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The following Emblems, after a story, indicate the type of stories / articles that I am seeking as submissions for publication in this truly International magazine!



Yesterday, June 6th, as I was busy working on my article for this issue, I heard Garrison Keillor mention the Knights of Pythias on his “Prairie Home Companion” radio show. It caught my ear because it seems that we are one of the best kept 140 year old secrets on the planet, sometimes, so it really stands out when I hear the name mentioned!

He introduced Canadian Jazz Guitarist and singer Leon Redbone as a member (Grand Poobah, or something) in the Knights of Pythias, so I of course immediately looked him up in our mailing list. Sorry to say, it was just part of the comedy routine and he was not in there, but it still got our name out to the listening public again, and that is always a “good thing,” in my books!

We need to build awareness of our “presence” in the general public, and one way to do that is to send “press-releases” to all the local media when you have any kind of event. Most news media are always looking for items to “fill” dead-spots in their programming and print, so you just may be in there, if you have made something available!

Make it easy for them, so they don’t have to go looking for a story, and always include “contact” information, so that they can clarify any question.

One of the main purposes of the redesign of this magazine is so that it can be used to get our name and purpose better known, so use it for that! Get extra copies, and spread them around. Leave them at places like coffee shops, doctor’s offices, VA and other hospital waiting rooms, etc. You can also use them as recruiting tools by giving them to prospective members in order to illustrate who we are, and what we are about!

Extra copies are always available, for a limited time, right after the printing dates, so contact me, or the Supreme Secretary and see if we have any extras available. At this year’s Supreme Convention, I plan on bringing as many extra copies as I can find, so that members who need them can get them.

Some of you have expressed an interest in knowing why I have expended so much time and energy trying to let our readers know more about who I am, and what my philosophy is.

It is so that you can better understand my vision for the future of this publication and the order. I will continue to do so in the future, because each issue will be read by a different and growing audience.

From the heart!

We need to keep things as simple as possible, open the lines of communication as never before in the history of this order, and freely share our efforts, dreams, and learning experiences with fellow Pythians so as to improve our own great organization, and far beyond!

In most groups, large and small, there is a lot of self-serving activity, and so much shmoozing, second-guessing, plotting, backbiting and deceit going on that no one can tell who is being genuine and who is just using some new strategy to get you to follow them instead of someone else.

Who can be taken at his word, when you can see that instead of listening, they are busy figuring out what they are going to say next, and how to get the upper hand in the conversation?

Very little gets done to help advance the group in a constructive way, because of all this game-playing and jockeying for position! Why not use all this intense creative energy for the good of the whole, instead of wasting it on a short-lived Ego boost?

Try and remain an objective outside viewer of such “flexing” and “posturing” as goes on at most gatherings, especially political gatherings.

This Supreme convention should be an interesting learning experience for me since I have never been to one before and have never seen all the games, posturing and muscle flexing illusions that are played out! I am hoping that I will be pleasantly surprised and not see much of that type of testosterone displays among Pythians, because I believe that we should be a “cut above” the “normal” groups!

A lot of things bother me about politics and the games played in political power-struggles. One of the most annoying things that I hear coming out of the mouths of candidates, for any office is “If elected I will” do this or that!

Well! My question is; If you feel so strongly about the issue why haven’t you done something already? Do you think that you can buy my vote with a promise to do something that you should already be working on?

I would be much more likely to back a horse who has proven that he is a runner, than one that stands around bragging about what he will do sometime in the future!

So, why don’t you become known for what you do, instead of what you promise? Any person, at any level, can help bring on positive change! He does not have to wait! He certainly does not have to hold it up as some potential prize, like a flimflam man, to be won only by electing him!

Just my opinion, but then, I hate political games and think that we would all be a lot better off if we just took care of the problem when we discovered it, instead of waiting to use the promise of a cure “if elected!”

Editor's Pythian experiences!



Anyone with some smarts can figure out what you want to hear, and then promise it, but it takes true caring to just do what needs to be done without feeling the need to brag about it, or use it as leverage to gain power over a group!

Actions do speak louder than words!

When we see a problem, we should not waste precious time and energy looking for someone to blame or to make look bad, we should just get going (*openly*) trying to figure out the best cure for all involved... Try and keep everyone involved up-to-date, as all things happen, so that no one is blind-sided or surprised and made to feel stupid for not knowing what is going on in their own Lodge and Temple!

Work for the advancement of the order, not for personal aggrandizement and Ego priming, and do not get into political games and hidden agendas, because that serves no one. No "BS," no backbiting, and no hidden agendas! Just the honest straight poop! We cannot be like the "rest," if we are to display the "best" of Humanity!

