

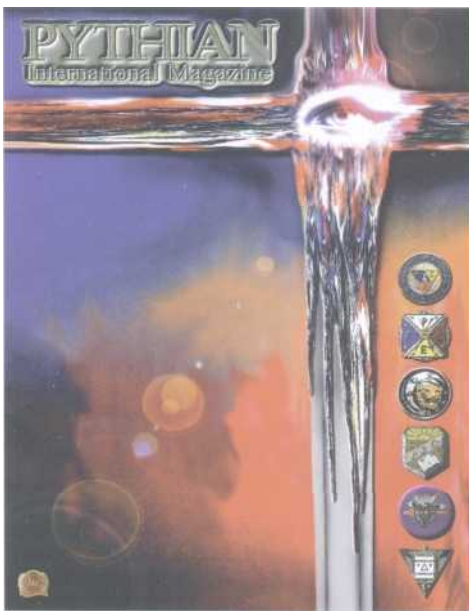
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These Emblems after a story indicate the type of stories that I am seeking for readers to submit to this International publication....



It has been mentioned by one person that a story that I ran in the last issue was also seen on the Internet. Well, since the late 80's I have placed literally thousands of photos, artworks, and stories on the World-Wide-Web, most anonymously, and without any thought of compensation or recognition. Some of those will probably wind up in this publication from time to time. I have even felt flattered as I have seen some of my artwork adopted and used by major worldwide businesses.

As far as you submitting stories to me goes, send everything you've got, and then I can work with you to make sure that it is the best possible for our readers.

If you send nothing, it will get printed. If you send me a moving, emotional story, it will get printed.

Please, keep in mind that any "Charitable" organization is joined through the inspiration of emotion, and ours is no different! People will join us because of our display of emotional dedication to causes, so show some "feeling" and "emotion" in every story that you write, even if it is mainly "dry" facts! As an example, check out the story on page 5 about the Mayor of Las Vegas! It is just dry facts, but presented in a more interesting way!

At the beginning of this Quest;

I promised that I would be traveling a lot and trying to meet all of you that I could. Well, I have been, and those of you whom I've met so far have surprised me in most positive and supportive ways.

As I travel I build stories of my own, and I plan on sharing some of them in each issue. The last issue had an inspirational story of rebirth, in that I was privileged to help a couple start their lives anew, even though they were in their 80's (thanks to our local Pythian Sisters), proving that hope and awareness may sometimes sleep, but they never completely die! It is my extreme privilege to share these moving stories with our readers!

In this issue I have something to share that at times may seem a bit "graphic," but it is necessary for the telling of the story, and for the proper conclusion!

It happened on the way home from the Nashville Supreme Council meeting.

On my way to the meeting I drove through St. Louis, and as I had instructed my "GPS" system to take me the "shortest route," it took me right through the city center. I was absolutely astounded at the decay! Block after block of burned out and abandoned buildings was unbelievable to me! I had never seen such a desolate "Ghetto" living situation before, yet a few people still walked the streets.

I did not plan on retracing my steps on the trip home! But, for some unknown (at the time) reason, I felt compelled to Sunday afternoon!

A NOTE

As I drove slowly through the deserted streets, a young woman burst out of an alleyway, and ran right into my car! She was crying hysterically and begged me to help her!

I could see a very large man storming down the alley, yet far enough away that he would not reach us before she got in, and would not see who had picked her up, so, I took a chance and let her into the car...

The girl (Let's call her "Ginny") could not stop crying and was shaking violently, so rather than demanding an explanation, I just drove. It took almost an hour before she began to calm. I asked what I could do to help, but she had no answer, so I decided to just listen as she slowly began to tell me her story...

It seems that she had moved to St. Louis with her "boyfriend," but things had not worked out quite as he had promised.

Having no money when they arrived, they found an abandoned building and became "Squatters." Her boyfriend (I will call him "Roy") went out every day in search of a job. He never found one, but did tell Ginny that he had "made some connections" that would "put them on easy street." He would not elaborate. (During this tale, I got the impression that it had covered a span of three or more years, but later discovered that all this had happened within just one!)

Roy began to come home later and later, and Ginny was becoming very concerned, because he would never tell her what he had been doing or where he had been. One day he came home VERY sick, and did not want to talk about it. She noticed that his stomach area and right arm were severely bruised, and he was bleeding from inside the elbow. All he did for the next two days was stay in bed and seemed to get sicker and sicker. Ginny begged him to go to the hospital, but he refused. Soon he began throwing up and could not stop, so she insisted! He left to find a doctor, but would not allow her to accompany him. When he returned he seemed to be better. He told her that he had seen a "doctor" and that everything was going to be okay. He told her that the doctor had given him a prescription, but that it was very expensive, and he had to start looking for work again.

Days went by and Roy became more and more moody. The bruises went away, all except the ones inside his elbow. In fact they seemed to be getting much worse, and the wound was beginning to look very bad.

When Ginny questioned him about it, he told her that the doctor was taking care of it and not to bother him about it. Roy was gone most of the days, and many nights, working, but he never seemed to have much money. He was losing a lot of weight, but Ginny's questioning fell on deaf ears.

One night Roy came home severely beaten and told Ginny that he had been robbed! He was extremely fearful after that and would not leave the squat. The money quickly ran out. Ginny realized that she had to start looking for work, even though Roy had insisted that she not. What money they had was not going for food, it was all going for "medicine" for Roy, yet he seemed to be getting steadily worse, and especially his arm!

I asked if Ginny was hungry, and from the reaction it was clearly "Yes!"

FROM THE EDITOR



So I asked her where she would like to go for dinner. She pointed out a small 24 hour establishment, and I drove in. When we went in, the atmosphere seemed tense. When I asked to be seated somewhere private, I got quite an ugly glare from the waitress and some comment under her breath that I could not quite make out.

We sat in the very back. I asked for menus, as it did not seem to be volunteered, and the waitress asked me, "What for?" She went and got one for me, but only one. I asked Ginny if she wanted to stay, and she said yes. The "attitude" eventually became too much for me to take anymore, so I asked the waitress to keep her comments to herself. I told her that I was the young woman's Councillor, and that all that we were planning on doing in her booth was talk. We ordered food and the waitress returned a bit later with it.

Ginny told me that she had been in there before and that some "bad things" had happened. I left it at that. She began her story again...

Ginny eventually found a job working for a local businessman, for substantially below minimum wage. She was able to eat at work, which was fortunate, because nearly all her earnings went to pay for Roy's medicine.

Roy became worse and worse, and their personal life was rapidly falling apart. One night, when Ginny tried to get close to Roy, she noticed the smell of rotting flesh. When she touched his arm he jumped through the roof, and became very angry! He demanded that she find a way to make more money or he would die, and it would be all her fault! She left in tears.

When she was working her next shift, she told her boss of the medical problem and the need for money. He seemed to become much more compassionate than before and gave her a hug and told her he would try to think of something. The next night when closing, her boss approached her and told her that there was a way that she could make more money (*a LOT more*), but that he would have to "test" her suitability first. He locked the door, after the other employees left and asked her to join him in the office.

(I will not go into detail, here... Lets just say that she left with \$20.00 and a lot of tears.)

When she got home, she found Roy on the floor in agony, throwing up, and she forgot about what had happened to her, and tried to help him. He only wanted to know if she had money! He kept saying that he needed more medicine, and did not even notice how upset Ginny was, or that she had been crying.

Ginny gave him all the money that she had, and he left hurriedly to get more medicine. He did not return until morning.

When he did, all he wanted to do was sleep. Ginny left for work, feeling completely trapped and helpless, except that she loved Roy, and carried the hope that he would get better. The medicine had seemed to help this time.

That night at closing Ginny left before anyone else! When she got home, Roy demanded her money, but she only had a few small tips. Roy went into a fit of rage, and hit her.

Realizing what he had done, he immediately fell to his knees and begged her to forgive him!

He told her that everything would be better if he could just get more medicine and explained that he was in absolute agony!

The next day at work, her boss told her that he had a "friend" that would like to meet her, that she would make a lot of money, and that he would be there at closing. She tried to leave early once again, but her boss caught her. He took her next door to a "flea-bag" hotel, and escorted her upstairs.

When the room opened, it was full of cigar smoke and men. There was nothing that she could do! There was another girl there, younger than Ginny. They forced them to drink straight booze and take some kind of pills. One of the men told her not to worry, that he was a doctor and nothing bad would happen to her.

Fortunately and very mercifully, she lost consciousness sometime shortly after that point. *(I have left out a lot of the story, because it does not need to be told to be understood.)*

For awhile Ginny was quiet as she ate, but now and then she would choke back tears. We finished eating, and she began her story again.

The next day *(she is not sure of the time, but it was quite late)* she awoke, violently vomiting, to find herself next to a dumpster. She managed to stagger home in excruciating pain and found that she had been "stuffed" with almost \$500 in twenties.

Roy was home. He blindly and mercilessly took all the money and left! That had been three days ago, and she had been looking for him ever since! The "man" pursuing her down that alleyway earlier was her boss, with more "work" for her!

I asked her what she wanted to do, and she said without hesitation; "Die!" But I could see that she still had fight in her, and I did not really believe that she was "suicidal." I began asking a little more about her history, her family, anything that I could think of that might lead to a solution.

She was from a **very** small Midwestern town. Her family, having the only good tans in the town, became its "token blacks."

From her fine and delicate features I had guessed that she might be Nigerian, but she told me that they had moved to the US from Egypt. Being "black as the Ace of Spades," her family had not been treated quite as well as other residents. Her mother and father both wound up having to work two jobs. She went to school, but even though she was a good student she had been treated more as a "novelty" than a human being.

She had met Roy at school, and though Caucasian, he was also an "outcast." He was six years older than she and seemed to have big plans. He convinced her that they could succeed together in a big city. She began to feel that she loved him, and Roy convinced her to keep their "affair" a complete secret from everyone.

I asked again, "What would you like to do?" She said that her parents **had** to "hate" her, and that she was afraid to go home, even though I could clearly see that her very being was desperate to return home.

We talked for several hours, and the deadline for the magazine became pointless to me, in the face of such Human need!

Ginny eventually came to the conclusion that her only hope was to try and get home, and take her chances there. Although she still professed to love him, she also felt that there was a good chance Roy was now dead.

We left the restaurant and began to drive north out of the city. She seemed to sense that I was not out to hurt her. As she had nothing of importance in her "squat," we did not return there to pick anything up.

We drove in silence for many hours. Ginny dozed off a few times, but awakened with a start, crying. The next morning, still on the road, we stopped for food, and I bought her some clothes. Although she appeared to be in her mid twenties, her tastes struck me odd, as they were very "Little-Girl-ish!" She picked out a very conservative dress.

We began to talk again, and soon she actually began to laugh. Many hours passed, and as we drove through a larger city, I decided to let her clean up and take a much-needed bath. *(Although I have a full sized "Ionic Breeze" in the car, things were getting a bit "stuffy.")* I pulled into a small motel, and went to check in. *(You know the type of place; they rent the rooms "by the hour.")*

As I stood at the counter, the smell of "BO" and garlic about knocked me over! The clerk/owner came out from a back room. He was a grotesquely overweight man with what seemed to be a permanent smirk on his face. He asked me how long I wanted a room for, and if I wanted an "occupied" one or an empty one. He glanced out the window, and said "Oh, I see you brought your own! What did that one cost you?" He proceeded to tell me that he had several "permanent" residents that were probably a much better "deal." *(I am by no means a violent man, but I was tempted to remove certain parts of this man's anatomy, including his smirk.)* I kept my cool, and just took the key.

The room was very small and I was not about to go near that bed. The bathroom was surprisingly clean, but the place did not smell very good. Ginny went into the bath room *(after I sprayed it down with disinfectant that I carry in my car for emergencies)*, and started a bath.

After nearly an hour Ginny emerged, and was genuinely surprised to see me fully dressed, working on my computer. *(She had already been conditioned to believe that she would have to "put-out," to get any favors from any man.)*

While I kept working on the magazine, she rested on the bed. When our two hours was up, we packed up and left. The whole point of the stop was that since we were getting close to her home, she should get cleaned up before seeing her parents.

Within two hours we were in the outskirts of her small town, and Ginny began to shake uncontrollably. I could tell that it was not from the cold!

She showed me where she lived. We parked about half a block away, so that she could compose herself. We sat there for over an hour, and talked more, about her parents, and how they might react after all this time.

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The first issue of the newly reformatted Pythian International Magazine was published. Wow! What a change. We had no idea what to expect and were sitting on pins and needles waiting to see the magazine. I have received many an email praising the new magazine! I also received criticisms about some of the contents within.

As with any new project, it is a learning experience with some mistakes and omissions. The mistakes as well as the omissions will be corrected in the future issues.

Brothers be patient! Getting "upset" will not correct the problem, but "understanding" will! *(One final comment, the cover will morph into something that doesn't resemble its initial suggested view.)*

The "ASK" program is working; we are starting to see some gains in membership in many Lodges and domains. At least 6 new subordinate Lodges have been formed within the last few months. Keep up the good work, remember "ASK," and use our new magazine as a recruiting tool! Many are with great success! You won't be disappointed, and you'll probably be surprised.

The "POSTER CONTEST" is on schedule for another successful year. "AVOID ROAD RAGE" is the theme for the contest, if you have not yet gone to your school system's Art department, don't waste any time, get on track.

Our medallion program has exceeded all our expectations; the "MEDALLIONS" have been used to

honor "PYTHIANS" who have contributed so much to help your Lodge function.

NON-PYTHIANS, who have contributed their time and effort to your community, and have made your community a better and safer place to live, are also being honored. Just think how impressive it will be when you choose a recipient or recipients and invite them, their family and friends to a dinner or special meeting to be presented with this honor.

This is just one way to get the Pythian name out to the public and get some positive recognition. Public awareness is a key to success for recruitment.

The Junior Order is alive and well! Five new lodges were formed within the Supreme Domain. Thanks to all the Pythians that help start these new Lodges. During the Supreme Council meeting, changes to the By-Laws for the Junior Order were enacted. Look for changes to aid forming new Lodges.

The Boy Scout Connection "MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM" has limited funding. Take advantage of the money that is available for your lodge and send a few scouts to camp. You will not only feel good, but you will get the Pythian name out in public, and may be able to interest more young people in the Junior Order and the Sunshine Girls.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS is an ongoing charity. Urge all members to participate in local events! Your involvement is greatly appreciated and will make you feel better about yourself. It will also help a truly worthwhile charity.

My brothers, the time is now to get involved. We can be successful but only with your help. Take full advantage of our new most powerful tool. The ? "Pythian International Magazine!" And let's move forward into this next century with enthusiasm!

Fraternally,
Harris Breit, Supreme Chancellor



From the desk of the Supreme Secretary

Once again many changes occurred in the Supreme Directory after it was printed. You will find a complete list of changes elsewhere in this magazine.

Also elsewhere in the "Pythian International Magazine" is a story and invitation to all Past Grand Chancellors who have not taken the Supreme Lodge Rank. Around May 1, invitations will be sent to those who became eligible since the last Supreme Convention. If you don't get a letter, it's because your Grand Secretary never sent us your certification.

We are pleased to see that so many lodges have been successful in bringing in new members. Please send to the Supreme Lodge office the names, addresses and lodge affiliation of all new members just as soon as they become Knights. Then we can properly enroll them on our computer rosters.

Poster contest chairmen are urged to send in their winning posters to the Supreme office before June 15. It would be a shame to have an entry disqualified because it arrived too late for the final judging!

We remind you that all documentation to be considered at the Supreme Convention must be submitted to the Supreme Secretary before June 1. That applies to candidate endorsements also.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! Put the Supreme Lodge office on your "change of address" list whenever you move. We are trying to keep our rosters as up-to-date as possible and we would greatly appreciate your cooperation. Each returned piece of mail cost us seventy cents, and we would love to save that money, not to mention that you will not receive your magazine if we do not have your proper address.

This issue of the "Pythian International Magazine" will be delivered shortly after April 1, and Spring is right around the corner, so this is a good time to wish all Pythians a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.

It is very refreshing and encouraging to see that so many lodges are having ritual sessions to bring in new members. We compliment those Brothers who are concerned enough about the future of our Order to make an effort to recruit new members. And, please remember that immediately after a man becomes a Knight, his name, address and lodge affiliation should be sent to the Supreme Lodge office. This can be done by the subordinate lodge secretary. We will send him a welcoming letter along with a packet of literature about the Order. It will also give us the opportunity to properly enroll him on our computer listings.

Thank you for your continued support of our Order and your cooperation.

Fraternally,
Alfred A. Saltzman
Supreme Secretary

KNIGHTS ON GREAT QUESTS



The Supreme Council voted to give its tentative approval to have the next Supreme Convention in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The final vote will, of course, come this August at this year's Supreme Convention in Tucson, Arizona! We urge you all to vote to stay at this beautiful historic hotel in downtown Halifax and to vote to have the next Convention in Canada.

There are many dramatic points of interest, world-class shopping, and entertainment venues, all within a short walking distance. In future issues of this magazine, I will gladly introduce you to some of them!

Michael



Exciting Membership Growth News

The Pythian Order has played an important role in my life, and I feel confident that it will contribute much to future generations of Knights! That's why I always get excited when I hear of great strides being made against our Order's biggest obstacles - - "declining membership and lethargy."

The Grand Domain of Missouri has not only instituted new Lodges in Missouri, but also has started some in Kansas, enabling that state to start its own "Grand Lodge." The Domain of Missouri has also started a Lodge in France and is looking into starting one in Switzerland. That's really exciting news!

Productive membership activity is apparent in many other Grand Domains. I'll just mention a few that I have heard about lately. On the weekend of February 21, both Maine and North Carolina instituted new Lodges. New York, Florida, Wyoming, and Virginia have held 3 in 1 Classes in 2004. A very productive membership forum was recently held in New Jersey. A new Lodge was instituted in South Carolina. King's Knight Lodge in Florida has increased its membership from 85 to 236 and is still growing. Overall membership in Florida and other states has increased the last two years, due to very active membership efforts! And, now, with the new "Pythian International Magazine" being used as a recruiting tool, things are really picking up!

Keep up the good work!

Dave Mead S. M. A.

Supreme Membership Chairman

Just a reminder to Lodge and Grand Lodge Secretaries. Please submit to the Supreme Secretary the names (*also lodge name and number*) of any Knights who have signed up five new members during S. C. Breit's term! These men are entitled to receive an attractive "Membership Achievement Certificate," and "Lodge Membership Achievement Certificate" These awards are presented yearly to each Subordinate Lodge that increases its membership by 3% (*A two-member minimum or six-member maximum is required.*) The Grand Secretary must notify the Supreme Secretary of this increase!

As in "days of olde," Knights of the Castle Las Vegas, of the County Clark, in the land of the Domain of Nevada, go forth to battle indifference and uncaring with deeds of friendship, charity and benevolence, instead of with Sword and Mace. These actions are performed by a small, active Lodge of Knights that serve the surrounding countryside by aiding the mentally and physically challenged in their endeavors (*Special Olympics*), helping feed the homeless (*St. Vincent's Charities*), keeping the highways clean for the travelers (*Adopt-a-Highway*), and establishing a scholarship for those local students in need of aid for higher education.



We at Castle Las Vegas (*Clark County Lodge II 96*) believe that it is better to light a candle of hope than to live in the darkness of apathy. Thus in this accord, The Lord Mayor of Las Vegas, The Honorable Oscar B. Goodman, had granted us an audience to receive our Citizenship Medallion for his uplifting role in ensuring that his people benefit from his energetic contributions of time and efforts.

Mayor Goodman has been dubbed the "Favorite Mayor in the Country," bar none. He is honorable beyond reproach and has been recognized as one of the "Fifteen Best Trial Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal.

