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*A Message from*

*The Supreme Chancellor*

**Dear Pythian Family :**

**Welcome to the second edition of The Pythian International. I trust you had a pleasant summer.**

**With the absence of a Domain in Ontario Canada, I am pleased to welcome two new Subordinate Lodges in Ontario, they will be under the jurisdiction of Michigan. Montana had a Domain in 1901, a new lodge will be installed in September under the jurisdiction of British Columbia, Canada.**

**I am looking forward to presenting two thousand Pythian ACS shirts to new Knights and their proposers before my term is complete. Together we will rebuild our order.**

**With Fraternal Love,**

**Jerry Deitch, KGS, Supreme Chancellor**

## Grand Lodge Conventions Summer/Fall 2013

<b>Maryland</b> Ocean City	September 5-7
<b>New Mexico</b> Lordsburg	September 6-7
<b>Illinois</b> Peoria	September 12-13
<b>Nevada</b> Henderson	September 18-21
<b>Ohio</b> Columbus	September 18-21
<b>North Carolina</b> Myrtle Beach	September 19-22
<b>Michigan</b> Lansing	September 20-21
<b>Washington</b> Yakima	September 20-22
<b>Colorado/Wyoming</b> Cheyenne, WY	September 20-21
<b>New Jersey</b> Edison	September 29
<b>Missouri</b> Independence	October 3-5
<b>Virginia</b> Norfolk	October 10-13
<b>Wisconsin</b> Wauwatosa	October 12
<b>Oregon</b> Gaston	October 19

# Supreme Lodge News

To all of my Pythian Brothers and Sisters.

The second Sabbath of September of each year is hereby set apart and established as "Pythian Day of Divine Worship" of the Order Knights of Pythias. All subordinate lodges of the Order are requested on this day each year to schedule and attend divine services.

However, a subordinate lodge may select a Sabbath other than that mentioned above when circumstances make such a change desirable. It is further suggested that should this change be required, services may be conducted in a Castle Hall of a subordinate lodge or any other suitable place.

God bless America, Canada and Italy, God bless our troops and keep them safe, and God bless the Pythian Order.

Alan Krell, KGS

Supreme Prelate

## PROCLAMATION

Whereas: the American Cancer Society and the Canadian Cancer Society have been officially recognized as our national charities; and,

Whereas: The American Cancer Society and the Canadian Cancer Society are nationwide community-based voluntary health organizations dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service; and,

Whereas: Millions of people are diagnosed with some form of cancer every year; and,

Whereas, Subordinate Lodges and Grand Lodges are encouraged to reach out to their communities and to participate in various activities of their choosing, with the expressed purpose of helping prevent, educate and to make aware the various services provided by the local, regional and national levels of the American Cancer Society or the Canadian Cancer Society,

NOW THEREFORE, the month of October 2013 is hereby proclaimed as **CANCER AWARENESS MONTH** and I do hereby instruct every subordinate lodge to plan at least one event that will involve either education or service to our national charities. At least one open meeting should be planned with the purpose of inviting spouses, friends and neighbors to participate in discussions regarding the prevention, education and awareness of the various forms and identifications of Cancer. Materials and information may be accessed on the internet by contacting the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or by phone at 1-800-227-2345; and the Canadian Cancer Society at [www.cancer.ca](http://www.cancer.ca) or by phone at 1-888-939-3333. Requested materials will be provided at no cost to the subordinate lodges and if available, arrangements should be made to invite a representative from a local Cancer Society office to attend these events.