As former President of the United States Teddy Roosevelt once said, as Governor of New York, while fighting party "bosses," who threatened to "ruin" him if he didn't cooperate with their political agendas "Speak softly, and carry a big stick!" I may seem mild-mannered, but people tend to find out very quickly that I am not afraid, and I stand my ground, and hold to my principals and ethics (*especially when attacked*), but I do not fight back behind their backs!

I find that in all cases it is best to take responsibility for your actions, and especially in business, always tell the truth! If something is your fault or mistake, do not try to hide that fact! Be the first one to bring it up (*before anyone else has a chance to*), and if you need help, suggestions, or direction to do the best that you can in a situation, admit it!

No pretense, no ego driven false-image building! Be unafraid to learn! Build people's respect for you, not by demanding it, or by hiding behind some "Title," but by earning it and becoming known as a person of your word! After all, one of the few things in this life that we can give, and keep at the same time, is our word! No pretense! No excuses! No lies!

How can anyone work for the good of the whole if all they are doing with their time and effort is designed for the good of themselves? Just think what wonders we could create with such wasted energy made available instead for constructive purposes!

Say what you mean, and mean what you say! Do not hold onto bad feelings, or grudges. Instead, work for the best outcome, for the whole organization, even if it means that you have to work for awhile with people who obviously try to sabotage things... Trust that it is likely that they will not be a part of the organization for long...

We need honest, ethical and selfless cooperative members, who are not afraid of change, growth, or open communication, and who are willing to be true to the order and to themselves, without greed, jealousy or hidden agendas! Self-serving, profit driven, power hungry people who create problems, and complain all the time, are the opposite of what we are all about and do not fit, or portray to others, Pythian ideals and ethics.

Complaints are okay, but you better be willing to help come up with an alternative in the same breath, because we need problem solvers, not drainers who take joy in fault-finding, creating pain, stress, and problems for others! We should be fighting injustice, not creating it!

There is nothing to fear in open honest, clear communication, and so much to gain! Never say one thing to a person's face, and then say something else as soon as their backs are turned! Ask yourself "Is it kind, is it necessary, and is it true?" in order to try and not be unjust, or hurt people's feelings unnecessarily, but when you say something, mean it, and do not try to hide it.

Always think before responding, and try to understand all aspects and viewpoints before reacting to a hostile or uncomfortable situations, and give people the benefit of the doubt. They may just be having a bad day, and it might have nothing to do with you at all! If you trust the process, two-faced and dishonest people will show their true colors, sooner or later, and you will not be the one to look bad in the end!

The Pythian International Goal

To me, the full circulation of a truly International magazine, filled with open communication and heartfelt stories that exemplify, and teach by example, the Pythian principals, is extremely crucial to the future of this organization! Without it, we are a dying 140 year old Dinosaur, with no future and no hope of being understood, or of attracting and keeping new members! Let's try to be remembered in the annals of history for the good that we did, and for the lives that we helped to change for the better!

All of the different groups within our organization need to become aware of each other's existence and purpose, if we are to do this, and they need to learn the value of working together for a common goal...

"United we stand - Divided we fall" is not just a bunch of words! They have meaning!

People join any organization of our type because of emotion! They join because they care, and they need an outlet for that caring. They do not join us for awards and honors, or for the prestige of the name, so we need to present our ethical structure to the public with stories and deeds that touch their hearts!

Since the easiest way that I know of, for people to learn, is by emulation of example and metaphor, I feel very strongly that emotional, human-interest stories that touch the heart and teach Pythian principals through narrative example are critical to the magazine's purpose, and to our success and growth!

I was given up to four pages to use for purely "editorial" purposes (*for expressing my opinion*)... I have not used nearly that much, and will not need to, but when I use the space that I do you can bet that it is to remind our members of why we exist, and to illustrate Pythian principals that need to always be held foremost in our minds. Our children, and new people, need to learn what we are all about, and some of our older members need to be reminded...

I believe that we have enough members now that, if excited, would insure our growth and future. We need to take care of our home Lodges, Temples, local charities, etc. first, and then think about reaching out to expand as we become strong and more stable.

That brings me to the older members, the ones that are thought of as useless or a drain on the order's resources. Why would that be, unless it is because they have become isolated, disillusioned, and feel left out and no longer important? The older members are our true foundation, and a very valuable asset to us, because they have lived through experiences that most may never be exposed to, and they have many stories to tell from which we could all learn important lessons! Theirs is the heart and soul that built this great Fraternal organization, and they ask so little in return. What would it hurt to give them a little attention, respect, and an interested ear? This magazine could certainly use some of their great stories, before they disappear forever!

There are the deadbeats, the ones who joined our order for other than positive, altruistic and selfless reasons, the ones that never show up to events unless there is free food, and usually are far behind on the payment of their dues. The ones who are nowhere to be found when help is needed. You know who I mean, and I agree that they can be a real drain on the enthusiasm and energy of dedicated members.