Mayor Goodman is committed to preserving Las Vegas' status as the "Most Livable City in America" (*Federal Reserve Study 1999*) as well as ensuring that the city maintains its spot on "Fortune Magazine's" annual ranking of the "Top Ten Places for Business." Oscar has been instrumental in setting aside five acres of land for development of a world class Symphony Hall, and twenty-three acres for an Academic Medical Center, in partnership with many prestigious institutions. The North American Cities of Asylum Network, along with the International Institute of Modern Letters, will be headquartered in Las Vegas. Many Nobel Laureates and Pulitzer Prize winners will be contributors to these programs.

Mayor Goodman is making a statement that Las Vegas will now be the epicenter of these projects. Under his administration, there is also an Art District, Monorail System, and a revamping of the downtown entertainment area taking shape. He has truly started a renaissance for the great City of Las Vegas.

In attendance for this presentation were Deputy Supreme Chancellor Sir Gerald Deitch, Past Grand Chancellor Don Feldman, PGC Arthur Rosenberg, our photographer (*not shown*), Grand Secretary Rich Bale, and GC Marc Zuckerman. For all of this, and much more, we submit this document for your pleasure in the spirit of Damon and Pythias.

Rich Bale

Grand Secretary

Domain of Nevada



Pythians Continue to Give Aid to Boy Scout in Need

On November 19, 2003, four years almost to the day after the initiation of this fund-raising effort, the last of three checks (totaling \$15,000) was presented by the Knights of Pythias Boy Scout Connection Committee (in conjunction with the Jewish Committee on Scouting of Suffolk County Council, Boy Scouts of America) to the "Landon Bartel Fund's" namesake (one of a handful of children benefiting, nationwide), as he is successfully returning to a near-normal life following a second double-lung transplant!

Pythian Bruce Streger made this vital presentation at Temple Beth El in North Bellmore, IL.



Shown from L to R:

Rhonda Bartel
(Landon's mom)
Knights of Pythias
Members of the State of New York:
PC Robert Greenberg
Landon Bartel
PDGC Hy Turrett
PDGC Arnold Paget
(holding citation)
Ray Bartel
(Landon's Father)
Bruce Streger
(Chairman of the Jewish Committee on Scouting, of Suffolk County Council, BSA)

Landon Bartel, a spirited 13 year old boy, will always be "in need" due to the type of condition he has. Many of the caring contributors have vowed to continue their donations, so that Landon's yearly trips to St. Louis won't be too much of a financial burden to bear for his family. Landon has been challenged by devastating health problems for much of his young life. Prior to receiving the first transplant in 1991, he had been suffering from interstitial pulmonary fibrosis (a chronic lung disease) which kept him tethered to a ventilator. He had been doing pretty well, up until the summer of 1995 when he began experiencing shortness of breath. In February 1996 he returned to St. Louis Children's Hospital for testing (the site of his first transplant), but it would be more than six months of tense waiting for test results and for the desperate search for another donor before his return to St. Louis for a second double-lung transplant. There had to be an exact match, which can be a very rare occurrence! Doctors told Landon that his body was rejecting the first set of lungs, lungs that had allowed him to live for the previous last four ears.

He had approximately 75 percent use of his lungs. His doctors had hoped to stabilize his condition, rather than put him through another grueling procedure. (A second operation, of this type has a typical survival rate of less than 30 percent beyond the first year.) This young man is one of only a dozen or so recipients, nationwide of a second double-lung transplant. He has now beaten the odds and continues with more normal activities. Finally he is able to attend the week-long summer camping experiences with the other Scouts in Troop 80.

In 1991 the medical costs exceeded \$500,000. Medicaid bore the bulk of the load, but it was uncertain whether it would do so again. This is where the Knights of Pythias Boy Scout Connection Committee and the Suffolk County Council JCOS got involved.

Along with five other Tigers, Cubs, and Webelos Scouts, Landon was presented with the "Aleph Emblem" (his Jewish Scouting Religious Emblem), during the Suffolk County Jewish Committee on Scouting's annual Breakfast and Awards Recognition Fellowship, in February 1996. (Generally it takes only about 6 months to a year to complete the requirements, but it took this dedicated young man more than two-and-a-half years to reach

this lofty goal, as he insisted that he always be treated as "just another kid in the Cub Pack / Boy Scout Troop!")

The following month Ken Spiegel, Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 80, made a plea for funds to assist the Bartel family. Past Deputy Grand Chancellor Arnold Paget, PC Robert Greenberg asked for more information to take back to the New York State Pythians for consideration. It was decided to take this on as their "Eagle Scout Project" and to raise a minimum of \$2,500 to assist with expenses not covered by the family's medical health plan (i.e. costs involved in transportation and airline tickets to St. Louis, hotels and meals while there for testing, etc.).

The initial fund-raising check of \$5,000 was presented in Medford on November 19, 1996, by PDGC Paget to Raymond Bartel (Landon's Father) and siblings Phillip and Allicia. Several Brookhaven Town Officials attended, including Town Supervisor Felix Grucci, (now Congressman-elect). Mr. Paget explained, "The Knights of Pythias is an organization that is community- and service-oriented, as is the Boy Scouts of America."

The Knights of Pythias is concerned with doing good deeds that help those in true need. We heard about Landon's plight at a "Jewish Committee on Scouting" gathering and have been involved with the collection of donations for this cause since last March. Many Pythians who had been involved had the opportunity to meet Landon in person during the presentation of an additional \$5,000 check in 1997. The Executive Committee Member of the Jewish War Veterans, Zach Steinbrecher, and Pythians' PDGC Hy Turret, PC Robert Greenberg and the Grand Secretary of the State of New York, PGC Steven Krochmal, joined PDGC Paget, and JCOS Chair Bruce Streger in speaking. Mr. Turret, representing Nassau County Supervisor Thomas Gulotta, presented Landon with a proclamation from Nassau County during the ceremony, honoring him for being a "Star Scout" and presented an additional check for \$4,000.



A Case in Point!

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. Dropping his tools, he ran to help and found mired to his waist in black muck, a terrified boy screaming and struggling to free himself! Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death.

The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's humble abode, and an elegantly dressed Nobleman stepped out, introducing himself as the father of the boy that Farmer Fleming had saved. "You saved my son's life? I want to repay you!" said the nobleman.

"No, I can't accept payment for what I did!" the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came in the door. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked.

"Yes," the farmer replied, proudly!

"I'll make you a deal. You let me provide him with the level of education that my own son will enjoy. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll no doubt grow to be a man we both will be proud of."

And that he did. Farmer Fleming's son attended the very best schools, and in time, graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London. He went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming (discoverer of penicillin)!

Years afterward the same nobleman's son, who was saved from the bog, was stricken with pneumonia. What saved his life, this time? Penicillin! The name of the nobleman? "Lord Randolph Churchill!" His son's name?

"Sir Winston Churchill."

We never know whose future changes, when we help someone!!!

"What does
The Knights of Pythias
mean to me?"

Some working Fund-Raising Ideas



I joined the KP in July of 1981. I had never previously heard of the organization. A close friend of mine worked with a Knight and his bachelor party was held at the Urbana lodge hall. Party invited.

One thing led to another and soon I was signing an application. Something about the dynamics of our local lodge has kept me interested over the years.

The old guys who were in the lodge when I joined did everything they could to make new guys feel welcome. Immediately we held offices and our decisions were never second-guessed by the long timers.

For me, membership in the Knights has really defined my adulthood. I was married for 5 years, when I joined, and had no kids. Today, I have been married for 28 years, my 3 kids are starting to leave home, and every 2 weeks, without fail, I have religiously attended my Knights meetings.

My kids will forever remember the KP Hall from Halloween and Christmas parties. They even used the hall for their own parties over the years.

No matter what is going on in my personal life, I know that Wednesday nights twice a month I will be with dear friends who won't hassle me or give me grief, and I can let my hair down (whatever is left of it).

I have made some cherished friendships over the years and strengthened some friendships at the KP lodge. I have met folks from different walks of life whose friendship I now value as much as any friends I have ever known. We share each other's triumphs and share each other's grief. When something good, or bad happens in my life, my first thought is to share it at the Pythian meeting.

Thank God I didn't join this group to gain an advantage in business or to have a venue for doing fund-raising in the community. The pure and simple friendship I have found has been all that I, or anyone else, could ever hope for!

When we drape the charter for a Knight, I am always moved by the simple eloquence of the remarks made by those who over the years have shared laughter and friendship with that brother. Someday, I suppose, that will be me for whom the charter is draped. I will be honored to have just been a part of the long line of brothers who saw value in pure and simple friendship.

Our Lodge secretary, John Lux, asked for submissions to the Illinois Pythian and it prompted me to reflect on 23 years of membership. I am glad I did, and happy to share my thoughts with you.

Thomas A. Bruno
Champaign, Illinois, USA
<http://www.tombruno.com>

Michael,

I have some news to report from my lodge. Our lodge donated \$ 400.00 to each of the six little leagues plus the challenger handicapped baseball league for a total of \$2,800.00 in October 2003.

On Saturday night Nov 1, 2003, our lodge held a dinner dance to benefit Handi-Kids. We raised over \$ 2,100.

On Monday, May 17, 2004, we will hold our 4th annual golf tournament to benefit the famous Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehabilitation Hospital. The cost is \$125.00 per golfer. We have hole sponsorships for a \$100.00 donation, with your company name on the sign, that will be placed on the tee box. We will also be giving a car away for a Hole-in one. I don't have a picture of the car, but I do know that it will be a Honda Accord, and it is being sponsored by Kelly Honda, in Salem, Mass.

Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring a hole may call the lodge at (781) 599-1336 and speak to Dick Cronin. We have raised almost \$30,000 in the past 3 years.

Thanks in advance for your help. You have my complete support in your new format!

Fraternally Yours,

Joe Martin PC
Peter Woodland Lodge # 72
Lynn Mass 01902



Tennessee Grand Lodge Council, Lebanon, Tennessee, met January 10 with all Grand Lodge Officers present. Long-range plans were discussed, as well as other items to be brought up at Grand Lodge in June.

Pictured left to right:
GC Alan Thompson, GVC Tom Teas, GPAlex Patton, GS Bobby G. Crowe, GT Floyd Dillon, GMA Clifford Hartman, GIG Jimmy Pelfrey, GOG Aubrey Cole. Among other ideas, we have come up with a fun **Dunk-Tank!**

Pictured is the KP Dunk Tank, which belongs to Park Lodge 75 and is used to raise money for charitable functions. KP signs are on all sides of the tank. A fee is charged for throwing a ball at a target. If the ball hits the target, the man pictured on top gets dunked! (photo courtesy GVC Tom Teas)

Brother Michael,

Stonewall-Jasper Lodge had a playhouse drawing.

This is not your normal playhouse. This one has hardwood floors. It's insulated, has heating and air, electric outlet with ceiling fan and is also cable-ready. To top it off it has storm shingles and a front porch. This is not just a playhouse for the kids, it's a place where you can put in a lazy-boy, a small refrigerator, and a color TV for those days you just want to watch sports and be left alone.

We only printed 2500 tickets for this drawing. There are many brothers who are saying; "I live too far away to get the playhouse!" or "I don't have room for it!" so Stonewall-Jasper was giving \$1,000 if you chose not to take the playhouse.

Drawing was held March 18, 2004. One ticket was \$5.00, three tickets were \$10.00. Although this particular event is now over, I thought the brothers might be interested, because it is a good fund-raiser project! All money goes to our charities.

Feel free to check out web page at:
<http://stonewall-jasper.tripod.com>
Our lodge email address is:
kop6@bellsouth.net



Our local Lodge in Cheyenne, Wyoming, found that hosting a Haunted House every year was the largest fund-raiser that we have ever developed!

The local schools compete to have the most attendance and volunteers.

In return, they get a donation for their educational programs.

There are, of course, some insurance concerns, but the income for this event vastly outweighs the risk, and it is fun for all involved!

You might call Mike Mansfield at (307) 778-7609 for firsthand experiential advice, if you decide to try this for your area!

Michael

Also on our web page are pictures of Trista Kutcher, a Special Olympian who finished third overall last year in the Special Olympic Games.

We invited Trista to attend our installation, at which we presented her with the Pythian Medal.

I hope to write more on this and other fund-riser ideas for the "Pythian International Magazine."

On that note, Great Job on the "new" Pythian International Magazine's look! I look forward to receiving the magazine for the next three years.

Corey A. Caffrey
Grand Master at Arms
Domain of South Carolina



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We are the Pythian Sisters of the United States and Canada, eager to invite all women sixteen years of age and older, women of all races, creeds and religions who are dedicated to spreading Purity, Love, Equality, and Fidelity throughout our communities. We are women working to "promote the mental, social, and, physical elevation" of our members (*as stated in the principles of our Order*). For almost 116 years, we have honored these goals.

Where:

We are at a crossroads, as we are each year and as we are at the installation of each new Supreme Chief, or Grand Chief, or Most Excellent Chief, with her dreams, plans, and goals -- some to be realized and some not. We continue to move forward, because each day, though fraught with problems, is a glorious one, working for the continuance of the Pythian Sisters.

Why (*We Forge On*):

We honor those who have gone before us. We derive continued joy from being a presence in the United States and Canada. We hold close to our hearts the friends we have made throughout the years.

Why (*We Do It*):

For the small things: giving warm coats to tots and teens or a toy to an abused child, awarding a scholarship to a young man or woman, caring for the disabled or mentally challenged. For the charities we support: Cerebral Palsy, Special Olympics, Make a Wish, Heart Research, Cancer Research, and, so many, many more.

Why (*Finally*):

For the pride in being a Pythian Sister! Each year the first Sunday of March, is a celebration of the history of women in my church. Imagine my joy when I saw displayed on a huge banner the words I have used as my motto for almost two years. They were spoken first in 1884 by Frances Willard, a woman with vision and courage:

"Woman will bless and brighten every place she enters; and she will enter every place."
(*She would have made a wonderful Pythian Sister!*)

On a Personal Note:

I urge everyone who can possibly do so (even if you are not a Supreme Representative), to attend our Supreme Convention in Tucson, Arizona, August 7 through 12.

This is our Order - Be a part of it with your support and your visible presence!

May God bless each of you and warm your hearts with love and hope as you have warmed my heart throughout my years as a Supreme Officer and your Supreme Chief.

Georgia J. Byrd

2004 CRAFTS FESTIVAL Supreme Temple Ways & Means

In 1980, the Officers and Representatives attending the Supreme Temple session affirmed that they would like to have a "Craft Festival" at the 1982 Supreme Temple session. This tradition has continued; once again in 2004 we will have a Craft Festival. Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd has secured a room for the crafts and Betty Lou Waltee of Montana, who was such a great help in 2002, has agreed to be in charge of the craft room while the Supreme Officers are performing their required duties.

As Chairman, together with the other members of the Ways and Means Committee consisting of the Supreme Officers, I am asking each Grand Temple, Supreme Representative, Supreme Officer, and visitor, to help us make this a great Craft Festival in 2004!

The craft room will be manned daily by members, and volunteers will be very much appreciated. The days the craft room will be open is still undetermined. Normally, Saturday through Thursday mornings have been the times the craft room has been opened in the past.

We ask that items be reasonably and clearly priced. In addition to craft items from our members, there will be souvenir items that are being purchased by Supreme Temple specifically for sale in the Craft Room.

We already have several donations to be given during the raffle portion of session, and we will have a 50/50 drawing. The main raffle item is a quilt that I donated and was quilted by my Sister. It is reversible. If anyone would like tickets to sell, please contact me.

As you prepare for winter, why not bring out the sewing machines, the cross-stitch patterns, the yarn and limber up those fingers. Hand-crafted items are always welcome as a nice little gift to take home in your suitcase. Grand Temples, why not contribute to the Craft Festival instead of spending \$100 or more on the "pass-out-loot?" Subordinate Temples, why not have a weekly get-together and work on items for the craft room?

Let's make this a truly big and successful "Craft Festival" and join us in August in Tucson. More information will be forthcoming through the P.I. as we obtain it.

As many of you know, I was married in June, now have a new name, and will soon be moving from Liberty to Warsaw, Missouri. Any correspondence should be sent to me at:

**HCR 67, Box 161
Warsaw, MO 65355**

... Contact me if you have any questions...

In P.L.E. & F.

Audrey Wheat-Compton, Supreme Junior
Chairman, Supreme Temple Ways & Means

PYTHIAN SISTERS



Supreme Temple
Chat Room

We quietly go about our business of collecting tabs, soaps, shampoos, and undated canned foods for Ronald McDonald House. Most of the time we really know nothing about the lives of the people our work helps. We only visit occasionally, not wanting to disturb people who have enough on their plate. But ever so often something happens to remind us how important our work really is!

Last Tuesday I went to my allergist for my routine shot. While there conversing with the technician, I happened to mention that I was going to pick up tabs from one of the people who save them for me.

The technician asked me what for. I explained about our work for Ronald McDonald House, and I noticed that he had tears in his eyes.

He explained that five years ago, when he and his wife lived in Dallas and attending school, his son was born with a very severe heart defect. The boy only had a small chance of survival, but the doctors did what they do best. After three months in the hospital he survived.

As students, his parents could not afford to stay in a hotel near the hospital. When they sounded worried, one of the nurses suggested that they go to Ronald McDonald House.

The technician had never even heard of it, but they went there, and were asked only to pay the few dollars that they could afford. They stayed there for three months while their son fought for his life. Today he is a healthy 5-year-old, and his parents are forever grateful to Ronald McDonald House for being there for them at the worst time of their lives.

So you see, what we do does mean something!

I have been a Pythian Sister for almost 42 years and a subscriber to the PI for all of that time. My late husband was responsible for many of the innovations made in New York.

Of course living in Florida where we have only maybe 25 members under the age of 60, we do have our problems. Trying to increase membership in these times is difficult. My own children refuse to join, preferring to spend their free time with their children. I only offered my thoughts because of the reaction I heard here.

Many did not like the new magazine, because of the small type, but I understand your problem trying to get everything into such a small space. I am sure that it will be better received when the type is larger.

When I have anything of interest to share, I will be more than happy to do so.

We are looking forward to the opening in March of a New Ronald McDonald House facility here in Broward County. We were the very first to start the "tab collection" that has now spread around the entire country. We have been assured that we will be invited to the opening, and I will be there with my camera and as many of our sisters as we can fit into our cars. You realize that many of our members, and many Knights no longer drive. I wish you luck with the magazine. If it accomplishes what you intend, it will be a wonder for our Orders!!!

Marilyn Rogow, ASR, Florida



The newly instituted "**Cherryville Temple #1**" is not just sitting around! They have already taken their first steps in helping their community. The Sisters promoted their new organization by riding in the Cherryville Christmas Parade with wrapped gifts in tow. Afterwards, the gifts were delivered to area "Ministries" that help the needy. Needless to say, the representatives were speechless at the generosity of the heretofore unknown group! The Sisters plan to make this an "annual" event. Hopefully next year it will be even better, since they will be able to start fund-raising activities at an earlier date. They are also considering other options for helping out the local community, throughout the year.

"We are really blessed with the ladies in our organization, as we all have come together so well and are enjoying being together and accomplishing so much, as a well organized Temple. Please keep us in your prayers as we strive to accomplish the goals that we have set forth for ourselves."

Missy Faulkenbury
Most Excellent Chief
Cherryville Temple #1
North Carolina



FUNDRAISER FOR CAM - Above, the Cherryville Pythian Sisters held a candle sale during the month of November as a fundraiser for the Cherryville Area Ministries. The project made it possible for the delivery of over 50 gifts to CAM representatives Essie Proctor, Linda Erby and Larry Hartman, who accepted the pajamas, housecoats and toys after the Cherryville Christmas parade. CAM executive director Delena Scronce said the organization was able to help 99 families including 240 children and that every child's needs were met this holiday season. The Pythian Sisters appreciate the community's support of this project and hope to make it an annual event.