Fraternally submitted, Gerald R. Deitch, SC

Attest. Allen Morris, S. Secretary

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*From the Supreme Secretary's Desk*

**Wow, the summer is almost over, just about the time we start thinking about going back to our lodge. Time to put aside all of our petty differences; time to start thinking about Friendship and re-building Our Order.**

**The Proposed Constitutional Amendment that was agreed to at the 2012 Supreme Convention has been ratified. A Grand Treasurer now has to serve only five (5) consecutive terms to be eligible for the honors of Past Grand Chancellor. Your Grand Secretaries have that information and should be disseminating it to their subordinate lodge secretaries and those within their respective domains that have a set of Supreme Law.**

**Beginning September 3, we will be back to our regular hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Fridays 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM EST.**

**All orders for supplies, including the Eagle Scout Program, are to go through your Grand Lodge Office; I will invoice your Grand Secretary; he, in turn, will invoice you or your Lodge.**

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS-150th ANNIVERSARY, PYTHIAN RECRUITMENT WEEK, PER CAPITA TAX AND PROMOTION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The 150th Anniversary of the Order is February 19, 2014. This is an ideal opportunity for celebration, promotion, and recruitment. Plan now for this exciting Pythian milestone. We are justly proud of our fabulous order, and want everyone to know our contributions and our commitment to Community Service and Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence. So, with any event of celebration, try to include the public. Local newspaper, cable tv, and Facebook are among appropriate media. The important thing is to make the most of this wonderful opportunity, and enjoy being part of our history.

Pythian Recruitment Week, Pythian Awareness Week for purposes of appealing to the community, is February 16-22, 2014, and allows celebration of the 150th Anniversary, as well as the week where everyone in the Order may be doing something to promote the Order or to celebrate its great history. Suggestions include re-creation the Story of Damon and Pythias or of the first meeting or honoring heroes of the Order.

The Supreme Lodge is going to credit back per capita tax for new brothers and reinstatements for one year ending July 31, 2014; Grand Secretaries should ask Sup Sec Allen S. Morris for details. It is recommended that where feasible grand lodges and subordinate lodges waive or credit their fees. This will enable Pythians to have new brothers with as little cost and fees as possible. Ask recently discharged military personnel, emergency service volunteers, former members, and relatives of members and former members to join. Include these new members and potential members in planning to honor the 150th Anniversary.

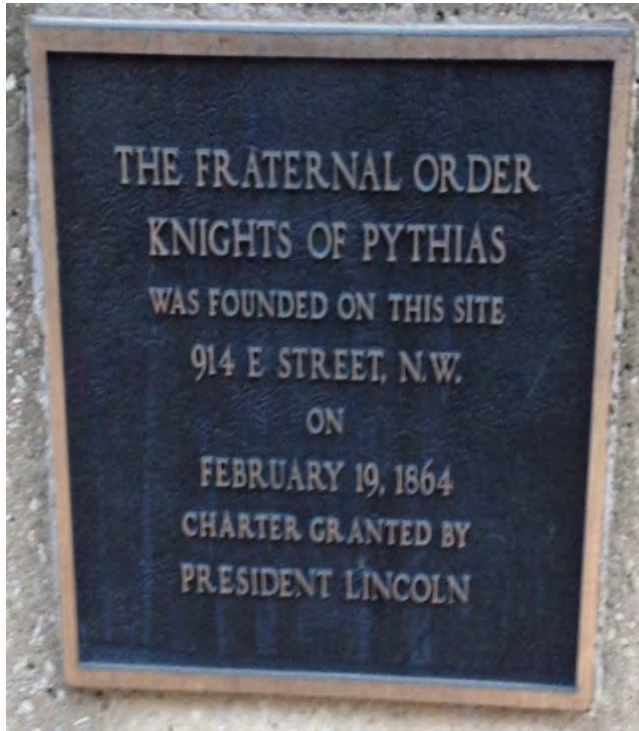
**SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS**-The Domain of Arizona shared two successes: a donation to a local recreation department allowing 50 children to receive free swim lessons. Bowling with colorful team jerseys, attracted a good number of new members. If there is a program in your domain or lodge that you want to share, please send it to Joel D. Fierstien, SMA.