If someone is excited about the order, and has the energy, interest, and dedication that it takes to build the organization, it shows from the very beginning and they should be supported and encouraged as much as possible. They are the type of members that we need the most, and most of them will go far beyond the call, with just a little support, encouragement, and recognition! They are builders, not drainers!

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"ONE TEAM - ONE GOAL"

Discover the challenge and rewards of Knighthood!
Contact Supreme Secretary Alfred Saltzman, for Membership information!

This will be my last article as Supreme Chancellor, and I have to say that the experience is very exciting and humbling. When I took over the position I had no idea what to expect, sure you can talk to previous leaders and gain from their experiences, but it's not the same. As I made my way around to many domains, I expressed the need for change. We live in a new society with new challenges, our life style has changed, our personal needs changed, but our purpose remains the same. We still support our three basic principles of life; **"Friendship, Charity and Benevolence."** These three principles will never be outdated. I had a very ambitious program and with the help of not only all my officers, but with the help of all the members and we were successful in many areas.

The **"ASK" program** is working; after 4 years of promoting the program we can now see some gains in membership in many lodges and domains. At least 6 new subordinate lodges have been formed within the last few months, and a few more are in the works. Keep up the good work! Remember, **"ASK,"** and you won't be disappointed! If you stay on top of your actions, and follow-through, you'll probably bring in a new member. I was very happy to have the complete support of not only the officers, but a majority of all the members and the **"Pythian International Magazine"** is now upgraded, and delivered into the hands of our entire membership! This was a much needed change, an incredible challenge, is turning into a very valuable recruiting tool, and this move has been a long time goal of mine. I think that we have found the right man for the job as Editor!

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 our communities, and who have made our communities better and safer places 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 better known and out to the public, and to get some recognition and possibly new members. Public awareness is a major key to success in recruitment!

There are two medallion types available. Type one, **#9300B** is a "Bronze" medallion with a yellow and blue ribbon attached. The second type, **#9300S** is a "Silver Coin" which is presented to the recipient in a velvet case. The coin itself is sealed in a protective covering, and is 99.99% pure silver! It's the size of a U.S. Silver Dollar. The price of the medallions include a multi-color certificate with the Lodge's name, the Honoree's name, and includes shipping and handlings. All orders should be placed through you Grand Secretary

The **Junior Order** is alive and well! Five new Chapters were formed within the Supreme Domain. Thanks to all the Pythians that help start these new Chapters! During the Supreme Council meeting, changes to the By-Laws for the Junior Order were enacted. Look for the changes to aid greatly in the ease of formation of new Chapters.

The **"POSTER CONTEST"** is on schedule for another successful year. **"AVOID ROAD RAGE"** is the theme for the contest. If you haven't gone to your school system's art department, don't waste any time, get on track, and get the word out to everyone.

The **"MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM,"** Boy Scout Connection, has been very successful. Many domains and individual lodges have participated in this program. This program is a long range type, which means we may not see results quickly, but in the long run we will benefit from all your support and efforts.

"SPECIAL OLYMPICS" is an ongoing charity. Urge all members to participate in local events, and your involvement will make you feel better about yourself and also help a worthwhile charity.

My brothers, the time is now to get involved! We can be successful, but only with your help!

In closing, I would like to thank all my officers that gave so much needed support to make this administration successful. I would like to thank Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd for her help and support, the Dokkies, Nomads, Sunshine Girls, Junior Order, and last but not least all the Pythian Brothers and Sisters who have done so much in the background, and have had too little recognition!

Thank you all, very much!
Harris Breit

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY

The Supreme Lodge office will be closed from Wednesday, August 4th to Monday, August 16th. We will all be at the Supreme Convention at the Doubletree Hotel at Reid Park, Tucson, Arizona. For reservations, the telephone number is: **520-881-4200.**



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Pythian Web-site Promotes the Order

In the 8½ years since it went on-line in December of 1995, the Knights of Pythias Web-site at <http://www.pythias.org> has attracted over 150,000 visitors. While this is not a huge number compared to some sites which have millions of visitors per day, it is a significant number in that it has brought increased visibility to the Order, has attracted new brothers, and enabled us to improve communication to and between our members.

The website serves two purposes; promoting the Order to nonmembers, and providing interactive services for our members. On the web-site, visitors can read about the history of our order, and its founder, Justus Rathbone. They can request further information on becoming a member, or can ask a question to be answered by the Supreme Secretary. Members can access clipart for use by their Lodges, sign up for the mailing list, and now they can even download the most recent copy of the "Pythian International Magazine," and view the Pythian jewelry catalog. Another page has a directory to all known Grand Lodge and Subordinate Lodge web-sites.