Dear Sisters:

By the time you read this article the representatives should have the packets for Supreme Temple session in Tucson. Be sure to read the instructions carefully.

We have a couple of chairpersons in Canada, and the postage for a letter is 60 cents. You need to indicate on the front of the letter for it to go "Airmail." This is EXTREMELY important for your mileage and per diem forms. They can't go out until after the first of July, and she will not have time to receive them before convention if you don't comply.

There will be a copy of the registration card in this issue (**on Page 31**), copy it if you need one. The fee is \$25.00 for all representatives, Supreme Temple Officers, Past Supreme Temple Officers, and anyone who wants to get a copy of the Journal of Proceedings.

The fee is \$15.00 for ones who just want to attend. I would prefer everyone to print or type their information on the registration card if possible. I had several journals returned because of incorrect information. Once again we are encouraging preregistration. The banquet and special Trip information is also printed in this issue (**Page 30-31**), and you should contact the persons listed, for your reservations.

Annual reports are due on or before April 1. It is imperative that I get these reports, to be able to get the advanced reports done to go out to the delegates.

Remember: If you don't file your report your Grand Temple can't have a Representative to Supreme Temple!!!

Each Temple is going to be required to submit a list of all members with current addresses and zip codes. **The "Pythian International Magazine" is going "full circulation," and we must have correct information for you to get your copy!!!** Again, please make these legible. They will go to your Grand Secretary. She should have contacted you by now for this information. We need this information by July 1 this year, and it will be required with your annual report every year thereafter.

A mandate from the Supreme Chief went out in January that every check written in the name of the Pythian Sisters **MUST** have two signatures. These signatures should correspond with the signatures on the card at your bank. Our bonding company is making this requirement in order for us to have coverage. It is **IMPERATIVE** that you comply!

This is a time of many changes, and we all need to **work together** for the good of our Order!

Use our "first-of-its-kind" dedicated space, in this magazine, to educate the worldwide readers as to our existence and purpose! It will result in an increase of interest in our Order's Members, and should inspire new Membership growth!

I appreciate the cooperation of all the Grand Secretaries, Subordinate Secretaries, and the many Sisters involved, and look forward to seeing many of my Pythian Sisters in Tucson.

All for now,

Supreme Secretary

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REVIVAL OF A LODGE

An interview with Marianne



The year was 1989...

The Knights of Pythias Lodge in Cheyenne, Wyoming, was about to close down. In fact, members had even begun to remove furniture. Occasionally the Elders would meet at a local restaurant to discuss business and pay bills, but meetings had not really been held at the Lodge for about ten years.

Marianne Mansfield had fond memories of many happy hours spent at the Lodge as a child with her father, Jim Lemp, when the organization was very active.

Marianne and her husband, Mike, needed a place to hold their Judo Club meeting, so Marianne asked her father if they could use the Lodge. He said "yes," and suggested that they try to find six people who would join the Knights and revitalize the organization. They did, indeed, find six new members, and the Lodge was saved from closure.

The first two years, a small haunted house was held upstairs to raise funds for the small organization. Several members contributed money out of their own pockets to buy eight or nine masks and a few costumes.

The third year, Harrington Furniture moved out of the first floor and basement they were renting from the Knights of Pythias. Marianne, Mike, Pat Gallizzi and Bobby Littlejohn went to the basement to begin cleaning up a mess left by the business. As they walked down the stairs, they instantaneously looked at each other and said "Haunted house!"

After ten months of cleanup, sometimes ten hours a day of shoveling dirt, and carrying out buckets by hand, they were ready to start constructing the haunted house. A wire cage was removed and replaced by a small room to store costumes.

Now they needed money to purchase lumber to construct the rooms. They approached the elders, Hap Arnold, Ed Schneider, and Jim Lemp, and asked if they could have the \$1,600 left in the Knights' account.

The elders were against it, for if the haunted house was not a success, that would surely be the end of the organization. They finally gave in and loaned the new members all they had in the account. The first year of the haunted house was a success, making \$5,000.

In April of 1997, Marianne gathered a small group of women to revive the Pythian Sisters. The Sisters remain an active altruistic organization, donating to charities such as Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Club, Safe House, and Community Action.

The "Nightmare on 17' Street" haunted house has been a successful fund raiser for the Knights of Pythias ever since.

Marianne and Mike Mansfield continue to work tirelessly to ensure that the Lodge remains an active, vital organization in our community.

The Four Points-Sheraton in Hagerstown, Maryland was the setting for the 135th Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, and the 96 Annual Convention of the Grand Temple Pythian Sisters of Maryland.

Numerous Pythians from surrounding states including Supreme Vice Chancellor Ronald Dickinson, and Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd, joined in making the convention a true fun-filled albeit working session.

Grand Chancellor Charles Daniels, and Grand Chief Naomi Teets, presided over the convention as a finale to their year of making official visits to the lodges and temples throughout the state.

The joint Grand Project was Scleroderma which is a chronic disease that affects the skin, lungs, heart, kidney, blood vessels, and other organs. Through the tremendous efforts of the lodges and temples throughout the state, the Center and the medical faculty at both Johns Hopkins, and the University of Maryland, will benefit from the \$27,352.47 raised this year.

The convention culminated with the Public Installation Ceremonies as Supreme Vice Chancellor Ronald Dickinson, and Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd, installed the newly elected officers for the coming year.

The slate of officers for the Grand Lodge is:

Grand Chancellor, Lance Revenaugh;
Grand Vice Chancellor, Arthur Bonnet;
Grand Prelate, John Benson; Grand Secretary, Albert Stevens;
Grand Treasurer, Howard Dilks;
Grand Inner Guard, Charles Beatty;
Grand Outer Guard, Robert Tharpe.

The Grand Temple officers are:

Grand Chief, Rosemary Northeraft;
Grand Senior, Frances Williams;
Grand Junior, Jean Hanna;
Grand Manager, Roxanne Beatty;
Grand Secretary, Beverley Dalton;
Grand Treasurer, Ginger Danser;
Grand Protector, Amy Clatterback;
Grand Guard, Sara Callahan.



SPGC Nancy H Mead,
Grand Press Correspondent, VA

Ladies' Night Out

The Sisters of Virginia Dare Temple, located in Norfolk VA, like to have fun. A Ladies' Night Out is always a lot of fun,

especially if the ladies are lucky enough to be serenaded by the likes of Elvis, Bobby Darin, Frank Sinatra, and Neil Diamond.

What makes this Night Out even better is that all the profits raised by it will be going to support the Grand Chief's Charity, the Diabetes Institute Foundation. *(To be perfectly truthful, the ladies will be serenaded by the T. R. I. B. U. T. E. S., a lively group of impersonators who are almost as good as the real thing.)*

The Third Annual "Ladies Night Out" featuring the T.R.I.B.U.T.E.S. will be held April 30, 2004. Last years affair was a huge success, raising over \$6000 for charity. Funds were raised by selling ads for the program, ticket sales, and raffles.

This year, as in the past, G. G. Debbi Bailey will be responsible for much of the success of the project. She will be assisted by Sisters and Knights from around the region.

Hi Michael,

My name is Katrina Hyde. I am Royal Adviser for Glennettes Council #21. I'm also Jr. Past Supreme Royal Princess. I have been a Sunshine Girl for 24 of my 31 years.

I have found solace in the fact that I have many Sisters. My council Glennettes #21 of 7-mile has suffered a terrible loss.

On January 31, 2004, we lost a very loving person. She touched many lives! Betty Reynolds will never be forgotten!

She believed in the Sunshine Girls, and she took Glennettes Council to Fort Lauderdale, FL., and also took us to Nashville, TN.

Now that "Aunt Betty" is gone, we are working very hard to get to Arizona.

We sell something every month, trying to raise funds to get our girls to Arizona, so we can see our very own Scarlet (Coveney) Holmes installed as our next Supreme Royal Princess.

Betty Reynolds made sure, when I was installed as SRP, that I had my whole council there, and I want to do that for her niece. We have a lot of support from our local Knights and Sisters! Without them we would not be!

Thank You!

The Endowment Board could only give one Four Year Scholarship and one Masters this past year. The interest that we work on is so low and people are not making donations, in Honor of, or in Memory of, a person, to our fund

This is where we get the money for these Scholarships. Next year at the rate we are receiving money we will be only able to give one Scholarship. We need more donations as we are working on the donations and interest we receive.

We are paying now for four 4 Year Scholarships, and one Masters, and we will not have any paid up until 2005, so we are limited on how many Scholarships we can give this coming year.

We need your help to be able to keep up on our Scholarships. This past year we had nine applications to pick from and we were only able to give the two. The applicants were all very deserving but we didn't have the money to give any more. If we don't get more donations and if the interest doesn't increase, we might only be able to give one every other year.

Donations may be sent to our Treasurer;
Elнора Gorman, P.O. Box 262, King City, MO 64463. **You may write for an application to;** Wenonah Jones, 1904 Tammany, Anaconda, MT 59711. The Grand Secretaries do not have these applications as they are given out from the Endowment Board Chairman.

Wenonah Jones, Chairman



- Puppy Size -



"Danielle keeps repeating it over and over again! We've been back to this animal shelter at least five times. It has been weeks now since we started all of this!" the Mother told the volunteer.

"What is it she keeps asking for?" the Volunteer asked.

"Puppy size!" replied the Mother.

"Well, we have plenty of puppies, if that's what she's looking for."

"I know... We have seen most of them!" the Mom said, in frustration.

Just then Danielle came walking into the office.

"Well, did you find one?" asked her Mom. "No, not this time." Danielle said with sadness in her voice. "Can we come back on the weekend?"

The two women looked at each other, shook their heads and laughed.

"You never know when we will get more dogs. Unfortunately, there's always a supply." the volunteer said.

Danielle took her mother by the hand and headed to the door. "Don't worry, I'll find one this weekend!" she said.

Over the next few days both Mom and Dad had long conversations with her. They both felt she was being too particular. "It's this weekend or we're not looking any more!" Dad finally said in frustration. "We don't want to hear anything more about puppy size either!" Mom added.

Sure enough, they were the first ones in the shelter on Saturday morning. By now Danielle knew her way around, so she ran right for the section that housed the smaller dogs. Tired of the routine, Mom sat impatiently in the small waiting room at the end of the first row of cages.

There was an observation window so you could see the animals during times when visitors weren't permitted. Danielle walked slowly from cage to cage, kneeling periodically to take a closer look. One by one the dogs were brought out and she held each one. One by one she said; "Sorry, you're not the one."

It was down to the last cage, on this last day, in search of the perfect pup. The volunteer opened the cage door and the Danielle carefully picked up the dog and held it closely. This time she took a little longer. "Mom, that's it! I found the right puppy! He's the one! I know it!" she screamed with joy. "It's the puppy size!"

"But it's the same size as all the other puppies you held over the last few weeks!?"

"No! Not size — the sighs! When I held him in my arms, he sighed!" she said.

"Don't you remember? When I asked you one day what love is, you told me love depends on the sighs of your heart. The more you love, the bigger the sighs???"

The two women looked at each other for a moment. Mom didn't know whether to laugh or cry. As she stooped down to hug the child, she did a little of both.

"Mom? Every time you hold me, I sigh... When you and Daddy come home from work and hug each other, you both sigh... I knew I would find the right puppy if it sighed when I held it in my arms!" she said. Then holding the puppy up close to her face she said; "Mom, he loves me! I heard the sighs of his heart!"

Close your eyes for a moment and think about the love that makes you sigh. You will not only find it in the arms of your loved ones, but in the caress of a sunset, the kiss of the moonlight, and the gentle brush of cool air on a hot summer's day.

Take the time to stop and listen, and you will be surprised at what you hear. "Life is not measured by the breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." We can only hear the "sighs," when there is peace - no TV, no noise...

Don't assume that you know what is being said, unless you are willing to spend the quiet time and patience to truly listen, and hear their heart speaking to yours!



The Pythian Sisters of West Virginia raised just over \$2,000 for the "American Cancer Society" during Grand Chief Mary Ann Griffith's term of office.

Grand Chief Mary Ann chose this particular cause as her project because of her husband's fight with the dreaded disease, driving home to her just how little most people know about the affliction, and how scary it can be when there is no one there for support!

Monies were contributed from throughout the state by individual Temples and the enthusiastic Statewide sale of Teddy Bears (*which was the Grand Chief's "Emblem" for the year!*)

Project Chairman, Stephanie Harrah - PSR presented the \$2041.70 check to a grateful Diana Harrison, Regional Vice President, Mid-Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society!

Ms. Harrison made sure that we all knew the toll-free hotline number of the "NATIONAL CANCER INFORMATION CENTER," and I would like all of you to have it too! It is 1-800-ACS-2345. They are located in Austin, Texas.

It operates 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, and their caring "Information Specialists" answer any and all questions about cancer and cancer related topics. In addition to detailed information on specific types of cancers and their possible effective treatment, they freely give out information on methods for detection, prevention, alternative healing choices and most importantly, "supportive" community resources.

They will quickly send you the most up-to-date written material on cancer, at no cost, and can deliver it to you by US mail, FAX or email. It is also available in Spanish. You may also wish to visit their web-site:

www.cancer.org

We hope that you never have a real need for their services, but if you do, they will be there for you!

Pictured are: Veronica Taylor, Grand Junior; Stephanie Harrah - PSR, Project Chairman; Diana Harrison-Regional VP Mid-Atlantic Division American Cancer Society; Nellie Dickerson-PSR and Ann Barton Grand Protector (*Grand Chief, Mary Ann Griffith was not available for picture.*)

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Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan



Notes from the Imperial Prince

Greetings, from the fair oasis of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, where the motto is; "**Lift Up the Fallen!**"

You probably know that we select our membership from the ranks of the Pythian Order, but many are unaware of our charitable works. With our Ladies Auxiliary, the "**Nomads of Avrudaka,**" we strive to be an asset to our communities, and to humanity in general, through aid and contributions to medical facilities, child-care centers, homes for the elderly, and other worthy causes...

You should know that since 1925 the "**Imperial Palace Foundation**" has made thousands of loans to Sons, Daughters and Grandchildren of Dokeys. The Foundation also considers loans to the members who find further education necessary. These are interest-free loans to be paid after the students complete their college education, and this assistance may even continue through graduate school! Where else would one obtain an interest free loan destined to better their lives? At present, the Foundation has close to \$170,000 in outstanding loans. This program is a major benefit for our members.

Yes, we believe in having fun, but it goes beyond that!

Last October, a new Temple was instituted in Jefferson City, Missouri. This new group has earned the best wishes of the Imperial Prince, and I have hopes for many charitable and benevolent results. If you have no DOKK Temple in your area, I urge you to do as these good men have done and institute your own. Remember, you receive from what you put into fraternal orders (*and more*).

The Texas Khorassan, and Nomad Society, held their annual convention in February featuring the initiation of six new votaries and one Nomad. In addition to the Imperial Prince, they were blessed with a visit from the Imperial Maharani and her Imperial Maharajah, Jacquie and Gerry Girard. All present heartily enjoyed the convention!

The New South Khorassan Society plans their convention in March. They have several candidates and expect a good attendance. The Imperial Prince just might consider a short visit to the meeting. I will also look forward to seeing many of our members in Tucson for the Supreme Lodge Convention.

Knights, one and all, come and join in the fun! Become a Dokey!



Yet Another New Branch on the Missouri Pythian Tree

ABA #211 was instituted October 12, 2002, with the efforts of the late Michael Butterfield I.R. and Steve Glise DDIP, combining ten other members from several lodges in the Domain of Missouri. Along with Gerald Anderson P.S.R. they formed the Temple with thirteen members. There continues to be growing interest in the D.O.K.K. in Missouri and Kansas - as five more members were brought in during 2003, with three of them coming from Fayette #239.

With Grand Emir Robert Bray (*also Grand Chancellor in Missouri*) leading the way, there is interest in eventually starting a Temple in Fayette. This was another wish of the late Brother Butterfield -- to branch out with other Temples from the roots of ABA.

During the Missouri 2003 Grand Lodge convention last October, groundwork had been laid and excitement grew, for both an eventual subordinate lodge in France and a regional Pythian association. Over the last five months, both those items became a reality! The 'tree of growth' began with Robert Bray (*currently MO. Grand Chancellor*), the late Michael Charles Glawson, and James Wade of Fayette #239 (*that led to a new lodge in Springfield MO. in 2001*). Then it spread to Kansas with the late Michael Butterfield, then to Leroy Loggins, and David Williams (*the results being three new Kansas lodges since August 2001*)

The tree is about to sprout a "new branch." GS Steve Glise has been working closely with Jerry Bragg of Bryant, Arkansas to start a new lodge in Arkansas. Bragg has now submitted the required number of applicants to institute a lodge. With the permission granted by the Supreme Chancellor, and presented to the Supreme Council March 6, this new lodge will be instituted in Maumelle, Arkansas on Saturday, April 17.

Bragg and Glise are working towards an eventual lodge in Bragg's hometown of Bryant. It is hoped that Arkansas will one day, again, have its own Grand Lodge! Kansas continues to work towards this goal with its next new lodge very close to reality (*Lawrence!*)

Michael Glawson #441, was instituted on January 24, 2004 in **Toulouse, France** with 12 members. Founder, Pierre Meste, reports the members wanted to name the new lodge after their late Brother Glawson from Fulton, MO. The Memorial Service for the late Brother Michael Butterfield will be held in Topeka, KA, on Sunday, April 18"

It continues to be a pleasure to see the "branches" continue to grow and multiply within the Domain of Missouri. It is much like the development of a family tree! There are more 'branches' yet to sprout - and with our continued efforts, they will indeed!

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Dokey The Old Days

The bus trips from Al Hilal Temple #33 in New Castle, Indiana, to the "remote corners of the world," certainly bring back great memories of days gone by. The Trip to Zenia, Ohio (*before the tornado days*), and the "mowing" of the center line of the street by the chain gang of Tyros. Or the girls that kept coming around the block to get a kiss from one of our Votaries until we paid her to hit him in the jaw on the next lap around the block! Or the fight in the truck-stop, on the way home from Zenia, when one of our Votaries had to defend a waitress by smacking a drunk over the head with a dinner plate! Oh! Those were the "good old days!" The trip to Kentucky, and the knocking on all of the doors at 3 in the morning to sell sandwiches was another highlight that will live forever.

What is this crazy group, you say? It is the Dokeys, and the Dokeys needs our help! It is the Playground of the Knights of Pythias, and the playground equipment is rusting or broken. It is in vast need of repair! Only Pythians can repair the Dokey playground, but so far only 10 percent, or less, of Pythians have even cared if there is a playground for Dokeys to play on in the future.

The Dokeys have donated thousands of dollars to various charities over the years!

The Dokeys have donated thousands of man hours to various worthwhile projects all across these great United States!

NOW! - NOT LATER!!!

Now, is the time for all good Pythians to come to the aid of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, and to bring our Order back to the prominence it deserves! We want our playground back, and only YOU can help us! The choice is YOURS!!!

LET'S DO IT!!!!!!

Fraternally Submitted,
Denny Adams, DDIP
Indiana

The DOKK has two really big programs of which it is proud, and promotes as a major recruiting factor:

The first program is the Student Loan Program. It is an interest-free loan program available to DOKK members who have been members for at least two years. Members can borrow limited funds, interest-free, for themselves, their spouse and children for post-secondary education.

The program is NOT meant to totally pay for post-secondary education, but rather to help defray costs. At our Convention in August, 2003, the Board of Trustee Managers who administer the program, updated the program increasing annual loan maximum to \$1000 per loan.

Let me explain... Prior to the update the maximum total loan was \$5200, which was spread over the three, four or five years of the course of study. As of January 2004, each loan will receive \$1000 a year for the duration of the course of study.