**This is a picture of Sir Joe Robinson receiving the Supreme Chancellors' Award from Supreme Chancellor Jerry Deitch.**

**As you are aware, Joe is chairman of the Supreme Lodge Veterans and Servicemen's Committee.**

**Joe has done an outstanding job of sending packages to our troops overseas.**





**Brother David Greggs was walking around the FBI building in Washington DC and encountered this plaque.**

**If you happen to be in Washington DC, view the site where our Beloved Order began 150 years ago.**

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

**Call 1-800-634-6753 & use Code SKOP714.**

**Luxury room is \$94.00 plus tax.**

**Room Reservations Cutoff date June 30, 2014.**

**Do not use the Internet.**

**Supreme Convention Banquet WILL BE SERVED AT 7:00 PM on Sunday night with cash bar cocktail hour at 6 PM at the "Top of the Riv"**





# Grand Lodge News

## British Columbia



The husband and wife team of Joan & Ted Eagles of Kamloops, BC were each presented with 50-year pins at the BC Grand Sessions. They joined the Orders at North Bend/Boson Bar, BC, later transferring memberships to Centennial Temple #67 & Primrose Lodge #20 in Kamloops. Sister Joan is a PDDGC & Ted was GC from 1984-1985. He has been a Deputy Supreme Chancellor and has served as Grand Secretary since 1998.



PDSC Douglas Wilson was also presented with his 50 year pin.

At the BC Grand Lodge & Temple sessions, \$7,172.75 was presented to the Cerebral Palsy Project. A special speaker, Trish Salisbury of Ridge Meadows Child Development Center of Maple Ridge, gave an interesting talk on their project.

## California

Fox Television has a Saturday morning television show called "Live Life and Win" in which they feature teenagers who are bettering themselves or their communities. They did a feature on Sarah about her volunteer work at the Museum of Tolerance.

Exemplified by Miss Sarah Dobbs (age 15) the First Place Winner of the 2012 Beverly Hills Lodge #393 Speech Contest, is showing how our youth of today are community minded, good people, who deserve our continued support. Watch this short video. It's inspiring.

<http://vimeo.com/70528317>

## Florida

Hermion Lodge #27 of Leesburg, FL donated \$10,000 to Camp Thunderbird which is for children with disabilities.



L-R: Mike Johnston, Todd Hempfield, Rosa Siguerroa—Camp Coordinator, Virgil Hempfield

Hermion Lodge #27 donated \$10,000 to Camp La No Che of the Boy Scouts of America



Sec. Virgil Hempfield presents check to Robert Utsey, Council President

## Hawaii

A small girl, curious about her Filipino ancestral cultural heritage spurred donations of books and a CD to the Pu'uhale Elementary School Library by Mystic Lodge #2, the Filipino Community Center and a Knight of Rizal. Chancellor Commander Bruce Holmberg and his wife LaVonne co-ordinated this event and shared with us the story of the little girl which touched our hearts.



L-R: Mrs. Yu Mikhala St. Laurent (principal), Quenna Abarcar (Pres. Student Council), Mrs. LaVonne Holmberg (CC's wife), Benjamin Sanchez, Jr. PC and Rose Churma (Pres. Filipino Community Center).

## Indiana

Crescens Lodge of New Castle held a 3 Rank Class with 6 new members being initiated. This class was named in honor PGC Richard Messer.



L-R: Gary Fox, Randy Johnson, Ricky Williamson, Richard Neal GC, Robert A. Simmons IV, Dakota Myers, Jeff Messer

## Indiana

Knight Jameson McGrew (83) was recognized at opening day of the Babe Ruth Baseball season for 50 continuous years of service. He was instrumental in getting concessions built & ran them for years, their local treasurer, & inducted into the BRL Hall of Fame. Jameson volunteers 5 hours a week at the local basketball Hall of Fame as a guide. He works in Crescens Lodge's gift shop each Wednesday as a salesman.

## Massachusetts

The 143rd Annual Convention of Massachusetts Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias was held at the Holiday Inn in Hyannis, MA. Representing the Supreme Chancellor was the Hon. L. Keith Stooksberry, Jr. SVC from Ohio.



PGC Richard B. Albert (left), acting as Supreme Master at Arms, standing next to incoming GC Marc Cadoff taking his obligation.

On Thursday evening, August 15 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts donated \$16,350.00 to "My Brother's Kitchen" in Lynn, MA. My Brother's Kitchen is a food pantry that provides for more than 12,000 families a year; and it's been one of the charities supported by Massachusetts Grand Lodge for the past few years.