Use of the website by Brothers and visitors continues to grow. For instance, we instituted a page to request certificates for our presentations to Eagle Scouts, and since February, 2001, we have received over 1000 requests for those certificates. The use of our Clipart page as resource is also growing, but could become more useful if we had more clipart to share. Please submit any clipart that you have to share, in electronic form, to webmaster@pythias.org.

A side benefit of our website hosting is the available feature of "forwarding" addresses using "pythias.org." You may now contact the Supreme Chancellor at: supremechancellor@pythias.org, the Supreme Secretary at: supremesecretary@pythias.org, the Supreme Treasurer at: supremetreasurer@pythias.org, the Supreme Chief at: supremechief@pythias.org, and the Editor, Michael Jay Burke, of the "Pythian International Magazine" may be reached anytime at: PI@pythias.org. Other forwarding addresses, for official reasons, may be requested from the webmaster.

We have been developing a new service for the specific benefit of Subordinate Lodge Secretaries. To make their job easier, there is a new page on the website which has access to several of the forms in Adobe PDF[®] format, because it can become tedious to find and fill out some of the Supreme Lodge required forms. These forms can be displayed via the free Adobe Acrobat[®] reader. The forms can then be filled in on-the-screen, then printed out to be signed, sealed, and delivered to Supreme for immediate filing. This area of the website is password-protected. In order to obtain access, a Lodge Secretary must send a request to: webmaster@pythias.org stating his full name, Lodge name and location, and email address. The Secretary's email address must also be "registered" on the Pythian web-site's "Pythian Brothers Mailing List" page. I will set up a password and send the URL to any legitimate Secretary who requests one.

PACDGC Fred Milman maintains the "Pythian Brothers Mailing List" where almost 800 Brothers have signed up to participate in the exchange of information pertinent to the Order. To sign up for this service, go to the website and select the button for the mailing list. There can be quite a bit of "traffic" at times and some Brothers have complained that they get too many messages from the list. In these cases we suggest that you may wish to change your subscription to "Digest" mode. If you do not know the message process very well of Yahoo.com, in order to make this change yourself, once you are a member of the list, send an email to pythlist@pythias.org and we will promptly get the changes made for you.

We are always open to suggestions to improve the web-site and to add new and exciting content. The website can only be as good as the information it presents.

With the addition of the "Pythian International Magazine" to the site, it has made it even more valuable as a recruiting tool, where you can refer potential new members so that they can learn more about our many different facets, goals and ethical structure!

**TAKE A QUACK AT
WINNING A MILLION BUCKS!**

Special Olympics
New York

August 24, 2004, South Street Seaport, NYC, the sound of ducks quacking to be adopted will be heard all over!
Join Special Olympics New York for the **Fourth Annual Million Dollar Duck Race**.

Adopt a duck today and you might win one million dollars, American Airlines tickets or a digital camera!

Big Wins! Great Fun! Start now and take the lead...

Join the fun and get your team in shape! PDGC Arthur Kolb will be team captain again and there will be plenty of ways to win exciting and **specquackular** prizes!!!

To adopt your duck and enter our Knights of Pythias team today, log onto www.2004duckrace.kintera.org or call Artie at: 609-409-9554, or email artflo3@juno.com for further information!

Special Olympics New York thanks you for your support!



My grandson (*Joe LeBlank*), who lives in Moncton, NB, has a 3 year old daughter (*Corilyn*) with cerebral palsy. On the 2nd of December, 1996, Support GP asked if we could help him.

On December 20th his wife and daughter were to be flown to the Montreal Shriners hospital, for assessment and treatment for the child. The flight was to leave Moncton early in the morning and return late that night, and the Shriners were covering all cost for the wife and child, but not the father.

Although he was also needed to help look after his daughter, the cost of a return flight was \$663 03, which had to be confirmed by midnight December 17th. So, I got on the phone and started calling and looking for information on the cerebral palsy fund. Contact was made with GC Arlie Fraser, PGC Brian McGuire, and Supreme Inner Guard Ron Dickinson. From them, I was led to Sister Betty Porter, but she only looked after Cerebral Palsy of Nova Scotia!

Four days later I was in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and I visited Fredericton Lodge #6. Grand Inner Guard, Brother Les Boyle, from Oxford lodge #26, was making his official visit, and after Lodge Les said he would help all he could.

On returning home, Mrs. Giselle Pitts, Cerebral Palsy of NB called me, and after hearing my story, knowing I was a member of Knights of Pythians, she told me that it normally took quite some time after the forms were filled out before approval was given.

I had the money! She guaranteed it! She stated that the board did not meet until the following Tuesday but since time was short to go ahead and confirm his flight. She would send the cheque and the papers, by courier! She did as she promised, and I had everything by Wednesday afternoon.