In the case of someone studying for a Ph.D. the maximum would certainly exceed the previous max of \$5200. The Board of Trustee Managers felt the spiraling cost of education, books, lodging, etc. made the update necessary. The President of the Board of Trustee Managers is Past Imperial Prince Bill Allen (*a well known Pythian/Dokey from the Domain of New York*).

The True Hero



John was driving home one evening on a small country road. Work in his small Midwestern community was scarce, but he never quit looking. Ever since the Granary closed, he'd been unemployed, and with the worst winter in history raging on, the chill had really hit home. Most of John's friends had already left for "greener pastures." They had families to feed and dreams to fulfill.

But John stayed on, taking any small job that came along. After all, this was where he buried his Mother and Father, where he was born, and where he had found his true love.

He knew this area like the back of his hand and could drive this road "blindfolded" (*and with his headlights not working, that came in handy*). It was a lonely road, and not very many people had a reason to be on it, especially as it was getting dark and light snow flurries were coming down. He knew he'd better not stop, or his poor old sputtering car might not make it home! In the dim light, he almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road. But even in the fading light, he could see she needed help! So not even thinking of his own safety, he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out to see if he could help. His old Pontiac's engine was still spluttering to a stop as he approached her. Even with the friendly smile on his face, she looked frightened! No one had been willing to stop in the cold, and she had been there for well over an hour. She desperately needed help, but was he going to hurt her? He didn't "look" safe! He looked poor, dirty, hungry, and his car was obviously in need of help, itself!

John could see that she was very nervous, shivering in the cold. He knew how she felt! Never mind the cold, it was that chill which only fear can put in your heart that had her in its grip! He said, "I'm here to help you ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warmer? By the way, my name is John."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an elderly lady, in strange surroundings, that was bad enough. John crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles and getting mud on his already dirty work clothes. His hands were numb and stiff from the cold and bleeding. As he was tightening up the last nut, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from Minneapolis, and was only passing through, on the way to a Pythian Convention in Nashville. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid! John just smiled as he closed her trunk.

She asked him how much she owed him (*any amount would have been all right*), as she had already imagined all the awful things that could have happened, had he not stopped to help. John never thought twice about the money, as this was helping someone in need, and God knew there were plenty who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to be any other way, so he, without hesitating, told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who really needed help, she could give that person the assistance that they needed, and then John added, "And just think of me, when you do it." He waited until she started her car and drove off, just to make sure everything was okay. It had been a very long, cold, and depressing day, up until now, but he felt uplifted having had the chance to help someone as he headed for home.

A mile down the road the lady saw a small cafe, and stopped in to grab something hot to eat and drink and to shake the chill off before she continued on her trip. It was small and dingy and outside was a rusty old gas pump. The thoughtful waitress brought a clean towel so that the lady could dry her wet hair. The waitress was cheerful, friendly, and had a sweet smile, one that even being obviously VERY pregnant, and on her feet for the whole day, couldn't dim. Her uniform was rather threadbare, and the old lady overheard her talking about money problems at home (*with the cook*). The old lady marvelled how someone who had so very little could be so giving to a complete stranger. Then she remembered John.

After the lady finished her meal, and while the waitress went to get change for a hundred dollar bill, the lady slipped quietly out the door and was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could have gone, then she noticed something written on a napkin on the table. Tears welled up in her eyes when she read what the lady had written...

It said; "Please, keep the change. I have had hard times, too, and someone was kind enough to help when I most needed it. If you would do the same sometime, when you see someone in need, that will be change enough. Thank you for the opportunity to help a sister in need!"

Well! There were tables to clean, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress did not even notice her aching back and feet, for the rest of that day! That night, when she got home from work and quietly climbed into bed with her already sleeping husband, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could that lady have known just how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due within a month, and her husband only sporadically working, it was going to be very hard financially! She knew how worried her husband had been, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a gentle kiss and whispered softly, "Everything's going to be all right; I love you, John..."

(It is not the "Hollywood" champion, but the "Average" individual, helping his fellow Human Being, in the best way that he can, with an open and loving heart, not expecting reward, recognition, or honors, who is a true "Hero" in this life. Live as a Pythian, and others will notice, and will follow the example!)



The second program which will be of interest is our Humanitarian Program.

Temples across the US and Canada may apply to the Humanitarian Committee to subsidize the cost of wheelchairs, resuscitators, smoke alarms, and other medical pieces of equipment, required by needy residents or institutions, in their communities.

Some temples have established what they call "medical closets" which are stocked with an assortment of medical equipment that they "loan out" to recuperating residents in their communities, AT NO COST!

There are several of these "closets" across the US and Canada.

What usually happens is, after rehabilitation, residents return the equipment along with a cash donation, if they can afford it, or a "thank you" letter to the temple.

Dokeys work hard in serving their communities and, as a result, are well thought of by the residents they help.

Fraternally,
Dan Doctor



The Pythian Sunshine Girls

Just A Note

The Sunshine Girls are growing! Since I have been Supreme Royal Princess, we have started one new council in Texas and have had many interested in other areas. It is important with the technology we have today to get the word out to people about The Sunshine Girls which in the long run will turn into Pythian Sisters. I would like to make some suggestions to get our name out there:

- Ask your school librarian if you can leave a couple of the Pythian Internationals in the library.
- Ask your local library.
- Put an ad in the local newspaper.
- Ask your school to make an announcement and leave some pamphlets in the Guidance Office.

These are just a few ways to get you started I am sure there are many others you can think of. Now is the time to help build up the Sunshine Girls! I appreciate all the help I am getting with the articles to the Pythian International Magazine. This is one of **the best ways** to get our name out there especially with the hopes that it is reaching non-Pythians. It also lets the other councils know what you are doing.

I also encourage the Sunshine Girls to get in touch with the Pythian Sisters. I have learned that there are even scholarships that they offer that I had never known about. And of course these are available to non-Pythians, too. We need to communicate with our Sisters and Knights! There are many ways to raise money and help out each other and build relationships between the groups. The more we know, the better resources we will have! Also, many of the older Pythians have great ideas to raise money and don't at all mind giving you the help you will need to make it all happen.

What do we really know about what happens after you're a Sunshine Girl? What keeps a girl interested enough to go on and become a Pythian Sister? This might fall more into the Pythian Sisters category, and I feel we need **MUCH** more interaction with each other. I know that they have dances and other events that we, as Sunshine Girls, would be able to attend.

If you are a Sister, reading this, please, send us an invitation!

We **MUST** encourage the younger girls to take an interest in the Sisters! I don't want to sound negative but it is crucial to the Pythian organization. I love the support that the Knights and Sisters have for us, they are great! Why not let us help each other, and get to know one another, and what we are all about? Together, we can do great things for the future of our organization!

April

Past Supreme Royal Princess Erma Haslam,

born to Edward & Addie Rehxnel in Muscatine, Iowa on January 6, 1906, turned 98 years young on January 6, 2004, and passed away on January 23, 2004.



Erma's parents were avid Pythians, so she joined St. Petersburg Temple #18 Pythian Sisters on September 29, 1924, at the age of 18. She served as Most Excellent Chief in 1931, Grand Temple Representative in 1932, was elected as Grand Guard in 1934, and served as Grand Chief 1939-40. She was a representative to Supreme Temple in 1952 and 1954, and during this time she also organized the **"Pythian Sisters Sunshine Girls Council #3."**

With the help of other Pythian Sisters and Knights, she went on to organize nine more councils over the next several years. After establishing six councils, she organized **"Grand Council of Florida Sunshine Girls,"** enabling her to serve as Supreme Council Officer in 1959, and then as Supreme Royal Princess of the U.S. and Canada, from 1964 to 1966. Sister Erma organized St. Clampa Santha #78 St. Petersburg, Nomads of Avrudaka in April 1945, and served as the first Rani. She was Imperial Representative several times, and received her Supreme Temple Degree in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1948.

Erma was an inspiration to many, especially those Sunshine Girls that she mentored! After years of having older Pythian Sisters serve in the Supreme Council line, it was largely her influence that young Sunshine Girls were elected to the Supreme Council line in 1970, when Sheila Huffman (*Stooksberry*) of Ohio, and Sandra Pineda of California, became "Supreme" officers. In 1989 Erma was honored by Supreme Chief Elnora Gorman as a 64 year member of Temple #18, and also one of only 18 other Pythian Sisters of Supreme Jurisdiction having the highest number of points in the "Fan Flame Award." In 1999, Erma celebrated 75 years as an active member of the Pythian Sisters, and Past Supreme Chief Shirley Bach presented her with a "This is Your Life!" segment, at the Grand Temple convention. Erma was totally surprised, and elated, later listing these two events as highlights of her life.

Erma's love was felt by everyone who knew her — She was truly a very special friend, and Pythian...

TRIBUTE TO A CANDLE.....

A candle is but a simple thing, it starts with just a piece of string. Yet dipped and dipped with patient hand, it gathers wax upon the strand until complete and snowy white. Life seems so like that piece of string, each deed we do a simple thing and yet, if on life's strands we work with patient heart and hand, it gathers joy, makes dark days bright and gives at last a lovely light.

The following words were written by Erma:

"My "candle" glowed upon the string for many, many years, and hopefully the "Flame" of my "candle" was of some help to others. Now as my years are causing me to really "drip" down on the side of my "candle," I would hope that my light is still showing."

Sheila A. Stooksberry, PSRP

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TEXAS RISES AGAIN!



Michael,

I have never fancied myself a writer! In the past (*which is behind us*), we were always asked to send ONLY pertinent information, with pictures, concerning happenings in our State and local Temples and Lodges. We were told to "be brief" in order to allow others to have more room for articles. It is quite different now that you are asking us to send you "everything" we can, and actual "stories" in "great detail!" And, we have never had so much "dedicated" space before! Thank you for that!!!



SUNSHINE GIRLS

December 2003, dawned cold and windy in Texas but the spirits of 15+ girls were not dampened a bit! We had a brand new Pythian Sunshine Girls Council to be instituted in the most beautiful of all places -- The Pythian Children's home (better known as The Castle on the Hill) in Weatherford.

Girls from all around Texas gathered with their Sister Mothers & Grand Mothers as sponsors to embark on this new experience! The girls had met a couple of times to get acquainted and to find out what Sunshine Girls was all about. Of course the ice cream sundaes did help to break the ice and make them wonder what goodies might be waiting for them at the next meeting.

Early on the 6, the fragrance of breakfast floated through the halls and called visitors to the nice warm dining room where two brother Knights were preparing breakfast.

Things changed when we went upstairs to the Meeting room. It was like ice! After some time with all shivering, a couple of Knights found that the gas had not been turned on. As the hall began to warm, the meeting began.

The Supreme Royal Princess April Farough, Supreme Royal Warder Susan Farough, and Past Supreme Royal Princess Sheila Stooksberry came all the way from Ohio to institute the Council, and to initiate, install, and instruct the girls and the sponsors. Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd, Supreme Secretary Linda Bridges, Supreme Protector Addie Sadberry, and many other Sisters and Sister Knights were there to show their support.

The morning was very busy! The girls were obligated, officers were elected, and with each step they were instituted in future duties and procedures.

We broke for a delicious lunch of croissants, cold cuts, salads, all the trimmings, and lots of desserts, then back to the meeting for more instruction.

The Officers were installed and given a chance to assume their offices, and to open, and close the Council meeting.

Yes, girls and sponsors (*Knight & Sister*) were very tired and more than a little confused by the time the day was over, but they had time to absorb all the information given to them.

Since that meeting the girls have met and made valentines for the Senior Citizens at the Guest House in Greenville.

After a long period without any presence, TEXAS - Yellow Rose Council No. 5, Pythian Sunshine Girls, was instituted December 6, 2003 at Texas Pythian Children's Home, in Weatherford, Texas!



Texas - Oak Cliff Temple No. 22, Pythian Sister of Texas located in Grand Prairie, Texas, collected canned goods, hats and gloves for Brighter Tomorrows, a shelter for women affected by domestic violence, in Grand Prairie, Texas. This was our "Christmas Project" to help our community. Oak Cliff supports this shelter throughout the year in various ways.

Pictured:

Joyce Godbee, Laurie Walker and Darlene Milton, PSR showing 58 sets of Gloves and 20 hats.





Nomads of Avrudaka

I bring greetings to all from the Imperial Santha, Nomads of Avrudaka!!!

I would like to thank our new editor, Michael, for all of his hard work in arranging the second issue of the Pythian International to accommodate a space for the Nomads. He has had a great deal to learn in a short period of time, and is to be commended for his efforts!

When Michael asked me to tell about the Nomads, it really started me thinking. As I have been a part of the Pythian Order since I joined the Pythian Sunshine Girls at age 12, there is much that I take for granted. My parents were both very active in the Nomads, as well as the Knights, Sisters, and DOKK, and as things worked out, I joined the Nomads first, then the next year joined my Pythian Sister Temple.

The Pythian principles are as a guiding light for my life, and the Nomads offer an expansion to these principles. We are of a "Dramatic" nature and the lessons taught here are based on the story of Nala and his wife Damayanti — the "key" being Loyalty! The friendships formed here are very close ones. We meet socially, conduct our business promptly, then enjoy the fellowship of the evening, never forgetting to always promote good cheer, happiness and affection to/for all humanity.

The well-being of humanity is especially important to all Nomads. Therefore, a very prime committee of the Imperial Santha is the Humanitarian Committee. Thanks to the hard work of our committee during each two year term, it is possible for the Imperial Santha, together with the Humanitarian Committee of the DOKK, to make a wonderful presentation to an individual, a hospital, or another deserving entity, of an item usually of great medical need. Usually the recipient of the medical equipment or a spokesperson is present at our Imperial Banquet to thank us, and offer a demonstration if possible.

One year, the purchase was a keyboard which was presented to a girl who could neither walk nor speak. This keyboard was mounted on her wheelchair and gave her the opportunity to record phrases and words in order that she could communicate with others. She came to our banquet and told us her story. This one piece of equipment helped make it possible for her to obtain a job, which in turn greatly improved both her financial situation, and her self esteem. She was also able to use public transportation without someone accompanying her! She could make her needs and wishes known to others, and she spoke to us using her new found tool for quite some time. It was truly a moving evening! To know that our gift to her had made her life so much easier, so much more closely resembling the life we all take for granted, was an evening never to be forgotten. By the end of her speech, I don't think there was a dry eye in the room! There have been many other wonderful items presented to people, and the appreciation has always been great, however, this one really made it all worthwhile for me...

On a more local note, the Nomads in Oregon have joined together, with the extended Pythian family throughout the state, to undertake one huge project. This is our part of the Sensory Garden, at the Oregon Garden, which is designed for all people, including those with "limited" abilities. Perhaps you have read about this in previous articles in the Pythian International? Our goal was to reach \$50,000, in a five year period, to sponsor the "Water Wall" feature. This was a project of greater scope than we had ever undertaken, and we are now just three years into our project and have almost reached our final goal! There will be a dedication ceremony at the Oregon Garden on May 8, 2004, to mark the opening of the Sensory Garden. Watch for details of the day in the next issue of the PI. This is the result of a great effort put forward by a united front of hard working Pythians. Thank you all.

This is just a sample of the things that Nomads do for others. The end result of each action taken to help those in greater need than ourselves only helps to make our own lives richer! Hopefully, as you read more about the Nomads, and understand what we are all about, you will find yourself more interested in learning even more, and maybe even want to join in the fun?

Loyally, Jacquie Girard, Maharani

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS NEW JERSEY PRESENTATION

GMA Joseph Spindel, Grand Lodge Charities Foundation president, presented a donation to Special Olympics New Jersey President, Marc S. Edenzon, on behalf of the Knights of Pythias. Edenzon emphasized the importance of donations because virtually all of its monies come from donations.

Four "Honor an Athlete" Eunice Shriver Silver Dollars were given to Edenzon by VC Joel D. Fierstien, PGC KGS, on behalf of Sanford M. Schor Lodge 22/158, for later presentation to athletes.

Spindel recounted the Knights of Pythias involvement with Special Olympics since its introduction under then SC, Stephen Vickness, in 1998. The Pythian delegation enjoyed a tour of SONJ's new offices and training center in Lawrenceville including meeting SONJ athlete **Laura Kasper** (pictured), and seeing the tree planted in honor of the Domain, with its inscription in the outdoor courtyard.

A special "Thank you!" to the Nomads, for sharing their precious space, so that this story could be included in these pages. Proof positive that we all plan to work together for the greatest Pythian good!

A deciding moment in history:

THE FORMATION OF THE ORDER



For several years there was a constantly growing demand among the ladies whose Fathers, Brothers, Husbands and Sons were affiliated with the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan for some organization wherein their enthusiasm for the Order and its members might find its own special expression.

The proposition was discussed at great length, and from every angle, and finally a meeting was held in the City of Washington, D. C. in February 1914, at which were present a number of those interested in the proposition. The net result of this conference was the appointment of a Committee for preparation of a Ritual.

This Committee consisted of D.W.C. Yarbrough and Mrs. Mary Echols (*wife of Brother D. A. Echols*) of Ensley, Alabama, and was instructed to prepare its report for submission at the time of the next Imperial Palace Convention, to be held at Asbury Park, N. J., in 1915.

It was readily seen that the work should be of a "Dramatic Character;" that its theme or plot should be consistent with that of the Parent Order, and that it should teach its initiates a lesson worthy of their earnest consideration and exciting their highest admiration and enthusiasm.

Pursuant to this plan, Mr. Yarbrough and Mrs. Echols devoted several months to preliminary reading and study, after which the Ritual as written and presented.

This Ritual was officially adopted at a meeting held in Hotel Bristol, Asbury Park, N. J., July 12, 1915, and the original typewritten copy, properly attested, was ordered to be permanently held in the Archives of the Order.

The Imperial Officers were made, ex-officio, those of a Subordinate "Santha" (*Nomad version of central meeting place, similar to "Lodge" or "Temple" in other groups.*). The latter being formed for the purpose of enabling persons to join the Order who might not be so situated that they could affiliate with an active Santha. It was to be a repository for the membership of Santhas, which may in the future become defunct or fall below the requirement of law as to member numbers.

The following Officers were chosen:

Past Imperial Regents

Chas. E. Rice, Dan F. Summey, A. L. Frey, L. L. Larason.

Maharani

Mrs. Mary Echols, Ensley, Alabama.

Maharajah

D. W. C. Yarbrough, Birmingham, Alabama.

Yuvarani

Mrs. Mabel Innis Frey, Columbus, Ohio.

Zamorin

Mrs. Florence May Larason, Columbus, Ohio.

Swami

Mrs. Tillie Folsom, New York City, New York.

Imperial Treasurer

A. L. Rogers, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The endorsement of this movement by the Parent Order is evidenced by the following Resolution offered by the Committee on Judiciary which was unanimously adopted by the Palace. (*See Journal, 1915, Page 76.*)

Adopted by Imperial Palace, July 16, 1915.

Resolved;

By the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, that we deeply appreciate the able and intelligent work accomplished by Mrs. Echols of Alabama, and her associates in the preparation of a ritual, and plan of organization, for a Ladies' Auxiliary to the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.

Further Resolved;

That we, as members of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, pledge our sympathy and assistance in advancing the cause to which our friends have devoted such unremitting labor, so long as such plan and organization does not conflict with Supreme Law.

Thus began the Auxiliary Order "**Nomads of Avrudaka**," as we know it today! (*The DOKK is the 'run' group of the Knights of Pythias, that was formed for Men, and the NOMADS was formed for the Women.*)

New research reveals a "more than sound" retirement plan!

(*More Truth in Jest?*)

No nursing home for us! We are checking into the Holiday Inn!

With the average cost for a nursing home reaching **\$188.00 (per day)** or more, there is a better way when we get old!!!

We have already checked on reservations at the Holiday Inn. For a combined "Long-Term-Stay" discount, and "Senior's" discount, it's **\$49.23** per night.