Pictured (left to right) GOG James Popkin; Dianne Kuzia Hills, Executive Director of My Brother's Kitchen; GVC Joseph Haskell, Chairman of the Charitable Presentations Committee; and GP David C. Kahan.



## North Carolina

Cumberland Lodge #5 KOP made a \$1000 donation to the Friends of Cancer Center.



First row: PCC Bob Glock, Nancy Duggins, Tara Hinton, Director, and VC Ronnie Peele.

Second Row: GVC Neill Lindsay, Treasurer Jim Clouston, Secretary Bill Spade, Pete Peebles, Doug Brisson.

On May 12, 2013, a new Subordinate Lodge was duly and officially instituted and officers installed. The name of the Lodge is Cullowhee Lodge # 264. All these members are New Members and are 19-25 years in age, getting new and younger members into our order.

The Rank Team included: CC---HL Beam III GC, VC--Lee Parris PGC, GS, P -Andy Hartman MA, MA—Brian Gantt, GC

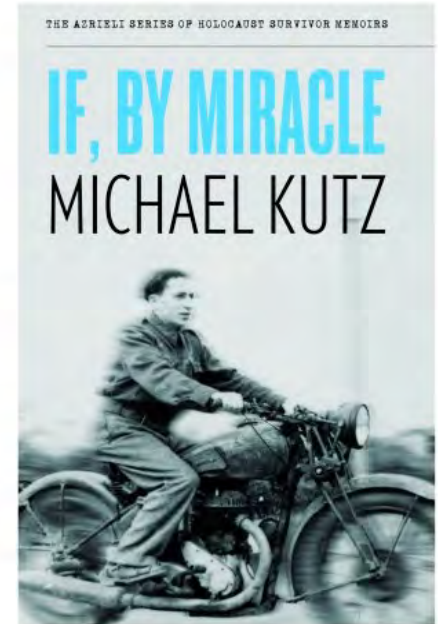
## Quebec

Nearly buried alive, 10-year-old Michael Kutz narrowly escapes the Nazi death squad that has killed 4,000 Jews, including his own family, in his hometown of Nieswiez. Guided by his mother's last words and determined to survive, he becomes the youngest member of a partisan resistance group in the dense Belorussian forest, taking part in daring operations against the Nazis and their collaborators. After the war, Michael embarks on an odyssey through Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy, and, finally, Canada, as he tries to find a home where he can leave the horrors of his past behind. Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Domain of Quebec is extremely proud to announce that SR Sir Michael Kutz's memoirs, *IF, BY MIRACLE*,

his story of growing up as Jewish boy in Eastern Europe during the Holocaust, has been published as part of the Azriela Series of Holocaust Survivor Memoirs.

Sir Michael has been a devoted member of our Order for the past 45 years. When he is not involved with numerous Pythian Lodge actives, he lectures to students in Canada and the United States about his experiences during the Holocaust.

Congratulations, Sir Michael! We are all proud of you.



## Celebrating 250 years of Pythian Membership

Five Brothers were awarded their 50 year membership certificates and pins. Congratulations to (left to right) Brother Martin Wasserman, Past Chancellor Morris Lazarus, Grand Chancellor Calvin Finkelstein (still a little ways to go until his 50th year!), Past Grand Chancellors Robert Weiser, Sir James Indig and Martin Zaltzman.





## Tennessee

Grand Lodge of Tennessee Convention was held in Pigeon Forge on June 7-9, 2013. Grand Chancellor Robert Officer held a very nice convention with good attendance and some 45 at the Banquet. SIG Bruce Brown in attendance from Supreme Lodge.



New Grand Lodge Officers elected as follows above pic L to R...GC Gerald Willard, SIG Bruce Brown, GVC Mike Bryant, GP Steve Gregory, GS Bobby Crowe, GT Tommy Teas, GIG Robert Hall, GOG Frank Youngblood.

PSR Floyd Dillon, retiring Grand Treasurer., is presented a Placque of Appreciation for his 20 years of service as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Domain of Tennessee by GC Gerald Willard. Brother Dillon at 89 years young retired due to declining health reasons. He has served the Order with dignity and dedication. Floyd is still active in his home lodge.