In the mean time, Brother Les Boyle contacted Sister Mabel Lowther, who were all working on my behalf. The help received, and the speed in which it was accomplished proved to me that the principles of the order, friendship, charity, and benevolence, are alive and well and Mrs. Pills said (when I thanked her) "it is pay back time" for all the knights and Sisters work done for Cerebral Palsy.

Yours in FCB
 Brother Harold McDonald
 Cumberland Lodge #5
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 Maritime Domain



Past North Carolina Grand Chancellor Commander John Lynch (*right of check*), is shown presenting a \$500.00 check from Cumberland Lodge #5, Fayetteville, NC to Cumberland County Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler.

The check was applied to the "Shopping With the Sheriff" Christmas Program. This project is responsible for taking 65 needy children and families out for a Christmas shopping trip every year, to select necessary Christmas clothing, toys and other items.

Cumberland Lodge #5 has participated in this program for ten years. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for identifying and qualifying the needy families. On the left of Sheriff Butler is Wayne Barr, current North Carolina Grand Chancellor Commander. To the right of John Lynch is GT Bill Cannon.



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!





- Tamerac - Coral Springs, FL.

Pictured (L-R) Chancellor Commander Max Cohn, PDGC Murray Engel, and Sir Erwin Westle, Grand Chancellor for the state of Florida.

At a recent convention at King's Knights Lodge #221, the officers and members, along with the Grand Chancellor and his entourage, surprised PDG Murray Engel with the newly created "Pythian Medallion!" This was the third medallion ever issued in the state of Florida, and it went to a very deserving and hard-working Pythian.

Since Brother Murray moved to Florida, several years ago, he has been tirelessly involved with our Lodge's many activities in various capacities along with many community projects.

One of his many responsibilities was to produce our very popular Lodge bulletin "King's Knight News," at which he had been an outstanding "Editor" for many years, but now was stepping down so that, just as with the redesigned "Pythian International Magazine," new people with new and fresh ideas could have a chance to stimulate our membership anew! Change is hard, but tends to also positively stimulate growth, and our order needs new people!

The "Medallion" was the perfect parting gift for him... He will continue, in other capacities, as a most valuable member of our Lodge!

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*Dear Brother Burke, May 15, 2004
First may I state as a Lodge Bulletin Editor for over 52 years how great the new format for the Pythian International Magazine is. Had the enclosed ready to go out to you, but it got buried on my desk. Keep it in your file and use it when it prove to be more appropriate.*

Over the years I submitted many articles through PGC Milton Schultz and luckily some were used.

Loved your Editorial in the April Issue. (can't wait for the incredible conclusion)

*Fraternally,
Sy Barnash*

BOCA-DELRAY-BOYNTON LODGE #206 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

The Pythian order received recognition March 23, 2004, as Boca-Delray-Boynton Lodge #206 in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Florida honored the winners of the Special Olympic Games at an award night. Eunice Shriver medals were handed out to these very special youngsters.

Officiating at this event were many Grand Lodge Dignitaries, Palm Beech County political figures, the Palm Beech County Special Olympic Coordinator, and Mr. Jim Sackett of WPTV News as our Master of Ceremonies.

It was a very touching and gratifying evening. All this was a result of the efforts of Brother Frank Goldstein, PDGC and his committee.

A beautiful framed poster, depicting the perseverance of these athletic participants, was presented to Brother Frank Goldstein.

This project and other selfless good deeds performed by the members of our Palm Beech County Lodges were rewarded at a luncheon given by the Florida Department of Children and Families. A special Plaque was given to Boca-Delray-Lodge #206 in appreciation of the Awards Night and the icing on the cake was a trophy given to "Knights of Pythias" as voted "Number One Civic Association in Palm Beech County!"

This was certainly a feather in our cap!

Special Announcements!

Brothers & Sisters;

Deadlines' are growing near!

Place your ads in the Souvenir Journal by July 1, and the Supreme Lodge / Temple Banquet July 15...

Please don't miss out! Get all the information in as soon as possible. If you need the forms, please let me know.

The Arizona Committee looks forward to seeing you all in August.

Thanks

**Don D. Appleton, PSR/SR
Supreme Convention**

Due to trip information getting out later than we expected, the Convention Committee has decided to extend the dates for all trips (except Las Vegas, which has been cancelled) to July 15, 2004...

We apologize for any inconvenience caused by late notifications.

Contact me for any questions at: RJH1@Cox.net



THE JOURNEYS OF OUR

To join our happy band of Women, contact Ann Gropper, for Membership information!

History of a Pythian Sister

Ten years ago, I wrote, as a newly installed Supreme Officer an article entitled "Ode to a Pythian Sister." It was intended as a tribute to my mother, who passed from this world six days after I was installed as Supreme Guard.