That leaves \$138.77 a day for:

Breakfast, lunch and dinner, in any restaurant we want, or room service. Laundry, gratuities and special TV movies. Plus, they provide a clean swimming pool, a workout room, a lounge, washer, dryer, etc. Most have free toothpaste and razors, and all have free shampoo and soap!

They treat you like a customer, not a patient, and \$5 worth of tips a day will have the entire staff scrambling to help us.

There is a city bus stop right out front, and seniors ride free.

The handicap bus will also pick you up (*if you can fake a decent limp*).

To meet other nice people, call a church bus on Sundays, or free tour bus.

For a change of scenery, take the airport shuttle, and eat at one of the nice restaurants there. And, while you're at the airport, fly somewhere. otherwise, the cash keeps building up.

It takes months to get into decent nursing homes, but Holiday Inn will take your reservation today!

And, you are not stuck in one place forever, because you can move from Inn to Inn, or even from city to city, or country to country.

Want to see Hawaii? They have a Holiday Inn there too.

TV broken? Light bulbs need changing? Need a mattress replaced? No problem!

They fix everything, and apologize for the inconvenience!

The Inn has a night security person, and daily room service.

The maid checks to see if you are OK. If not, they will call the undertaker, or an ambulance.

If you fall and break a hip, Medicare will pay for the hip, and Holiday Inn will upgrade you to a suite for the rest of your life.

And, no worries about visits from family! They will always be glad to find you, and probably check in for a few days mini-vacation. The grand-kids can use the pool.

What more can you ask for?

So, when we reach the golden age we'll face it with a grin.

Sorry, Kids, I know you were really thinking "Nursing Home" for us, but we have made other plans, hope you approve.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Junior Order, Knights of Pythias

(Formerly known as: "The Princes of Syracuse")



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Brothers:

I am pleased to announce some major changes for the Junior Order which were approved at the recent Supreme Council Meeting in Nashville.

1. A 3-member "Board of Governors" was approved with full authority over all duties and matters of the Junior Order.

This new Board will consist of:

SP Norman T. McLaurin,
Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman and,
myself, PSC Bobby G. Crowe.

2. The number of young men required to start a new Junior Order Chapter has been reduced from 15 to 9 members.

3. The age of a youth for membership in the Junior Order has been changed to now read ages 10 thru 17.

Continue to use the current membership applications and the literature in stock for the present time. The old numbers and ages can be lined thru with the correct ones "inserted." New applications and literature will be printed soon, as well as a redesigned Emblem / Pin for each Member.

With these new changes effective immediately, we can now institute a new Junior Order Chapter with only 9 members and can initiate boys ages 10 thru 17 into the Junior Order.

With this positive step forward, it will greatly increase our opportunities to recruit more boys and to start more Junior Order Chapters. I urge each lodge and member to take advantage of this opportunity to help start more Junior Order Chapters for our Youth.

If you need literature, supplies, assistance in starting a new Chapter, or on membership, contact the Supreme Secretary Office, SP Tim McLaurin or PSC Bobby Crowe. Thank you for your support and assistance. We can look forward to a new and exciting growth in the Junior Order!

JUNIOR ORDER MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM - "THE BUDDY SYSTEM" - ASK A PROSPECT TO BRING HIS BUDDY ALONG -

The Junior Order Knights of Pythias is a Fraternal Organization using the "Buddy System" to secure new members between the ages of 10 and 17 to join or start new Junior Order Chapters. The Candidates we are looking for have leadership, adventure and world class qualities.

As our Supreme Chancellor Breit has quoted, the only way we can make this work is to work together.

"ONE TEAM - ONE GOAL"

Teamwork brings results, working together for the same purpose. Just ASK a youth to join the Junior Order and bring his BUDDY along. Each subordinate lodge is asked to appoint a member or committee to consider the formation of a Junior Order Chapter if you presently do not have one. This is our opportunity to get our children involved in their community and off the streets. Our Principals are the building blocks and in addition leadership skills will be taught.

The Principles of the Junior Order are Leadership, Friendship and Citizenship!

This is one way we can "groom" our youth in preparation for the next step, that of becoming a member of the parent order Knights of Pythias. I am ASKING each member of the Order to participate in reestablishing a commitment to practice the Principals of our great organization. Just remember, ASK your son or a youth to join the Junior Order and to bring his Buddy along; it's very simple and does not cost a cent to ASK.

To join an existing Chapter (it's much the same as our Order) he must submit an application, be voted upon and initiated. To start a new Junior Order Chapter you must have a sponsoring lodge, an adult advisor and 9 young men. Information and literature can be obtained from the Supreme Secretary Office or contact me if you have a question about the Junior Order. Remember the "Buddy System" does work. Just ASK someone to join and bring his Buddy along with him. ASK + BUDDY SYSTEM = MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT SUCCESS.

With this "first ever" dedicated Pythian International Magazine space, we have a new, and dramatic "power-tool" for showing new prospective members who we are, and what we are about! Use it well!!!

Fraternally,

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Brand New Junior Order Chapters are springing up everywhere!

JUNIOR ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS IN ROCKWOOD



Mike Carr is one of the adult advisors of the Junior Order Chapter in Iowa.

They initiated 10 boys on February 22 and plan to initiate some 8 to 10 more on March 14.

I know he has worked many years to build up the Order in general, in Iowa, and has assisted the MO/KS Domain.

The boys are very excited - - in fact, they plan to meet twice a month instead of the minimum one meeting a month.

They have boys ranging from the 7th grade through high school age. Mike says they have very good kids, including boys with very good grade averages, and some who have part-time jobs in town.

They have not chosen a chapter name yet, but plan to do that on March 14. We will have more information about this new Junior Order Chapter after they meet in March.

Now that the restrictive requirements as to the number of boys needed to start a new Junior Order have been relaxed a bit, I look forward to much more activity!

Thanks to all!

Fraternally,

Bobby Crowe PSC
Chairman,

Junior Order Knights of Pythias

An ancient story:

In a little village out in Olden days, there lived an old man who owned a very beautiful horse. Even though he was very poor he always turned down offers to buy his horse because it had become like a close friend to him. The other villagers thought him eccentric, and stupid, because he could have easily ended his poverty by selling that horse.

One day the horse's stable was found to be empty! The villagers were convinced of the worst, and assumed that the animal had been stolen. They agreed that the old man would have been much better off selling it in the first place. The old man remarked that the only ascertained fact was that the horse was absent from the stable, and told the others to trust, and not to judge the situation so harshly.

A while later the horse came back on his own, bringing with him a dozen wild horses! Now the villagers thought that a great good fortune had come to the old man, but again the old man told them only to look at the facts and not to judge a small fragment of reality without knowing the whole.

The old man's only son soon started to train the wild horses, but one day he fell under one of them and broke both of his legs. The villagers again thought that this was a great calamity, since he was the only help his father had and now could do nothing. But the old man stuck to his same non-judgmental viewpoint and urged the others to do the same.

Soon after, a war broke out with a neighboring kingdom and all the able-bodied young men of the state were drafted except, naturally, the old man's crippled son.

Many of us have a misconception about the nature of "Negative and Positive." We try to "force" life to be what WE think that it should be, instead of trusting a higher process!

Nothing in life is permanent. One day the skies are clear, and the next day is cloudy. Happiness and unhappiness chase each other through the life of each and every one of us; dark becomes light, and light becomes dark, and in between there is "neutral."

This is true on all levels. You cannot freeze-dry any moment, any condition, any feeling, thought or even thoughtlessness! If you try, you destroy life in its totality. Sickness and health, negative and positive, are part of the same package. Two sides of the same coin. If you try to take one side away, you will lose both.

More dangerous than any sickness are our limited mental concepts, our limited judgements, our complete focus on happiness, and the avoidance of suffering, without realizing that both have their purpose! Happiness and suffering are both just states of mind, and you cannot perceive one without the other being present. One can be happy when ill, or unhappy when healthy. All we can do is to keep and nourish an inner attitude of trust and gratefulness! There is a "Higher Power" at work, here!

In 1949 my father, William Arthur Cole, advanced to Chancellor Commander in the Oak Leaf Lodge, Rockwood—Domain of Tennessee.

The Knights of Pythias lodge was very close to my father's heart. He hardly missed a lodge meeting night for 40 years. When he took the chair I was seventeen years old, and he wanted me to become a Knight as soon as possible. He really wished for me to join while he was Chancellor, so he inquired about starting a Junior Order Chapter.

The members of Oak Leaf were in favor of it, so permission was granted. My father asked me to round up some boys who might be interested in meeting in the game room of our lodge.

There was very little to do in our small town...

All towns were small in 1949, but we ran a grocery store in our community, and I had lots of boys to choose from. I recruited 13 of my friends, and other Knights brought in an additional 13, for a good starting total of 26 eager young men.

The Charter was given the name of Junior Order, Oak Branch 212. As members, we had the use privileges of two pool tables, a ping pong table, and several board games. These were open to us on Thursday nights while Lodge meetings were conducted in the Castle Hall. Also on selected other special days we had use of them.

We went to Grand Lodge meetings in the summer at a large facility called Ovaca, at Tullahoma, TN. This was a 200-acre farm with many buildings and cabins. We boys were put to work painting and repairing the cabins. There was a lake on the property with boating, fishing and swimming.

The summers of 1949, and 1950, were the best of our lives, thanks to the starting of the Junior Order.

Unfortunately the Korean war started and many of us became a part of the military, but the memories of those summers, and being a small part of the lodge our parent or role models in the community belonged to, helped form in us the values of "knighthood" in our adult lives.

Thanks to the Order of Knights of Pythias!!!

Aubrey D.



EDITOR'S NOTE:

Today, possibly because of recent movie trends, there is an explosive resurgence of positive interest in the Romanticized "Days-of-Older!"

The days of Knights, Honor, and Swords, battling a clear-cut, easily understood "Evil" at incredible odds for truth, justice, and the defense of the innocent, have once again become subjects for discussion and emulation! The example of a "small" person actually being able to "save the world" is captivating and restores "hope!"

It is the perfect time to promote the Junior Order, especially since it has become steadily more and more difficult for our youth to find a positive "Grand, and Ethical Purpose," or a "Hero / Role-Model" to design their lives after, these days.

At times, the disillusionment and helplessness that is felt by our youth is so overwhelming and devastating that it results in them taking the very drastic and final measure of getting off the planet!

Everyone wants to feel needed and important in some meaningful way, but too many of our young people feel that they have no way to contribute, and that they are not heard, or respected!

Violent and boring video games have taken on the role of "baby-sitter," and that has led to more depression, and increased "Human" insensitivity.

Ethics are best taught by example, and I believe that if you can approach Parents and get them involved in the Order that they will see the value, for their children! In becoming a "living example" as a Pythian, they have a chance to interest their children in the Junior Order and Sunshine Girls, in subtle, non-pushy, or demanding ways, and children will always, naturally, want to emulate their Parent's positive behavior!

Michael



Michael

CANADA



Michael ...
Finally refinished my article for the PI ... I hope that it makes sense
Thanks for inspiring me for this piece. Victor

The Three Big R's for Pythianism

Whenever something goes wrong, people tend to look for what is known as a "scapegoat"-- someone to blame. It never ceases to amaze me how many "perfect" people are in our Order.

In the business of recruiting, blame can take all kinds of directions. The Membership Chair or Committee is blamed for pretty much everything when new members are not joining. Likewise, Membership blames everyone else (*and their dog*) for everything that goes wrong. The person that suffers the most is the new recruit and the ultimate losers are our beloved Pythian Order!

When blame is thrown around, it precludes real volunteer work from being done. It changes productivity into negativity. We desperately need to become productive again!

Much of our success in recruiting can be attributed to active "soft-sell" and training in the latest buzz-words and trends. We must learn to recognize and capture an opportunity when it arises. Our Pythian Order provides the ideal venue for top-notch meeting and socializing. We offer a wide range of activities that can help motivate your Lodges and Temples. For example, be active in your area in "Special Olympics." This is one of our National activities. The kids really need our help and assistance. Become a coach, become a sponsor; most of all be **active**, assist in transport or be a chaperone. No job is too small.

As our average Lodge age increases, we must remember that our Brothers need assistance. If you are not able to visit, give them a phone call. For emergency or special announcements, have a phone out list. Use the power of four -- one phone four, 16 in the second group, 64 in the third, and 256 in the fourth call. It is no chore for one person in call four people. Most of all become active and help and support each other, whether making a trip to the doctor, picking up groceries, repairing a fence or just giving a little help in the garden!

As for the younger members, the buzz word is networking. For example, if we have a barber in the group, all of the Brothers should support that member. If we have a dry cleaner in the group, all Brothers should go to support him. S000000 ... ask what your brother does, and ask yourself how we can support him! As the saying goes, "Ask not what the Brothers can do for you, but what you can do for your Brothers!" You WILL be surprised with the results of this input into the Lodge, for this is what we are (*Friendship, Charity and Benevolence*)!

Want to make a start? I now wish to leave with you the three R's to get you started: "Regroup; Rejuvenate; and Reconnect." This is a simple and reasonable method of getting your Lodge back in order. Regroup with existing members. Rejuvenate with new members. Reconnect with your local world.

We are 140 years old!!! The success and longevity of the Order are credited to the **dedicated**

All It Takes Is Money

"Necessity is the mother of invention!" And so it was at the recent Ontario Domain Grand Lodge Convention at Wallaceburg, Ontario. Chatham-Kent Councillor Chip Gordon, representing the Mayor in his welcoming remarks to the convention's participants, spoke of a new program he was introducing to help solve the shortage of medical doctors in the Chatham-Kent area of Ontario.

Mr. Gordon's proposal is recognized as one of the answers to the burgeoning problem which has plagued small and isolated communities across North America for a number of years -- a reluctance by the medical fraternity to locate in these communities. Pythian lodges may wish to consider adopting this program and become the driving force behind such a worthwhile and viable program, which will fulfill a very real and pressing community need. While serving their communities, Pythian lodges would be gaining invaluable media exposure, public visibility and overall excellent public relations.

The big cities, with their large full-service hospitals and modern facilities, are the potential for above-average income for doctors and have been a gravitational lure for medical graduates for some years. While newly certified medical practitioners tend to gravitate to the big cities, they do so at the expense of the small and isolated communities, where receiving medical examinations or treatment has been a problem for many years despite their, and governmental, overtures to graduating doctors, to locate and serve these deserving areas. Mr. Gordon, using the Rotary Club as a base, or sponsoring anchor, for the program is in the process of soliciting financial support to pay the cost of educating at least seven students through a pre-med course (*university*) and then through medical school. He estimates each student will require between fifty and seventy thousand dollars to complete their education!

The Ontario Grand Lodge, supplemented by the generosity of visiting Pythians from the Grand Domain of Ohio, were so impressed with Mr. Gordon's proposed medical program that, later in the day, they presented him with a \$650 donation toward the program. In accepting the check, Mr. Gordon said the program was so new that the Pythian donation was the first he has received from any organization!

When asked about student selection for the program, Mr. Gordon responded by saying the program idea was announced some two weeks prior to his attending the convention, and without seeking applications, he had received some twenty applications from well qualified and interested local students. He said it was obvious that there was no shortage of local students who are interested in becoming doctors, and then fulfilling a program commitment of practicing in the Chatham-Kent area.

What is required, he said, was the necessary funding. He plans to start approaching local corporations, large employers, and various institutions and organizations, to solicit their pledge of an annual donation. While it is too early to forecast, Mr. Gordon said he may launch a public appeal for funds to push the program over the top financially. **Dan Doctor**

BESIDE (not behind) most Great Men is a Great Woman! Remember that, my Brothers!

Hello Brother Michael;

I would like to say how much I have enjoyed reading the New "Pythian International Magazine." I have read it cover to cover about three times. Very, very nice work.

I am also happy that I can submit digital pics. It makes things a whole lot smoother. Your work on the Pythian Record reminds me a lot of when I used to publish, and produce a small aviation magazine by myself. It was called the "Kootenay Flyer" (*a Local RCAF mag*), and it was sent to 9 countries. This was years before I joined the Knights.

I really like the human interest stories!

What I would like to see someday, and I know it would be a big undertaking is a list of the various Lodges in North America. When I take holidays I try and find a Lodge. I was in Las Vegas a few years ago with another friend who is a Lodge Brother. With some help from Brother Jack Klai, he took us to one in Boulder City.

In one of your articles you have mentioned Pythian artifacts that are for sale in garage sales, and other various places. I have for years been buying our stuff back. I find lots on E-Bay and in the odd junk store. Many of my pieces that I have found I have loaned or given them to Brothers Victor Eng, Ian Rothnie, or our Grand Chancellor Robert Wright in British Columbia Domain. Someday I want to have a whole room in my house filled with our memorabilia. You mentioned swords in your article. Where do you get an address for them?

I wish you the best, and looking forward to seeing much more!

Fraternally,
Philip Stubbs
Trail Lodge #23
lowly secretary

Greetings to all my Canadian sisters. As Supreme Chief Georgia's term is winding down, I ask myself how did we do on her altruistic challenge. I have received many good articles and scrapbooks, but I challenge you to try harder to have our Pythian works acknowledged and reported in local newspapers. We must get our good works before the community at large if we are to get the interest of new members. Only we as Pythians can promote our good Order. If we put our best foot forward and let our Pythian light shine, we will get those new members and new fresh ideas that will keep our Order vital. If you have altruistic articles to report you can send them to me, but they must be in before May 15!

Mary Ann Belkwell
Canadian Altruistic Chairperson
398 Tamarack Drive
Waterloo, Ontario, CA N2L4G6

Pythians Launch Annual Campaign

The Knights of Pythias Annual Appeal is what our Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz calls "the life blood of the Quebec Pythian Order."

Each year, our Order appeals to members and the community to solicit funds for much needed charity work. To get the "ball rolling" the Domain of Quebec held its annual Kick Off Dinner. Over 60 members and their guests were in attendance, to enjoy an evening of Fun, Food and Friendship. What better place can be thought of to celebrate another campaign than our very own Castle Hall? We just completed the "final touches" to our new Castle Hall, in a very clean, modern shopping mall, with a much needed elevator for our senior members.

This year our appeal, under the leadership of PGC Louis A. Schwartz and GVC Gerald Safran, hopes to raise over \$30,000.

Unfortunately, there are more and more charities needing the money, so Brother Safran is coming up with new ideas of how to raise this much needed cash. Money goes out to our English and French community, with the local senior and children's hospitals being a very high priority. Almost every night of the week, Pythian Lodges are visiting our projects, bringing a little joy to the less fortunate citizens. It is estimated that the Pythian Order in Quebec support, directly or indirectly, the over 40 charities in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and all over the world. When the Montreal Community needs help, you can be sure a Pythian Brother will be there.

Good luck to lodges with their goals to raise the much needed money. The Kick Off Dinner was a great start, with over two thousand dollars being raised in one evening.

The Inter-Service Clubs Council

The year was 1963 when ten separate service clubs in the Quebec Region were involved in their separate workings, raising money for the benefit of their communities. It was then that the idea that one united service club could be so much more beneficial to our city than ten smaller organizations. Thus the idea of the "**Inter-Service Clubs Council**" was born. The Council is presently formed of these ten service clubs: B'Nai Brith, Citivan, Kinsmen, Kiwanis, Lions, Optimiste, Richelieu, Rotary, Zonta and, of course, our very own Knights of Pythias!

Since its inception the Council has striven for the welfare and well-being of children, taking 100,000 young people to the Montreal World's Fair, Expo. '67, promoting youth programs with the police, organizing skate-a-thons to subsidize minor hockey leagues, helping the Jean Beliveau Foundation (*Jean Beliveau is one of the most beloved hockey players to have played the game in Quebec*), and buying close to 35,000 tickets so that the less fortunate children of our community could attend the 1976 Olympics, held in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

On March 3, 1977, the Telethon for Research into Children's Diseases, formerly known as the "Telethon of Stars", was inaugurated. Broadcast in English and in French, the Telethon, which is held on the first weekend of December, caps a full year of fund-raising activities organized by thousands of volunteers in every region of Quebec, under the aegis of the Foundation for Research into Children's Diseases.

Since its first Telethon in 1977, the Foundation for Research into Children's Diseases has become the most important source on non-governmental

funding for pediatric research in Quebec, and the Foundation has devoted its efforts to raising funds for pediatric research in Quebec and has disturbed over \$41,000,000 to Children's Hospitals in Quebec.

Twenty three years ago, our present Deputy Supreme Chancellor, Sir Gerald Weinstein, started to be involved with Research into Children's Diseases, and the Pythian Order has had a huge part with this enormous undertaking.

Every year Pythians and their families are on hand to help wherever they are needed. We raise money for children's research by selling raffle tickets, by collecting money in a "bucket brigade," by participating in all organized activities, proudly under the Knights of Pythias banner.

Sir Gerald had the recent honor of serving as the President of the Council, and continues to serve as a very active Past President. Recently he was awarded with the highest award that the Council can give to one of its members.

This year, through the hard work of our Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Lodges, the Pythian Order was able to raise, and donate, on the television broadcast, over three thousand dollars. We look forward to raising an even greater amount in the future!

Congratulations to our Pythian Governors on the Inter-Service Clubs Council for their untiring efforts:

DSC Sir Gerald Weinstein,

SR Sir Michael Kutz,

PGC Ibbie Nadler and

PGC Hy Sternfeld.

May our good Lord give you strength to continue until children's diseases are eradicated.

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Knights of Pythias present cheque to the Foundation investigating into Children's Diseases. The Knights of Pythias proudly hold up a cheque for \$3,555.

Pictured are the Pythias governors to the Inter-Service Club Council: PGC Hy Sternfeld, SR Sir Michael Kutz, DSC Sir Gerald Weinstein and PGC Ibbie Nadler.



Brother Steven Clayman, of the many Pythian volunteers for the telethon, displays the souvenir tokens he helped to sell to further raise money for the Montreal Children's Hospitals.



Serious work, and a lot of celebrating ... Grand Chancellor Bob Wright and PGC Ian Rothnie under the British Columbia banner, at the Knights of Pythias 140th Birthday bash.

The Pythian 140th Birthday Cake (Happy 140th Birthday Pythians) The red writing was not a good contrast, but the Chocolate Mousse Truffle filling was a hit and a good choice to add to the Celebration.



Well the hands are not clear

REGROUP, **REJUVENATE**, of the day, and our renewed Pythian Order!



... But, the thought was there ...

RECONNECT ... was the thought commitments, to the future of the

Victor



Victor Eng is one of the most active Pythians that I know, and he is always ready to show extraordinary hospitality to any visitor to his Domain! Mark Mead (on right, Son of David & Nancy Mead) being shown around Victoria. (I get to visit him, this next month!)



Some quickly forget! Canada does not!

In a small town of Duncan, City of the Totems, British Columbia, a band of merry Brothers have stepped-up their program in readiness for the Duncan Grand Parade. This event gives Maple Lodge a great opportunity to interact, and promotes Pythianism throughout the Community. Each year, the Head Man behind the scenes is Ian Rothnie PGC, with his sidekick Gerry Beatty SR, who adds to the Team with new enthusiasm, and new Members. Each exposure gathers more momentum. What is most notable is that the Brothers are having fun!

They say to themselves, "How can we improve our position for the next parade?" Competing with the Shriners and Masons, Maple Lodge won a third-prize ribbon, but placed first in participation and showmanship!

The onlookers gave us a "WOW!" and some were serious enough to ask "Knights who?" and we gave them a "Pythian Story" to give them a better understanding of our Order!

As the judging group came to each category, one of them asked me who we were. Well, the moment could not have been better I explained the Pythian Story. In conclusion, I just happened to have a pamphlet in my pocket to verify what I had said to the Parade Judge. He was indeed impressed with our group, our dedication, and effort.

Last year they bought themselves an old Harley Davidson golf cart. They went to the local "Homes Hardware Store" and explained that they were Pythians trying to restore a Golf Cart and asked if they could get a good price on some paint. The Manager said that he could do better than that. "I have heard about your good Pythian works in the Community, so I will donate whatever paint that you need to restore the golf cart!" He further said; "Can you use some Home Hardware aprons?" Ian said; "What a great idea! We will put candy in the aprons and pass them out to the kids along the parade!" Anyway the Brothers took turns in sanding down the body of the golf cart. Weeks went by before the first primer paint was put on, then the layers of paint. A true "work-of-art," was the result!

GC Bob Wright was a sign painter and volunteered to put on the Pythian Logo and Decor. It was absolutely beautiful! The golf cart is now the pride and joy of Maple Lodge #15!

This was not the end of the good fortune. While looking for a bargain on candy at the local Country Grocers Market, the manager said to Ian; "We would like to help you out!" He went to the back room and brought out three huge, ten-gallon containers of wrapped candy! "How many people are in your group in the Parade? ... Oh, never mind, Ian!" He brought out three cases of 24-pack bottled water for the crew, plus 50 Kraft dinner CDs to give out to the kids during the route. This shows us the great respect that the Duncan store-owners have toward the Charity of Maple Lodge and their work as Pythians!!!

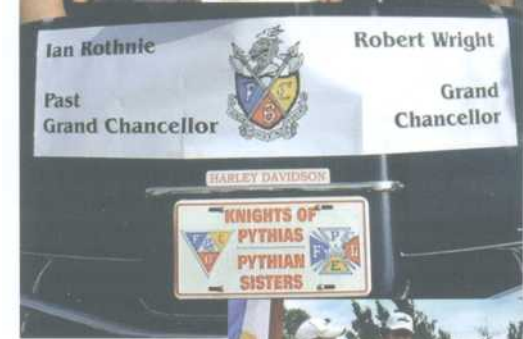
The support does not end there! The Manager of the local golf course said to Ian "Would you like to use a few of my golf carts in the parade? I will put three on a trailer and take them down. When the parade is finished, I will pick them up for you!" Ian was just left with his mouth hanging open, "God! I must of done something right!"

One of the things that Ian did was to organize the Lodge members to buy their own push scooters. The Lodge would provide the Pythian Logo Helmets and specially made Pythian Sports shirts. Now that they were dressed properly, the group spent hours rehearsing formations, and going in circle like the Shriners do with their motorcycles. What I liked the best was that when Ian would blow the whistle, the whole crew would take a rest, some sitting on the sidewalk with the audience and others just lying on the ground, simply exhausted.

Well, those old men must have been taking their Geritol, because when Ian blew the whistle and the Team was together again, the audience clapped and cheered for the show.

It would be a Parade Marshall's nightmare, but only in Duncan can one shake hands with the Mayor and members at the reviewing stand or stop at the local cable TV location and do a three-minute interview, greeting the neighbors to catch up on news along the parade route. While the guys were busy, the wives and girlfriend were handing out CDs and candies along the parade route. The other wives were handling the banner for the Victoria Storm Wheelchair hockey team. Four members from the Team with the Pythian crest on their hockey jerseys gave demonstrations with two Referees, again supported by their families in the parade. The Grand Officers were dressed in Pythian gear using the golf carts as resting stations for the players and for candy refilling centers. The flags flying behind the carts gave them unity. After the parade, Tim McNaughton GVC and I joined the Pythian families of Maple Lodge at one of the local Chinese buffet restaurants.

We did make our presence known that the Knights of Pythias are in town to stay. Plans were started to make a larger Pythian presents in the Duncan Grand Parade. There were leads to another golf cart and the idea of having a Castle Hall on a trailer. Ian said by having Pythian projects and seeing the positive results, they are aiming to get five new members to their Lodge by the BC Grand Sessions in May. Well, "Head Honcho" Ian, you have beaten us in the Parade department, but Capital City may give you a run for your money in Recruiting!!!



Pythian Attitude!!!



Marty is the manager of a small restaurant in Canada, and would make a great Pythian! He is always in a good mood and always has a big smile and something positive to say. When anyone asks him how he is doing, his always quick reply is, "If I were any better, I would have to be twins!"

SO contagious is this living attitude that when he changes to another location, many of the staff who work with him quit their jobs, so that they can follow him. Even some of his customers do the same. He is a natural motivator and inspiration to anyone who is lucky enough to meet or work with him. If an employee (or even the Boss) is having a had day, Marty is always there, with words of wisdom on how to look for the "positive" side of the situation.

Seeing this style made me really curious, so one day I went up to Marty and said; "I don't get it! No one can be a positive person all of the time! How do you do it?" Marty replied; "Each morning, I wake up and say to myself, this is my life! I have two choices today. I can choose to be in a good mood or I can choose to be in a bad mood! (*I always choose to be in a good mood.!*) Anytime something seemingly bad happens, I can choose to be a 'victim,' or I can choose to learn from it. I always choose to learn from it! Every time someone comes to me grumbling and complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining, or I can point out the positive side of the situation (*because, there always is one!!*) I always choose the positive view of life!"

"But it's not always that easy, is it?" I protested!

"Yes! It is!" Marty said.

"Life is all about choices! That is one of the very few things that **no** one can take from you! When you cut away all the crap and illusion, every situation has a choice. You choose how you react to any and all situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good, or bad, mood, moment to moment. It's your choice how you live your life! No one can take that from you! If you choose to watch the news first thing in the morning, and last thing at night, or listen to, and pass on, gossip, all the time, how can you be 'positive' about anything? It is a matter of what your chosen 'focus' is in life, as well!"

Several years later, Marty did something you are never supposed to do in any business: he left the back door open one morning before opening, and he was robbed by two very nervous armed men. While trying to open the safe, Marty's hand was shaking so badly from nervousness, that it slipped off the combination wheel, and as he fell, the robbers, being amateurs, panicked, shot him, and ran! Luckily Marty was found by one of the morning waitresses, and quickly rushed to the hospital. After 16 hours of surgery and weeks of rehabilitation, Marty was released from the hospital with fragments of the bullet still in his head.

I saw Marty about a year after the incident, and when I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd have to be twins! Want to see my scars?" I did not know what he meant, as I had not heard about the incident! He told me what had happened. I asked what had gone through his mind, as the robbery took place. He said, "The first thing that went through my mind was that I should have locked the back door! Then, when they shot me, the second thing was a piece of hot lead! After that, I lay on the floor, remembering that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or choose to die! I chose to live!"

"Weren't you scared?" I asked.

"Not at first!" Marty continued, "The paramedics were really a big help! They kept telling me that I was going to be just fine. But, when they wheeled me into the Emergency Room, and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared! In their eyes, all I could see was 'He's a dead man.' That look chilled me to the bone, and I knew I needed to take quick action!!!"

"What did you do? How could you do anything?" I asked.

"Well.....There was a really large nurse frantically shouting questions at me!" said Marty. "One question that she asked was if I was allergic to anything. 'Yes!!!' I blurted out! (*The doctors and nurses stopped working, waiting for my reply.*) I took a deep breath and yelled '**Mack trucks doing ninety kilometers an hour, and Bullets!**' Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live, so please! Operate on me as if I am alive, not already a cadaver!'"

Marty lived, thanks to the extraordinary skill of his doctors **unleashed** by the fact that he had "re-framed" their viewpoints, and the fact that he had gotten help so quickly! But I think mostly because of his amazing internal positive attitude! I learned from him that **every day** you have the choice to either enjoy your life, or to hate it. That "Money and Things" are not what matters, but that the "Hopes and Dreams" of people do! The only things that are truly yours - that no one can ever control or take from you - is your "Attitude" and "Choice!" So, if you really "get" that one critical little fact, everything else in life becomes much easier! It also forces you to accept "self-responsibility" (*something that few people do*). When something happens, in your life, you will not look for someone else to blame, not even "God!" I think that is the first step to being a true Pythian!!! How about you???

Michael

Remember and Honor them, before they are gone, forever!

This is **Pythian Sister Bea Erickson**, and she has been a Pythian Sister for about 60 years. Imagine this gal can play the piano and march around, taking oaths like the rest of them at **95**, yet when I look at the picture of her standing there, I **am** barely doing **that** at **59!**

At the piano, she is in her element, for she is the Musician of Island Temple #8.

The date when she began a particular office is not important! What is important is that this young lady is 95 years, is still able to play and do her job at the Temple, with dedication and enthusiasm!

She keeps up, and fully participates with ladies only half her age! She was so happy when I asked for the history of her Temple Work, and she really perked up while eating the Special 140th Pythian Birthday cake, at our recent celebration!

Grand Chief Isabel Webber presented a bouquet of flowers to Bea for her 95th Birthday on the 25th March. Grand Chief Isabel (*Tiny*) Webber was making her official visit to Island Temple #8, at the time. The Pythian Sisters gave her a Royal Welcome by giving her a crown, and the Glee Club sang about her being a "Queen Bee" to her subjects!

Besides giving her a pot of honey, her the Grand Chief to the "Queen for Cerebral Palsy." For dinner, the girls group for Prime Rib with Yorkshire Beef, Grilled Chicken and Baked the "Four Mile House."

Present for her Grand visit were four Lodges on the Island, which support. Pythian Sisters had fun, kidding, ~~and~~ laughing!

"Recognition," was the basic agenda of the evening, showing that the Sisterhood of Island Temple have been bound closely together for almost 50 years!

Knowing the Brothers well, the girls were confident enough to tell the secrets of their partying and sleepless convention (*and their little bit of drinking*). The Visitation ended with the Temple giving the Grand Chief a cake which was savored by all present.



Royal subjects took Alexander Hospital took her, and the Pudding, and Roast Pacific Salmon at

seven Temples and showed a fantastic with lots of ribbing,



This is Chancellor Commander Preston Thomas, with his wife, Helen Thomas, dual with Crescent Lodge #33 Washington, also the Dokk Coordinator in the Pacific Northwest. Being a loving husband, because of his wife's recent health, Preston has pulled back on his volunteering a bit to look after her.

When my Father died, they wanted to move the Dokey's from Victoria to Sidney. It ended that we lost our Charter to Vancouver.

Preston has worked with me for at least 5 years to reestablish the Victoria Charter. We almost have 15 Brothers, now to bring the Charter back to Victoria! When I last spoke to Helen, she was doing better.

Victor

Victor

THE PYTHIAN HALL of HONORS



In the community of Tamarac, Florida, Kings Knights Lodge #221 was presented with a proclamation honoring the KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS on their 140 Anniversary and declaring February 19 as "KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DAY!" The festivities were started by PC Larry Hochfeld who wrote a letter to the Mayor in reference to the Knights of Pythias anniversary. The lodge is proud that the Mayor and the Commissioners are also Members!

Brothers and Sisters,

Saturday, February 21, the Grand Lodge of DC convened for its 140th consecutive, annual convention, at the Hotel Lombardy in downtown Washington, D.C.

As the Mother Domain, it was a memorable occasion for Past Chancellor Commanders and friends of Franklin Lodge #2 and Capitol Lodge #24, to sit down to break bread and conduct our annual business on this 140th birthday of the founding of our Order and our own beginning on February 19, 1864.

Grand Chancellor Videlock was at the helm, and our honored guest was Supreme Secretary Al Saltzman. After clearing the decks of annual committee reports, Brother Al delivered a "no-holds-barred" message from Supreme. It was also a pleasure to induct into Grand Lodge, Past Chancellor Earl "Baron" Fain IV of Capitol Lodge. Announcement was made of our continuing efforts in Public Relations for the 140th birthday, and the following was noted.

Presented to the Domain was an official proclamation from the honorable Anthony Williams, Mayor of the City of Washington. A second proclamation was then entered which will be presented to the Supreme Chancellor, in Tucson, by our Supreme Reps Ross Clemons and Steve Evry. This was in honor of the ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS and was from the White House and President George W. Bush.

We're on a roll. On to #141!

Fraternally,

Bro Herb Rosenberg PSR

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Father & Son - Another Pythian "First!"

Son: Grand Chancellor Art Westle (*Illinois*) with his Wife, Charlotte.

Father: Grand Chancellor Sir Erwin Westle (*Florida*) with his Wife, Esther, PGC (*Florida*).

It is my understanding that in the history of our order there has never been a father and son holding the office of Grand Chancellor at the same time! If this is so, then I believe this is truly worthy news for our Pythian International Magazine! Thank you.....

Art Westle, Grand Chancellor
Domain of Illinois
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**CITY OF TAMARAC
PROCLAMATION**

*Requested by Larry Hochfeld, PC
Kings Knights Lodge #221*

WHEREAS, the Order Knights of Pythias is an international fraternity, founded in Washington, D.C. on February 19, 1864 by Justus Henry Rathbone; and

WHEREAS, because of the principles set forth by the Knights of Pythias, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, President Lincoln approved and encouraged the members of the Knights of Pythias to move forward with their plans; and

WHEREAS, the Pythian Order is the first fraternal organization to be chartered by an Act of the United States Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Schreiber, Mayor of the City of Tamarac, Broward County, Florida, do hereby proclaim February 19th, 2004 as

"Knights of Pythias Day"

in the City of Tamarac, and commend and congratulate the Knights of Pythias for its many altruistic endeavors and the efforts put forth by all members towards enhancing the principles of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in the City of Tamarac and throughout the nation

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Tamarac to be affixed this 11th day of February 2004.



Joe Schreiber
Joe Schreiber, MAYOR

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Pictured left to right:

PDGC Jerry Kalinsky, Commissioner Mark Sultinoff (*hidden*), Prelate Bob Krakow, V/C Irving Silverman, Commissioner Ed Portner (*hidden*), PC Larry Hochfeld, PDGC Gil Tabakan, DGC Bernie Gissen, PC Bernie Beizer, C/C Max Cohn and Mayor Joseph Schreiber.

PETER WOODLAND "THE PYTHIAN MARTYR"

Thanks!!!



We are Arcana Lodge #102, State of Maine. We are a small lodge of about 65 members of which only 15 or so attend meetings.

Our recipient of this \$500 presentation is called "Operation Lift Off." Operation Lift Off is a nonprofit Maine foundation formed to help make wishes come true for sick children. This check is to help fund a wish for a girl with terminal cancer. Presenting the check is George Simmons Jr., Secretary and Brother of the Knights of Pythias, to Sharryln Parsons, founder of the program.

Our information tells us that Make-A-Wish has a well-paid staff which causes the cost to fund a wish to be over \$5000, unlike Operation Lift Off, which has a totally volunteer staff, and grants wishes for about half that amount.

At the time of this presentation, Operation Lift Off had granted around 400 wishes.

If any readers have any questions, or wish to donate to this cause, they may call me at my home number (207) 594-2980.

Thank you for your attention.

Doyle R. Simmons, Treasurer
Arcana Lodge 102

**Grand Session of Washington and Alaska
at Yakima, WA 2003**



**Grand Chief Ethel Benham,
Grand CH, James Wiley** at the tea honoring the Grand officers of Sisters and Brothers.

Grand Sisters from Union Temple #12 of BC

attending hospitality night hosted by Grand Chief Ethel Benham and CH James Wiley. Theme was Hawaiian. In picture is: Carol Saber, Margaret Rutledge, Isabel Hood, Sharon Nelson and PGC Laure Brown.



Hospitality night. Pythian Knights participating: Mary Wilson past editor of PI, Cecil Tuttle G. Sec, and Sir Bob Morgan.

Representatives of Rhododendron #30 traveled

to the new Ronald McDonald house in Seattle, WA., to present a check for \$75.00, and towels, pot holders, tooth paste, tooth brushes, hand creams, etc. The Temple collects aluminum cans, tabs and newspapers and recycles them lot money, earmarked for Ronald McDonald House. This was in November 2003.



**Peter Woodland's valor, July 21, 1880,
personifies the Pythian spirit!**

From Van Valkenburg,

*The Knights of Pythias Complete Manual & Textbook
(1887), pp. 334- 338*

Peter Woodland brought about his own death to save the lives of the eight men, who, favored by fortune, reached the air-lock in the Hudson River tunnel before the iron plates and masonry crashed in and forced to, and securely held, the door of the air-lock on the tunnel side.

While the cries of despair went up from the twenty-eight men, as the water steadily submerged them, and all fought desperately but fruitlessly for life, there was but one man who was his own master - one man who, though staring death in the face, realized that eight men in the air-lock could be saved. The compressed air confined in the lock held the door, and the efforts of the eight to force it open had failed. They had expended their strength, and to them there seemed to be no escape from death by drowning.

But Peter Woodland gave his order - an order that was heard above the wails of anguish of the men who knew that escape from death was impossible - "Break out the bull's eye!" The order was calmly given and the bull's eye was crushed out on the shaft side, and thus the compressed air held by the rush of the water which poured through the bulkhead and loft filling on one side, and the door of the air-lock on the other, was allowed to escape. The resistance was gone, and the door was easily opened.

The eight men dashed up the steps of the shaft and were saved, but the release of the compressed air, which had resisted the flow of the water, left the water to flow in unmercifully, and Peter Woodland and his twenty subordinates quickly perished."

Theodore Dreiser based his short story; "St. Columbia and the River," about an immigrant perishing while helping build a tunnel, on the Pythian immortal Hero.

Work towards a "Woodland Monument" was begun October, 1880 by Lincoln Lodge #36, Jersey City, to honor Peter Woodland, a member of Hector Lodge #49, Philadelphia, PA.

The towering sixteen foot monument was unveiled May 30, 1883, with nearly 3000 Pythians participating at New York Bay Cemetery, Jersey City, New Jersey, and maybe 10,000 people attending with the inscription;

**"ERECTED BY
THE ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
IN MEMORY OF
BROTHER PETER WOODLAND
OF HECTOR LODGE NO. 49
PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
WHO WAS KILLED IN A DISASTER AT
THE HUDSON RIVER TUNNEL,
JULY 21, 1880.
AGED 32 YEARS.
HE SACRIFICED HIS LIFE
THAT OTHERS MIGHT LIVE."**

Peter Woodland's heroism brings to life the ultimate sacrifice for others, and evokes the same powerful 25 emotional effects every day, it is recalled

Pentiction Lodge #49 Knights of Pythias, wish to extend our thanks to the business establishments, residents, and apartment dwellings -- all who have assisted with contributions of salvage newspaper for recycling purposes, as the Knights of Pythias ways and means endeavor of fund-raising, in support of local charities and community goodwill, over the 2003 term!

In keeping with active concern, for the betterment of our communities, the Knights of Pythias gave support with "RECYCLING FOR CHARITY" in the amount of \$10,163.

Knights of Pythias were pleased to support, with contributions, the following:

Air Cadets, Okanagan Rugby Tour Team, Children's Day Camp, Cooperative Enterprise Center, Pentiction Bocce Club, Pentiction City library, Crime Stoppers, Pythian Cerebral Palsy Com, Dry-after-Grad (Princess Margaret), Salvation Army, Fairy Godmother Foundation (PH), Special Olympics, Sr. Drop-in Centre, Girls Minor Fastball, Senior Symposium, Make-a-Wish Foundation, S/O Brain Injury, Multiple Sclerosis, Walker for an Individual, and Neighborhood Link (Summerland).

A contribution in excess of \$3,000 was made to the OSNS Child Development Centre Telethon from the Pythian Cerebral Palsy Committee - a separate identity from Pentiction Lodge #49.



Marvin Wilson, a resident for over 40 years, has been a principal baseball umpire, is a senior member of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge 49, and has assisted the Lodge in raising over \$275,000 for local charities with their paper recycling programs. This versatile man was also Editor in Chief of the "Pythian International Magazine" for 25 years, truly a 1000% hitter.

The City of Pentiction, through the "Seniors Advisory Council," recognizes individuals for the special ways in which they make Pentiction a better place to live.

We try not to keep the small kindnesses and Contributions of our citizens a secret!

The candidate may be your neighbor, or your newspaper carrier, someone of any age who goes that extra step. Let's share their contributions with their fellow Citizens. To this end we are inviting your suggestions as to who you may know that should be recognized. Each month the Seniors Advisory Council will select, from these nominations, an individual for recognition. This candidate will be awarded an appreciation certificate from the City of Pentiction.

Pictured:

Mayor David Perry, on left, and Bill Slessor, on right, of the "Senior Advisory Council," presenting Pentiction's "Citizen of the Month Award," to Pythian Brother, Marvin Wilson.

Knights of Pythias Celebrate 140th Anniversary

A transcript of the remarks made from the floor of the
New York State Assembly on Monday, February 9, 2004.

POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK — FEBRUARY 19, 2004 —

The Knights of Pythias, a fraternal brotherhood that does extraordinary work across the state of New York through its many lodges has been honored by both houses of the New York state Legislature commemorating its 140th anniversary.

The Knights of Pythias was founded in Washington D.C. by seven young men, including Justus Rathbone of Utica, NY, on February 19, 1864. President Abraham Lincoln knew of the ritual and principles of the Order in 1864 and stated, "The patriotic and benevolent principles of your society are uplifting and wonderful." Lincoln was so impressed by this Order, he wanted these great principles to be perpetuated by a charter from the United States Congress. The charter for the Order was officially filed in 1875. In 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed into law the charter of the Knights of Pythias. It is the first, and only, fraternity chartered by the United States Congress. Amendments to this charter were dated 1890 and 1907, and were signed by Presidents William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt.

In recent generations the Knights of Pythias has been successfully dealing with the problems associated with the disadvantaged, children and people in need of health and social services. At the same time the brotherhood has been providing an important networking that is so necessary for people to succeed and become all that they can be in a productive society.

"We do some many wonderful things for others and we should all be proud of the fact that we are entering our 140th year and still doing great things for humanity," said Lloyd Merson the Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, New York Domain. "Justus H. Rathbone and those six men that joined with him to create our Pythian Order would be delighted to know that 140 years later their creation is still active, that this Order has men that care and will do all they can to prolong the life of our great Pythian Order." Sponsoring the Joint Legislative Resolution in the Assembly is the Speaker, Sheldon Silver (*D-Manhattan*) and two brothers serving in the lower house— Herman "Denny" Farrell (*D-Manhattan*) and John "Jack" McEneny (*D-Albany*). In the State Senate, Stephen Saland (R-C, *Poughkeepsie*) sponsored the resolution.

The joint legislative resolution, passed on February 9 in the Assembly and February 10 in the state Senate recognizes the efforts of the Knights of Pythias, stating, in part, the Lodge as, "Individuals and organizations is devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition. From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others and to enhance life in the community. Each organization adopts an outstanding principle as its objective and the primary goal is to promote friendship among men and to relieve suffering." The Knights of Pythias is a community-oriented, public service organization geared towards helping groups and individuals throughout the country. The Pythian Order also provides recreational and social activities for its members, their families and friends as well as being especially proud to supporting youth activities.

Remarks from the floor of the NYS Assembly recognizing the 140th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, February 9, 2004 — Assemblyman John "Jack" McEneny (D — Albany) —

The Knights of Pythias are a fraternal brotherhood that does extraordinary work across the state of New York through its many lodges and has been doing so for generations dealing with problems of the disadvantaged, of children, of people in need of health and social services and providing at the same time the networking and the brotherhood that's so necessary for the people to succeed and become all that they can be in a productive society.

To the rear of chamber we have three Pythians who are associated with the Dutchess Lodge, although one of them, and I'll introduce Marc Gronich first, whose the Master-at-Arms and Membership Chairman of the Dutchess Lodge who is also well-known to us here at the Capitol, he has been an Assembly staffer, he is known politically for his skill in redistricting, at one time he was the Executive Secretary (*Director*) of the Albany County Republican Committee, but no one is perfect. He is also a great supporter of the Jewish community throughout the state and in the Capital District. He's been a member of the Legislative Correspondents (*Association*) and has had dealing with as many as 50 different radio stations, he's reported for trade publications. He's really one of the people who really makes a difference in getting the proper information out to people, what they need to know in their civic, personal and sometimes religious life.

Marc is accompanied by Bob Goldberg, who's currently the Vice Chancellor of the Dutchess County Lodge 860 and he's been a member of the Knights of Pythias for 48 years starting originally in Brooklyn, which is where Marc Gronich originally hails from. Bob worked for IBM for 27 years, spent 20 years in the Navy, he is just an outstanding person. He holds a prestigious position also of Past Chancellor and Bob puts down as one of his greatest moments with the Lodge was becoming Chancellor Commander, leading the Lodge and having his father watch him sworn in as a member.

He is accompanied by Alan Reiman, who is an individual who, next week, is celebrating not only the 140th anniversary of the Pythians but his 29th wedding anniversary with his wife Ellen. And they also have a local connection, they were married in Albany and have two lovely children, Robin and Melissa. His greatest moment is working with the Coats for Kids program something I think all of us are familiar with. The Assembly has adopted resolutions naming October 22nd as Coats for Kids Day. This past year, as it's just one project the Knights are in, the Knights statewide gave away more than 8,000 coats and I know that, the Knights on Wheels program, which is a form of Special Olympics, sponsored by the Knights are things that Alan and Marc and Bob are very proud of and if you would extend to these gentlemen and through them, to all Pythians, including myself throughout New York state, your usual warm and cordial welcome to the privileges of the floor, I would appreciate it Mr. Speaker.

Assemblyman Ivan Lafayette (D — Queens) —

Certainly, on behalf of Mr. McEneny, the Speaker and all my colleagues I want to welcome all of these Knights of Pythias to the Chamber today, congratulate them for all their efforts and all the years they've put in and that the members please enjoy all the amenities of the House. Welcome to the Chamber. (*applause*) — Ms. Calhoun.

Assemblywoman Nancy Calhoun (R-C, Blooming Grove, Orange County) —

Thank you Mr. Speaker — It is also my pleasure to join with my colleague, Jack McEneny in welcoming these fine Knights of Pythias and most especially, a very, very special welcome to Alan Reiman, who, while he is very active in the Dutchess County Lodge is a resident of the Town of Stony Point in Rockland County within the District, I'm very, very proud to have him here and again I would ask everyone to please extend the courtesies of the Chamber to these fine gentlemen who are a little bit younger than the 140 year old Knights of Pythias but every bit as active. Thank you, sir.

Lafayette —

On behalf of Ms. Calhoun, the Speaker and my colleagues welcome these gentlemen to the Chamber these much younger than the Knights of Pythias organization. Thank you for visiting. (*Applause*)



Shown (L-R):
Assemblyman John "Jack" McEneny
(D - Albany)

Brother Knights;
Assembly Speaker, Sheldon Silver
(D - Manhattan)

Brother, Marc Gronich

Past Chancellor, Bob Goldberg

Chancellor Commander, Alan Reiman
(Assistant Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor
for the 72nd Pythian District)

Please call, if you have any questions, or would like more information on this Historic event!

Fraternally,

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CLARK LODGE #764 PRESENTS AWARDS

CC Charles Ehrlich, YC Ed Brandais and PGC Ron Kiessling, presented Awards at the Cuyahoga Special Stars annual Christmas Party on Sunday December 7, 2003 at the Springvale Country Club in North Olmsted, Ohio. With over 150 persons in attendance Clark Lodge, in support of the Special Olympics Program, an "Honor An Athlete" coin was presented to Eric Supple, Leone Holmes, Susan Weidokal, Sandria Boyle, Robby Ratino and Josh Keorty. The commemorative coin creates a lasting memory for these Special Olympics athletes. They Bowl on a regular basis at Buckeye Lanes in North Olmsted. A Knights of Pythias Special Award and Medal was presented to Linda Manos (*Westlake, Ohio*) in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in recognition of deep devotion to, tireless effort for, and 18 years of labor for Special Olympics Programs and the Special Stars. Special Olympics was founded in 1968, which through sports training and competition improves the lives of people with mental handicaps, and in turn, the lives of everyone they touch. It empowers athletes of all ability levels to develop their skills and realize their full potential. The Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias was formed in 1864 and was the first non-sectarian, fraternal Order to receive a charter by a special act of the United States Congress when Abraham Lincoln was President. It is based on the legendary friendship of Damon and Pythias the ancient days of Syracuse and philosopher Pythagoras. Pythians practice Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



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State of New York Legislative Resolution

Senate No. 3414

BY: Senator Saland



Assembly No. 1548

BY: M. of A. Silver, Farrell
and McEnergy

COMMEMORATING the 140th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias on
February 19, 2004.

WHEREAS, Individuals and organizations devoted to improving the quality of life for others, enabling them to build lives of dignity and self-worth, are deserving of the highest praise and recognition; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, society calls upon these individuals and organizations to be recognized for the significance of their contributions and efforts to assist others and to enhance life in the community; and

WHEREAS, This occasion presents an opportunity for this Legislative Body to recognize and commemorate the 140th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias on February 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, The Order of Knights of Pythias is an international fraternity which was founded by Justus H. Rathbone on February 19, 1864; each organization adopts an outstanding principle as its objective and the primary goal is to promote friendship among men and to relieve suffering; and

WHEREAS, The distinguishing principles of the Order of Knights of Pythias are: friendship, charity and benevolence; and

WHEREAS, The Knights of Pythias was organized on the basis of the friendship Damon and Pythias and its founder believed that the Order might do much to heal the wounds and allay the hatred of civil conflict that were caused by the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln was impressed by this Order and suggested that these great principles should be perpetuated by a charter from the Congress of the United States; the Order of Knights of Pythias was the first American Order ever chartered by an act of Congress of the United States; and

WHEREAS, In the Order of Knights of Pythias' ritualistic work, every sentence has a meaning and every paragraph a beautiful and inspiring lesson; the flag of the country has an honored place at every meeting and the Holy Bible is the supreme Book of Law, the Order is dedicated to the cause of universal peace and is pledged to the promotion of understanding among men of good will as the surest means of attaining it; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the 140th Anniversary of Knights of Pythias on February 19, 2004; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Knights of Pythias Dutchess Lodge No. 880, Wappingers Falls, New York.

ADOPTED IN SENATE ON
February 10, 2004



By order of the Senate,

Steven M. Boggess
Steven M. Boggess, Secretary

By order of the assembly,

June Egeland
June Egeland, Clerk

ADOPTED IN ASSEMBLY ON
February 9, 2004

The Grand Domain of Missouri

lost a devoted member this past February 22nd. Grand Prelate Michael Butterfield passed away at St. Francis Medical Center, Topeka, KS. He was the founder of the first "new" Kansas lodge, Sunflower #438, August 11, 2001, and was a key to the founding of Genesis #439, Wichita and Wheatland #440, Anthony, Kansas.



At the 2003 Missouri Grand Lodge convention he received the Michael Charles Glawson Membership Award. Mike also was a charter member of D.O.K.K. Temple ABA #211 and was their Imperial Representative.

Among the other organizations he belonged to, he held lifetime memberships in Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite, Media Grotto, Tall Cedars of Lebanon and the American Legion. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, held an Allied Masonic Degree, was a Knights Mason and was a founding member of Blarney Stone Council #360.

Mike was also the state representative for the George Washington National Monument, a member of the I.O.O.F., Royal Order of Scotland, Philalethes Society, Orangemen, York Rite, and Scottish Rite Research Society, as well as the NRA. He never "knew" a stranger, or turned away a friend in need. He traveled to Iowa in Feb. 2003 for the re-institution of Shadukiam Temple, and was awarded an Imperial Prince's Medal by PIP Wayne Huber. He also made several trips to Wichita and Anthony, and promoted the Order wherever he went, and to whomever he talked to. He will be greatly missed by us all! A Memorial Service will be held in Topeka, Kansas on April 18th.

In Memory of a Life Well-Lived

It can be said of him,
That he enjoyed the life he lived.
That he grabbed hold of it with both arms
And gave it a hugging never to be forgotten.
He never knew a stranger
Or turned away a friend in need.
He never met a dog he didn't like
Nor saw a garage sale he could pass by.
He was passionate in debate,
Generous with his time,
Fascinated with nearly everything
And voracious in his appetites.
He was one of a kind,
And in the end not only
Is that the best that can be said of him,
But it was the thing he liked best about himself.

For: Michael Jacob Butterfield 1942-2004

Fraternally,
Steve Glise, GS

COATS FOR KIDS



The Plainedge School District, joined by the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters, had distributed almost 1500 coats to those in need.

Joan Geagan, coordinator of the "Coats For Kids" program, gathered the coats at the John

West School in Plainedge. The coats were then picked up and delivered by the Pythian Knights and Sisters.

Thanks to the efforts and hard work of Joan Geagan, coordinator of the program for many years, children and adults will have a warm and healthy Winter. The donations from the families of the area prove once again that charity and caring are still part of our lives.

To acknowledge the efforts of those involved in this most successful program, the town of Oyster Bay Supervisor, John Venditto, and other Oyster Bay officials, presented Joan Geagan, and the Knights of Pythias, with Certificates of Appreciation.

(In the above photo: Joan Geagan receives Certificate of Appreciation as does GC Hon. Lloyd Merson, 6th from Right. Hon Jerry Silver GP, 3rd from Right and PDGC Herb Gold, 7th from Right and CDGC Denny Katz, 7th from Right look on.)

Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias
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Dusty Cunningham from CFXA Santa's Anonymous, recognizing Knights of Pythias for its 25 years of donation (as Chartered Members), to the less fortunate at Christmas. Dusty says that they appreciate the early monetary donation, from Capital City Lodge #61, as a kickoff for the Santa's Anonymous Fund. Past Chancellor Phil Riddolls receives this poster of appreciation.



Kings Knights Lodge #221, Tamarac, Florida
 PDGC Jerry Kalinsky and Secretary Mel Eisner standing beside the juke box for which they recently donated funds to update the CD Collection in the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood. This is one of the many projects the lodge is involved with within the hospital, besides their other charitable endeavors.

Story submitted by:
Larry Hochfeld PC



Castle temple #2, of Castle Rock, WA.

Has had an active year with their involvement in Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd's program of community involvement, and have supported and donated to various projects in the local area.

Pictured is N.E.C. Lorraine Day, and Secretary Sarah Brazier, presenting "Lewis and Clark trail maps" to Vicki Selander, Castle Rock City Librarian.

The temple donated \$200 toward the Castle Rock skateboard park fund and some to the "Neighbors in Need," a local program that helps the Salvation Army with their various programs. They help many, especially during the holiday season. Members also support the "Lions Club Food Bank" with nonperishable foods and various needed items for the Women's Shelter.



Tamarac/Coral Springs, Florida:

Kings Knights Lodge #221 honored two of their Brothers at a Reception to Officers Dinner Dance. On the left is DGC PC Bernard Gissen who received his Past Chancellor's Plaque, and on the right is Brother Robert Keery who was honored by the lodge as "The Pythian of the Year" receiving his plaque. It was an enjoyable evening and it was a pleasure to have the Grand Chancellor of the State of Florida, Sir Erwin Westle, along with several Brothers of the Grand Council and their lovely wives, in attendance.

Photo & Story by:
PC Larry Hochfeld



Tamarac/Coral Springs, Florida

Pictured above is Chancellor Commander Max Cohn presenting to PC Bernard Belzer his 50 year certificate and pin for Life Membership. Both men are members of Kings Knights Lodge #221, one of the fastest growing lodges in Florida. PC Beizer joined the Order in 1952 in Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #646 in New York City. Bernie became the editor of the lodge newspaper and then worked his way up the ladder to Chancellor Commander.

After moving to Tamarac he became involved with our lodge, and took over as treasurer, an office he still holds.

Congratulations PC Bernard Beizer.

Picture and story submitted by:

PC Larry Hochfeld



SOS

(SAVE OUR SISTERHOOD)

At Roll Call in November Calanthe Temple #11, initiated a new member, Lila Porteous of Sparks, Nevada. Vicki Hyde-Lish SR. signed the New member, and said the one way to save the Order is by bringing in new members.

Left to Right:
M.E.C. Yolanda Cowell,
Lila Porteous,
Vicki Hyde-Lish, SR.



The Christmas Party between Calanthe Temple #11 and Amity Lodge #8 at the Temple Hall In Reno, Nevada was a success. Each member brought a gift for a child to give to CAAW Organization which is the Committee to Aid Abused Women and Children. Grand Chief, Veronica Boyer, had a drawing to raise money for the Charity. The winner was John Dillon. *(pictured above)*

ART GALLERY DEDICATED



Mark Miller Art Gallery to be Dedicated and Renovated. in Sathord. FL. USA



-[Left to right: Pythian and Lodge of Florida representative Michael Huber, DAHC, President Lloyd Marcus III, and local Knights of Pythias members Delbert Matson, James D. Rader III, and J. Wain Cummings. Photo courtesy of Deltona Arts and Historical Center delarthis@yahoo.com (386) 575-26011-

Delbert Matson, James D. Rader, J. Wain Cummings and Pythian Grand Lodge of Florida representative Michael Huber, all former Lodge-Brothers of Miller, attended the renaming of the Arts Center Gallery, by Center President, Lloyd Marcus. The Art Center also is initiating an annual Juried Art Exhibition, named in honor of Mark Miller. The formal dedication of the building was set for February 8, 2004. Congressman John L. Mica officiated and dedicated a display honoring the memory of Mark Miller.

Major ongoing activities at the center are the Mark Miller Gallery, Deltona Music Studio, and Grand off Historical Library. The center is asking the members of the community for a donation of a Grand Piano, and other musical instruments, for use in the music performance and instruction programs offered. **For more information, Myrtle Lodge #21 (407) 302-7975 or J. Wain Cummings (407) 302 -7975. Deltoria Arts & Historical Center 682 Deltona Boulevard Deltona, Florida**

NJ- WILLIAM TOBENKIN DUBBED KNIGHT OF THE GOLDEN SPUR



The Degree of Knight of the Golden Spur is our Order's way of recognizing and fostering lives dedicated to extraordinary and inspirational service to humanity. In the very beginning we hear, "You go to claim the golden spur that knighthood wears," with a challenge, "To wear it you must win it." And then much later, "Our Order is dedicated to the same high principles set forth by our predecessors, friendship, charity, and benevolence, and service to humanity." Followed by, "You have won it. You may wear it."

The honor is bestowed with the culminating ceremony conducted so that revelation of the choice is a surprise combining anxiety, thrill, and excitement of the special place of honor for the proud, beaming new Knight of the Golden Spur, those assembled, and participants!

Ben Feigan, Lodge No. 157/178, Paramus, N.J., conferred the Knight of the Golden Spur on a euphoric PDSC PSR William "Bill" Tobenkin, led by PDSC Sir Dan Feigan. Tobenkin, a Brother since joining Lodge of the Palisades No. 178 in 1963, has served in many capacities: Chancellor Commander in 1968, longtime Benevolent Association Treasurer, Deputy Grand Chancellor, Grand Outer Guard, Grand Chancellor, 1985-86, Grand Tribune three terms, Budget Committee

1986-, Supreme Representative, and Deputy Supreme Chancellor, 1998-2000.

Especially noteworthy were fund-raising successes as Grand Chancellor, helping launch Special Olympics in NJ, contributions to the Hand of Friendship annual carnival for upwards of 17 years, and participation in the financial operation of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge, and the founding of his lodge's Benevolent Association.

Bill is highly respected for his knowledge of Pythian law and Ritual.

Brother Tobenkin has been tremendously active in the Bergen County area, in the formation of his congregation's Men's club, the Jewish Community Center of Fort Lee. He served as its President when he was on the Grand Council, and was Grand Chancellor.

He has been active in community fund-raising, as a volunteer at a senior home, and delivering food and clothing to the needy.

The new Sir William is a wonderful, revered man, an inspirational model, who represents the best of the Order, active, modest, with an extraordinary capacity to serve the community as well as the Knights of Pythias over a long period.

Congratulations, Bill, on attaining this high honor and the best of everything life has to offer to you!

Helen,
and your children,
Gary,
Neil and Madeleine,
Shelley and Jeff Warren,
Amy and DGC David Shulman,
and your six grandchildren.

CORRECTIONS: 2004 SUPREME DIRECTORY

- Page 2: New address: PSC Darrell Henry:
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- Page 7 New list of Officers Colorado /Wyoming
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REMEMBER! Behind every Award, behind every Retirement, and every Obituary, behind every Event, there is a "Human" story to be told! A "reason" for that life, and that is what I am looking for!!!

Bluntly, who cares, on an "International" level, that "Aunt Martha" died? But, **EVERYONE** would care, and remember her, if you told a touching or humorous story about her life.

Why it was worth living? Whose hearts she had touched and how? What lives was she responsible for changing for the better? What "personal" triumphs did she have? What was her philosophy in life? These are the "Stories" that I am looking to print!

2004 Supreme Convention Update

I assured her, that above all else, her parents loved her and would be very happy that she had come home, even if they could not show it well at first.

A woman came out of Ginny's house, and started down the walk. She had a bundle of loose papers under one arm. She looked very haggard, and old, like she might be Ginny's grandmother. I could not see clearly as the sun was shining in our faces.

As she neared the car, she abruptly stopped, her eyes got as big as saucers, and the stack of papers scattered into the wind.

The lady just stood there like a statue for what seemed to be minutes, but I know that it was only a few seconds.

Then, a scream like I have never heard in my life came out of her, and she started running toward the car. Ginny cringed and quickly slid down in terror and tried to hide.

The crazed woman shook the whole car when she hit, screaming and pounding the glass with her fist! As I tried to unlock the door, I was madly trying to figure out if this was a positive reaction or one of extreme anger! She had "jammed" the door lock, trying to rip the handle right off the car!!!

Finally the electronic lock let go. She tore open the passenger door and grabbed Ginny so ferociously, pulling her from the car even though her seat belt was still latched, that she tore her new dress. They wound up on the ground, and I could not tell if this was a joyous reunion, or if this woman was trying to kill Ginny!

The screams coming from this woman were nothing "human," and within seconds it had aroused the entire neighborhood! I could not believe how many people had surrounded us, in such a short time, and especially the **very large men** who had surrounded me, now that I was out of the car. I noticed that one of them had taken off, running down the street!

Well! It is obvious that this story is far too long to relate in just one issue, so I guess I'll have to finish in the next.

You **won't** want to miss the **incredible** conclusion to all of this, including my "**near-death experience**"

Michael

(Tuesday night, August 10, 2004, Indian Gambling Casino has not been finalized at this time. I will let you know when it is or if there is an alternate trip planned.)

Side-trips scheduled to date:

TRIP 1-

TRIP TO MEXICO - Saturday August 7, 2004, Depart Hotel 8:00 AM Return 4:00pm. After boarding your airconditioned luxury coach we head south toward Nogales, Mexico. Our first stop will be at the San Xavier del Bac Mission, known as the "White Dove of the Desert." It is the most famous of string missions established in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico by Jesuit Priest, Father Kino, in 1792. Its painted ceilings have recently been restored by artisans who traveled from as far as Italy to restore the Church to its original state.

We then continue our journey to Sonora, Mexico where you will participate in a unique shopping experience in their colorful markets and shops. You will find a variety of leather goods, ceramics, tin ware, fabrics, lacquered wood tiles, silver, brass or copper products native to Mexico -- yours at bargain prices. Your hosted lunch at El Greco Restaurant begins with a margarita. Ole! Your main course will be native Sonoran Food followed by dessert. After lunch and shopping, we again board our coach and head north to Tubac, a town where art and history meet.

The Grand Lodge of Arizona is currently planning the Supreme Convention of 2004.

The convention will be held in Tucson, Arizona, where Supreme Chancellor Sir Harris Breit's home lodge, Tucson Lodge No. 9, is located. Tucson is located about 120 miles from Phoenix and 70 miles from the U.S. and Mexico border at Nogales, Arizona. There are several points of interest in this part of the country. Tucson is the home of the University of Arizona, Old Tucson Movie Studios, Pima Air Museum, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and the Columbia University Biosphere, to name a few. Trips are being planned to some of these sights. The Double Tree Hotel, Reid Park, is the host hotel. It is located in the center of the city of Tucson, across from Reid Park.

It is only a few minutes from the airport, with complimentary airport transportation.

This area has been inhabited for over 11,000 years, ruled by seven governments and home to five cultures. Today it is an artists' community. Sculptors, artists and potters make their homes in the rear of their Spanish influenced adobe houses, the fronts of which display their original and interesting works of art. You are invited to browse in the galleries and talk one-to-one with the various artists. You may purchase what interests you. Keep in mind, there is no hard sell. Cost : \$55.00 PP
TO COMPLY WITH HOMELAND SECURITY REGULATIONS, U.S. and CANADIAN CITIZENS SHOULD HAVE AN OFFICIAL PICTURE I.D. (DRIVERS LICENSE) OR PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP (PASSPORT).

TRIP 2-

ARIZONA-SONORA DESERT MUSEUM - Monday August 9, 2004 Depart Hotel 8:00 AM Return 12 NOON. Unlike any other Museum in the world. Although it is called a museum, you will find that it is really part ZOO, part MUSEUM, and part BOTANICAL GARDEN. No matter where you live, or where you have been, there is no better place on the planet to learn about the desert ecosystem and delight your senses at the same time. Millions of visitors from around the world have marveled at the exhibits that so accurately depict the fauna, flora and wealth of minerals and living creatures found in the natural setting of the vast and beautiful Sonoran Desert. Be sure to take a picture of yourself standing next to a GIANT Sahuaro Cactus. Specially trained docents will greet us, guide our tour, give demonstrations and answer questions about the natural wonders around you. Cost: \$30.00 PP

TRIP 3-

VIVA LAS VEGAS - Thursday August 12, 2004 thru Sunday August 15, 2004. No visit to the West is complete unless you see the changes that 100 years have made to a sleepy desert town with a population of only thirty. Las Vegas today has become the fun and gambling mecca of North America. Plan an exciting 4 days/3 nights stay at the Bally's Hotel and Casino. It is centrally located on the famous Las Vegas Strip, across from The Mirage (watch the volcano erupt and overflow) and Caesar's Palace (*amazing moving lifelike statues*) Air transportation available on request. Cost: \$310.00 per room (dbl/single)

To contact the hotel call 520-881-4200 or for reservations, 1-800-222-TREE. Don't forget to request the Knights of Pythias group rate of \$79.00, single/double per night. The room block, for the convention, begins on Wednesday August 4, 2004, thru Thursday August 12, 2004. The Banquet is being



planned for Sunday night, August 8, 2004.

The menu being planned includes a choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Prime or Baked Salmon, and possibly a third choice of a Chicken dish.

Reservations, prices, and additional information, on trips etc. will be available after the first of the year. Bob Herman, AST is the Convention Chairman for the Knights, and Muriel PGC for the Sisters.

Contacts:

Bob Herman 520-885-8700
Muriel Lightfoot 480-807-4515
RJH1@COX.NET

DINNER AND MORE:

The Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, and The Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters Convention Committee invite you to step back into the mid 19th century and join us to a visit to Trail Dust Town. This Tucson landmark of over 40 years was originally constructed as a movie set. It features wooden board sidewalks, red brick streets and a detailed old-fashioned town square complete with a gazebo.

More than 500,000 people each year visit this "in town" western town to stroll in the soft glow of street lamps and to have dinner.

Tonight dinner will be at the Savoy Opera House. You will enter by way of antique beveled glass doors, imported from the Savoy Hotel in London. Your dinner menu will start with a fresh green salad Ranch and Italian dressings your choice of chicken, NY steak, or salmon, each grilled to perfection over a mesquite-fired grill. During dinner, music will be played for your listening and/or dancing pleasure. After dinner, a Western "Comedy-Spoof" will keep you chuckling for days afterward and leave you with "happy memories fella."

When if you can tear yourself away from all this, you can wander in/out of the shops of Trail Dust Town, ride the C.F. Huntington narrow gauge railroad, hop on the 1920's carousel, stroll through the Mine Tunnel or visit the Cavalry Museum. Wear your western duds or stay casual and, oh yeah, bring your camera. This entire package includes transportation, dinner, show, dancing, taxes and gratuity. Tuesday, August 10, 2004 6:30 PM - 10 PM \$45.00 pp

Trip payment must be received by June 1, 2004.

Make your checks payable to:

Supreme Lodge Convention Committee

Mail to:

Sheldon Tuckman
5615 E. 6th. Street
Tucson, Arizona 85711

Supreme Convention August 2004 information Submitted by Harris Breit at:
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8635 F. 3rd. Street
Tucson, Arizona 85710-2503
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SUPREME LODGE / TEMPLE BANQUET

Sunday, August 8, 2004
 Three meal choices.
 \$42.00 per person, US Funds.

Make check payable to:

Arizona Knights of Pythias Convention Committee
 C/O Don D. Appleton, PSR/SR
 PO Box 77655
 Tucson, AZ 85703-7655

Include the following information:

Name(s):
 Prime Rib ea.
 Veal Marsala ea. _____
 Baked Salmon ea.
 Diabetic Dessert?
 Yes _____ No _____ How many _____

Reservations by July 15, 2004....

PYTHIAN SUNSHINE GIRLS LUNCHEON

Sunday, August 8, 11:30 am.
 \$20.00 US Funds.
 Chicken Melt with Deli Salad or Gourmet Chefs Salad

Reservations and checks to:

Muriel Lightfoot, PSR
 215 No Power Rd. #88
 Mesa, Arizona 85205
 Phone: (480) 807-4515

Reservations by July 1

CANADIAN BREAKFAST

Monday, August 9, 7:00 am.
 \$16.50 US Funds.

Reservations and cheques payable to:

Pythian Canadian Caucus
 Roxie Reader, PSR
 321 Yorkton Avenue #311
 Penticton, B.C. V2A3V6
Chairman - Eugene Mattinson
 15 Millstream Dr.
 Charters Settlement
 Fredericton, NB E3C 1 W9

Reservations by July 1

**International Grand Secretary/Grand Treasurer
 Association Business Meeting
 Tuesday, August 10, 7:30 am.**

**INTERNATIONAL GRAND SECRETARY
 GRAND TREASURER BANQUET**

Wednesday, August 11, 7:00 pm.
 \$30.00 US Funds
 Roast Loin or London Broil
Reservations and checks payable to:
 Linda Knapp, PSR
 5162 C.R. 25
 Marengo OH 43334
Reservations by July 1

**SUPREME CHIEF-ELECT, SUPREME
 CHIEF BANQUET and ENTERTAINMENT**

Thursday, August, 12, 7:00 pm.
 \$35.00 US Funds
 London Broil or Roast Chicken Breast
Reservations and checks payable to:
 Irene Clink, PSR
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 Fraternally yours,
 Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, Supreme Secretary

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The Supreme Lodge Rank will be exemplified at the Supreme Lodge Convention on Monday, and Tuesday mornings, August 9, and 10, at 9:30am.

Those who have become, or who will have become, Past Grand Chancellors before the Convention, are eligible to receive the Rank.

Invitations and credentials will be sent to those who have been duly registered with Supreme Lodge by their Grand Secretaries. Others may make application at the Convention Credentials desk, at 9:00am, both days.

There is no charge for taking the Rank, but anyone wishing to remain for the business session will be asked to pay the registration fee, which is \$15.00.

The Rank is essential for anybody who aspires to become a Supreme Lodge Officer, or Supreme Representative.

Alfred A. Saltzman, Supreme Secretary

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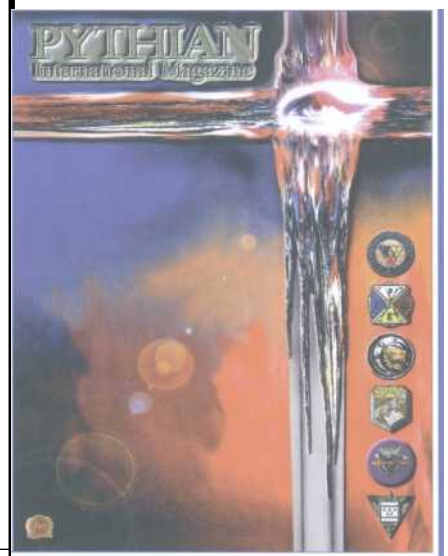
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Pythian Memories

I have been asked, several times, about different "personalized" Pythian items that have been found in attics, basements, garage sales, flea markets, and at estate auctions, especially Swords...

From what I have learned, it was very common for every "Pythian Knight" to receive a "personalized" sword of their own, throughout most of the history of this organization... (You can still order one, if you are willing to pay today's cost!)

Since each one is personalized, you would have to know what specific Lodge the Member belongs/belonged to, and they would have had to keep good records, for you to find the information...

It would be a real "Human treasure," and a great story for our magazine, if you were to go to the effort to find the families of these perhaps long-lost items, and to return them!

Wouldn't it be absolutely incredible to have "Great Uncle Joe's" old sword, hanging above the fireplace? Maybe the family never even knew that he was a member! And, then again, maybe they have always wondered what ever happened to his old sword? You could bring them such unexpected happiness, and memories!

How many of you have families that do not know your history? Will that history be lost forever, and people forgotten, because of deteriorating photographs, and memories? How precious would it be, to your relatives, to have your family history, stories, and photographs, preserved before they are lost, for all time? Being the Editor for this magazine, I have seen a lot of lost history!

Try digging out those old photos (interview older relatives while they still remember the "good old days"), and restore them, before it is too late!



I have been helping local people to do just that! Some have made these memories into a book, others have used them to do a painting, as a very special and unique Christmas, or Birthday, gift to remember!

Because so many Pythian Artifacts exist in flea markets, etc., I believe that many of you have forgotten their meaning, and historic significance in your family history!

Maybe, your future generations would treasure these memories? It is not too late to restore, and preserve these items! And, if you do not want them, donate them to a Pythian Museum!

I've been thinking of starting one, myself, because we have quite a lot of artifacts at our local Lodge. I have restored 150 years of old photographs, already, of past Members (many famous historic figures, and many who no one knows anything about, even their names). It is sad, to me, that these people have been forgotten, and their stories lost, perhaps forever! Why did they have their picture so lovingly framed, and placed in a place of Honor, on the walls of our Lodge, if they were just to be forgotten? Let's restore our past, and show the future generations who we were!

Pictured:
Pythians of 1886,
John Boone,
and D.T. Dennis
(Sheriff, Barton County, Kansas 1922)

This is an International Magazine, being published for, and about, a 140 year old, benevolent Fraternal Organization, an organization that stands for all the best in Humanity, with a sophisticated, International audience, and it needs to be filled with uplifting, touching, truly inspirational and emotional, "Human Interest" stories.

Our readers are Human Beings, with the same hopes, dreams, and fears that all of us have, and a lot of them are looking for a "real" and measurable way to serve their fellow beings, a creative path where they can be assured of the fact that their lives will have "mattered," in some way, and that they will be remembered fondly.

Photographs are a precious, frozen moment in history. Treat your photos as such, when you send them to me! When you are "published" in this magazine, it means something! You are truly being "immortalized" in print, in this all-new version of the "Pythian International Magazine!" That means something special, and you should submit ONLY the very best pictures, and stories, that you can!

Every story that you send me, every photograph, needs to be of the highest quality, and it needs to be sent with care, and reverence, because this is no small thing that we are doing; this is no meaningless time-filler! This is our future, and it will affect change in the universe in ways that we cannot know, so let's do the best that we can to make those effects positive ones!

Michael

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