## Virginia

Patrick Henry Lodge #82 had its Grand Chancellor and District Deputy meeting on April 18th. Several members had dinner with the GC before the meeting at Capt Toms. GC Lyle Joyner and his father PGC/ Supreme Tribune member Wayne Joyner traveled from Norfolk to hold the meeting. The Lodge had a large turnout with 29 people attending the meeting. Danville Lodge had 3 at the meeting and the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor from Roanoke Lodge were also present. DDGC/DSC Mike Thornton then held his meeting and stressed that we need new members to keep our numbers near to or better than last year.



L to R; Chancellor Commander Lawrence Greer (Martinsville), Grand Chancellor Lyle Joyner and DDGC/DSC Mike Thornton

There was a Mid-Term meeting in South Hill on May 4th. PSR S.T. Fulcher, DSC Mike Thornton, Grand Vice Chancellor Steve Marquardt, Grand Master at Arms Steve Chitwood, PGC Wayne Bennett, PGC Tommy Fain and HMHB Chairman Mike Scaffidi attended the meeting. The scholarship Comm. said that 7 scholarships would be given out, the HMHB said that a couple of applications were granted money for the children with needs.

Several members traveled to Charlottesville for spring cleaning at Camp Holiday Trails on April 26th -28th. Grand Master at Arms Steve Chitwood, Marvin Thornton and DSC Mike Thornton made the trip and worked with members from Fredericksburg Lodge. Several projects were completed that included moving and anchoring a floating dock, painting new steps and a deck on the dining hall. PH #82 donated a small size set of corn holes made by Mike Thornton and his son David that will be used for therapy.



L to R: DSC Mike Thornton and Curtis Shifflet (Maint. Sup. CHT) holding donated half size Corn Holes

The Grand Chief of Virginia Sharon Harrell also visited Martinsville on May 4. A large turnout was present for a dinner in her honor at the Dutch Inn.

### West Virginia

#### 2013 Grand Lodge Officers



Sitting L-R. GVC Emil Suder, SVC Keith Stooksberry, GC Donald Stamm, GP John Parker.  
Standing L-R: GMA Charles McClure, GS Larry Ferguson, GIG Sherman Riffle, GT Monte Miller

### West Virginia

PGC Monte C. Miller received the Golden Spur at WV Grand Lodge. He has been subordinate lodge secretary for 24 years of Clarksburg Lodge #39, Clarksburg, WV. Monte is also Secretary, Royal Prince and District Deputy Imperial Prince of Tau Temple #169, DOKK. In the Grand Lodge, he was Chairman of the Grand Trustees for 4 years prior to being elected Grand Treasurer in July 2000.



On May 6th the following members of Blue Ridge Lodge #131 of Ranson, West Va. participated in the Special Olympics event held at one of the local schools. Chancellor Commander, Paul Ranalli, PGC; Vice Chancellor, Russell Glasscock; Secretary, Dick Bond, PGC; Treasurer, Gary Chrisman, PGC; Prelate, Wes Lanham, PSR. Every contestant was awarded a Medal (on a ribbon to wear) and a pin. Each contestant also got a sack lunch consisting of a hot dog, bag of chips and a drink. We had over 300 contestants.



L-R. Gary Chrisman, Chancellor Commander Paul Ranalli (presenting check for \$350) to Lisa Hehle (special Olympics representative) and Malinda McDonald ( special Olympics representative)

## Washington

Sir Robert Harthorn has served on the Oregon-Washington Pythian Home Board for the past 34 years before retiring in 2012. The board is the governing body for the Oregon-Washington Pythian Home and Retirement Center in Vancouver, WA. The current members of the board wanted to honor Sir Bob for his many years of service, so they all got together and purchased a plaque with a gavel engraved with Sir Bob's name.

A special award presentation with breakfast on May 11, 2013 at Renton River Rock Café and Grille was put on by Sir Bob's home lodge, Delphia #2 (Sir Robert Harthorn, Jerry Parkison, David Greggs) in Renton Washington.