It is to my mother that I attribute my love for fraternal work after she encouraged me at the age of eleven to join a junior fraternal order. And so, when, a year after my marriage, I was invited (by my mother-in-law) to become a Pythian Sister, I responded unhesitating. And so it began.

When looking back on the last forty-eight years of my Pythian history and my life, it seems that there were always two distinct markers -- the birth of another child or a new role as a Pythian Sister.

I remember so well becoming Most Excellent Chief for the first time of my subordinate temple in 1961 and looking upon an audience of women -- my mentors -- so skilled and knowledgeable in the Order. (An audience, which occasionally, would include a visitor by the name of Bertha Lynn, who would become the second Past Supreme Chief of Michigan.) These women enhanced my love of ritualistic work by exhibiting it perfectly. They also taught me about devoted service to one's community, family, and the Pythian Order. (They even taught me as a young wife and mother, how to peel potatoes properly; make a meatloaf; and, wash dishes without using an abundance of soap!)

In 1980, when I became Grand Guard of Michigan, I thought that surely I had reached the epitome of my Pythian history. But, again, new mentors informed me that I had just begun to learn of Purity, Love, Equality, and Fidelity.

When, in 1985, I was installed as Grand Chief of Michigan, (same husband plus six children) I wondered what good fortune had brought me to this place. By this time, I did know how to properly peel potatoes, make meatloaf, and wash dishes with a minimum of soap!

I have always been so proud of being a Pythian Sister. We are an Order that takes so little and gives so much yet, so many times we forget to show our worth to the world.

We feel that young women today are too busy to join an Order that believes in Love for each other; Equality for all people; Fidelity to our families, our friends, our country, and our Order; and the Purity of spirit which will surely allow us to exist for at least another 115 years.

When I was installed as Supreme Chief in 2002, I realized that even after all these years I had much to learn and my sisters have helped me learn. My visits have been labors of love and I have been treated with kindness, respect, sisterly love, and, best of all, many - many - hugs!

You have honored me by allowing me to be your Supreme Chief and I look forward to our Supreme Sessions in August where together we will formulate the future.

Is my history unique? Surely not, as I have heard throughout my travels some wonderful Pythian histories. But never forget that we are continuing to write our Pythian history now!

And this writer's Pythian history will hopefully continue long after I pass the Bible to my successor. My Pythian sisters will teach me and I will continue to learn.

You will, each and everyone, live in my memory "until the lights go out."

In Love & Friendship,
Georgia Jean Byrd, Supreme Chief

On 2-10-04, SPGC Ethel Benham of Washington & Alaska Pythian Sisters, had the privilege of presenting a check in the amount of \$1213 to Kristen Malcome, a representative of Multiple Sclerosis - Sister Ethel chose "MS" as her project during her year of 2003 as Grand Chief.



Rhododendron Temple #30 of SeaTac, WA, is in partnership with McMicken Heights Improvement Club, in sponsoring an emergency food closet. If you know of anyone that is in an emergency need of food, or staples, you can contact chairperson Ethel Benham at (206) 243-3666, anytime.

Any donations of food, staples and / or cash to purchase perishables can be dropped off at the Club at 3730 South 166th St, SeaTac, WA, any Monday night after 6:00 PM



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PYTHIAN SISTERS



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Pennies from Heaven?

You always hear the usual stories of pennies on the sidewalk being good luck, gifts from angels, etc. This is the first time I've ever heard this twist on the story, and it gives you something to think about...

Several years ago, a friend of mine and her husband were invited to spend the weekend at the husband's employer's home. My friend, Arlene, was nervous about the weekend. The boss was very wealthy with a fine home on the waterway, and cars costing more than her house.

The first day and evening went well, and Arlene was delighted to have this rare glimpse into how the very wealthy live. The husband's employer was quite generous as a host, and took them to the finest restaurants. Arlene knew she would never have the opportunity to indulge in such extravagance again, so was enjoying herself immensely.

As the three of them were about to enter an exclusive restaurant that evening, the boss was walking slightly ahead of Arlene and her husband. He stopped suddenly, looking down on the pavement for a long, silent moment. Arlene wondered if she was supposed to pass him.

There was nothing on the ground except a single darkened penny that someone had dropped, and a few cigarette butts. Still silent, the man reached down and picked up the penny. He held it up and smiled, then put it in his pocket as if he had found a great treasure.

How absurd! What need did this man have for a single penny? Why would he even take the time to stop and pick it up?

Throughout dinner, the entire scene nagged at her. Finally, she could stand it no longer. She casually mentioned that her daughter once had a coin collection, and asked if the penny he had found had been of some value.

A smile crept across the man's face as he reached into his pocket for the penny and held it out for her to see. She had seen many pennies before! What was the point of this?



"Look at it." He said. "Read what it says."

She read the words "United States of America."

"No, not that; read further"

"One cent?"

"No, keep reading."

"In God we Trust?"

"Yes!"

"And?"

"And if I trust in God, the name of God is holy, even on a coin.

Whenever I find a coin I see that inscription. It is written on every single United States coin, but we never seem to notice it! God drops a message right in front of me telling me to trust Him! Who am I to pass it by?

When I see a coin, I pray, I stop to see if my trust IS in God at that moment. I pick the coin up as a response to God; that I do trust in Him. For a short time, at least, I cherish it as if it were gold. I think it is God's way of starting a conversation with me. Lucky for me, God is patient and pennies are plentiful!

When I was out shopping today, I found a penny on the sidewalk. I stopped and picked it up, and realized that I had been worrying and fretting in my mind about things I cannot change.

I read the words, "In God We Trust," and had to laugh. Yes, God, I get the message. It seems that I have been finding an inordinate number of pennies in the last few months, but then, pennies are plentiful! And, God is patient...

May you have a blessed day!

Jill Unger-Moder

Dear Sisters:

We are pressing forward with our plans for Supreme Temple session in Tucson. I would like to encourage everyone to go ahead and preregister! This is beneficial to you and well as to me and my committee. There are many activities planned, so make sure and get your reservations in early.

There is a list of Supreme Directory corrections in this issue. Please make the changes to your directory. Again, I would like to say that you must give me your most current information in order for the directory to be correct. This directory is used by the Supreme Chief to plan her itinerary of visits for the Grand Temple sessions. Changes in dates or places should be reported to me as soon as possible.

We have a new Membership Certificate is now available in my inventory, for \$1.00 each. These will be very nice to give your new members upon initiation. I will have some available at Supreme Temple for you to see.

There seems to be some confusion about the membership lists that Supreme Temple is now requiring from each Temple. Each Temple is to compile a list of members names, addresses and zip codes and forward it to the Grand Secretary. The list should be in "Excel" database format, as that is the software that Supreme Lodge uses. The Grand Secretary will coordinate all of the lists from the subordinate Temples and send it on to me. The only Temples that need to send me their list directly, are the Temples under Supreme jurisdiction.

It has also been brought to my attention that some members feel that Supreme Temple wants these lists to sell the names. **This is NOT the case!** We are not in the business of selling names and addresses of our members, rather we need the lists for record purposes, and for future mailings of the "Pythian International Magazine" if we decide to join the Knights if full circulation, this convention.

This list will be beneficial for all involved in any case as it will make communication on all levels, and from Supreme, to members easier. Several Grand Temples already require this information for mailing purposes, especially those states with Pythian Homes. **This list is not a "request,"** but a "requirement" for your Grand Temple. We urge you to comply by the deadline of July first.

Again, I am looking forward, very much, to seeing everyone in Tucson.

All for now,
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The most valuable thing that we have to share with others!

It is said that a young man learns what's most important in life from the guy next door.

It had been some time since Jack had seen the old man. College, girls, career, and life itself got in the way. In fact, Jack moved clear across the country in pursuit of his dreams.

There, in the rush of his busy life, Jack had little time to think about the past and often no time to spend with those important to him. He was working on his future, and nothing could stop him.

One day, over the phone, his mother told him, "Mr... Belser died last night. The funeral is Wednesday."

Memories flashed through his mind like an old newsreel as he sat quietly remembering his childhood days.

"Jack, did you hear me?"

"Oh, sorry, Mom. Yes, I heard you. It's been so long since I thought of him. I'm sorry, but I honestly thought he died years ago," Jack said.

"Well, he didn't forget you. Every time I saw him he'd ask how you were doing. He'd reminisce about the many days you spent over "his side of the fence" as he put it," Mom told him. "I loved that old house he lived in," Jack said.

"You know, Jack, after your father died, Mr. Belser stepped in to make sure you had a man's influence in your life," she said.

"He's the one who taught me carpentry," he said. "I wouldn't be in this business if it weren't for him. He spent a lot of time teaching me things he thought were important..."

Mom. "I'll be there for the funeral," Jack said.

As busy as he was, he kept his word. Jack caught the next flight to his hometown. Mr. Belser's funeral was small and uneventful. He had no children of his own, and most of his relatives had passed away.

The night before he had to return home, Jack and his Mom stopped by to see the old house next door one more time.

Standing in the doorway, Jack paused for a moment. It was like crossing over into another dimension, a leap through space and time.

The house was exactly as he remembered. Every step held memories. Every picture, every piece of furniture.... Jack stopped suddenly.

"What's wrong, Jack?" his Mom asked.

"The box is gone," he said.

"What box?" Mom asked.

"There was a small gold box that he kept locked on top of his desk. I must have asked him a thousand times what was inside. All he'd ever tell me was "the thing I value most," Jack said.

It was gone! Everything about the house was exactly how Jack remembered it, except for the box. He figured someone from the Belser family had taken it.

"Now I'll never know what was so very valuable to him," Jack said. "I better get some sleep. I have an early flight home, Mom."

It had been about two weeks since Mr. Belser died. Returning home from work one day, Jack discovered a note in his mailbox. "Signature required on a package - No one at home - Please stop by the main post office within the next three days," the note read.

Early the next day Jack retrieved the package. The small box was old and looked like it had been mailed a hundred years ago. The handwriting was difficult to read, but the return address caught his attention. "Mr. Harold Belser" it read.

Jack took the box out to his car and ripped open the package.

There inside was the gold box and an envelope. Jack's hands shook as he read the note inside.

"Upon my death, please forward this box and its contents to Jack Bennett. It's the thing I valued most in my life." A small key was taped to the letter.

His heart racing, as tears filling his eyes, Jack carefully unlocked the box. There inside he found a beautiful gold pocket watch.

Running his fingers slowly over the finely etched casing, he unlatched the cover. Inside he found these words engraved: "Jack, Thanks for your time! - Harold Belser."

"The thing he had valued most was . . . my time?"

Perplexed, Jack held the watch for a few minutes, then called his office and cleared his appointments for the next two days. "Why?" Janet, his assistant asked.

"I need some time to spend with my son," he said. "Oh, by the way, Janet . . . Thanks, for your time!"

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away!"

Share this story with all the people you care about, if you do so, you will certainly brighten someone's day, and might change their perspective on life, just a bit . . . For the better!"

And! Thanks, for **your** time!

Submitted by: Carol Sutherland



Canadian Temple, Saxby #35, celebrated its anniversary by throwing a big party and awarding seven dedicated Sisters with "Life Memberships!"

The awards were presented with Certificates and Red Roses, but only three of the Sisters were able to make it to the ceremony because of an unexpectedly bad snow storm!

Pictured above are **Willie Jonah, PC; Georgia Dole, GOC; Alice Peters, PGC;** and "presenter" Most Excellent Chief, **Norma Calhoun...** Absent but not forgotten were **Lois Way, PC; Dorothy Perks, PC; Frances Hopper, PC; and Shirly Lounsbury, PC.**

Thank you for sharing this joyous event with our worldwide readers! We should always reward our dedicated and hard working members, but sometimes they go without anyone ever recognizing just how much they do, without complaint, to help make all of our lives easier!

Yours in P.L.E.F.
Georgia Dole, GPC
New Brunswick, CA

A DREAM COME TRUE...

Many years ago my family residence was in the South end of Halifax Nova Scotia. We lived there for about four years when I was quite a young girl (between the age of 9 and 13), and we were quite a poor family (*where money was concerned*), but the love could be measured in the millions!

On the grand and exciting occasion when my Mother could scrape up an extra 30 cents, she would give it to my two older brothers, and me, so that we could go to a movie. (*I believe it cost 13 cents at that time, but I can't remember for sure as we were able to go so seldom.*) Of course, we couldn't afford to buy popcorn, so we would stand there for a bit and just enjoy that beautiful aroma before we passed by the popping bin.

Since there was not enough money to take the street car to town, we had to walk about two miles each way, to and from the theatre but we really enjoyed every minute of that trip because of the anticipation that this special treat held for us!

One thing in particular comes to mind about that walk to town... About midway was a "religious" store, and the front window was fixed up so pretty that I always stopped when I passed by. I especially admired a beautiful white bible that was placed on a lovely doily, in the window display. If I happened to be by myself when I passed this store, I would stop and stare for several minutes at this most beautiful Bible.



Never too young! Never too old! To help others! Or, to be helped!



Tuesday the 11th of May, was a great day in Broward County Florida, because for the first time we had a Ronald McDonald House, at Broward General Hospital.

All the organizations and businesses that had contributed to the start of the house were invited to attend the opening and ribbon cutting.

Many of our Pythian Sisters were in attendance, and we were thanked for all our dedicated hard work and contributions. All the thousands of gallons of Tabs that we collected, the soaps, shampoos, toothbrushes and razors were greatly appreciated. We also had been donating canned food for the families that would be living there.



The building is absolutely beautiful! The rooms are large and airy, each with lovely bedroom sets with 2 double beds, and some with cribs. There are 2 kitchens, and a lovely dining room. A great playroom, and playground, for the children.

Even though they were just opening, officially, that day, we met families that were already staying there.

The Opening ceremonies were hosted by a local TV personality, and we heard from the Mayor of Fort Lauderdale, and some of the Management of the Ronald McDonald Corp. