, 8-9 days \$65.00

1-702-794-9215 Ask for John Garber