Following the breakfast, the award was presented to Sir Robert Harthorn by Grand Chancellor Domain of Washington James (Jim) Carroll. Jim talked about Sir Bob's grit in serving such a long time. The talk of "grit" reminded everyone of John Wayne in the movie "True Grit". Sir Bob spoke of his many years serving on the Pythian Home Board and the changes that he has seen. This includes the home being solely governed by the Oregon/Washington Home Board and then moving under the umbrella of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

## Wyoming



The Cheyenne, Wyoming Knights of Pythias, Lodges #122 and #123, participated in the Relay for Life on June 7 - 8, 2013. They raised \$2,550 for the American Cancer Society, and the Cheyenne event raised over \$130,000! Participating were: Rocky Bolin, Marianne Mansfield, Mike Mansfield, Greg Searls, Dean Jeffries, Shannon Brooks, Travis Jeffries, Grace McDuffie, Quentin Koster, Rhonda McCune, Aaron Casteel, Gideon Chavez, Cliff Baldwin, Haven Wester, Pat Gallizzi, Dani Mansfield, Oden Mansfield, and Sheryl Jeffries. Team members not pictured were Brian Hartwig, Audra Hartwig, and Robin Coppinger.

## 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

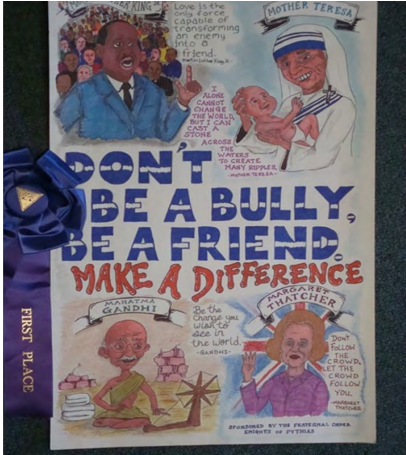
July 30th for September issue

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](mailto:KeithS848@aol.com). Pictures are always a plus. Thank you for your help!



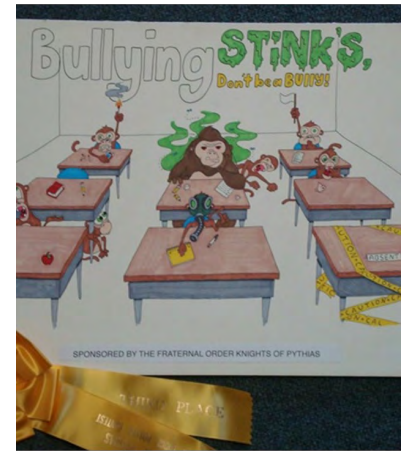
## 2013 Supreme Lodge Poster Contest Winners



**1st Place Poster, winner of \$1,000.00**  
 Ariana Quintero - 12th Grade  
 Desert Edge High School  
 Goodyear, Arizona, 85338



**2nd Place Poster - winner of \$500.00**  
 Jane Harmsworth - 11th Grade  
 Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School  
 Courtenay, BC, Canada V9N 2T8



**3rd Place Poster - winner of \$250.00**  
 Zach Knisley - 12th Grade  
 Springfield, Ohio

Listed below are 4th thru 8th place (winners of \$100 each)

### 4th Place Poster (At Large Submission)

Sabrina Leal - 11th Grade  
 Nogales High School  
 Nogales, Arizona, 85621

### 7th Place Poster (At Large Submission)

Elizabeth Crisler - 12th Grade  
 Ambassadors for Christ Academy  
 Bella Vista, AR 72715

### 5th Place Poster

Amanda Bevilacqua - 12th Grade  
 Downingtown West High School  
 Downingtown, Pennsylvania

### 8th Place Poster

Alyssa Gallagher - 12th Grade  
 Manchester West High School  
 Manchester, NH 03102

### 6th Place Poster (At Large Submission)

Whitney Twogood - 11th Grade  
 Nebraska Christian School  
 Stromsburg, Nebraska, 68666

**There were 27 entries from within North America - These are the top eight (8) posters as judged by the staff of KE Printing & Graphics - the printers of the New Pythian International, and other Supreme Lodge printed materials.**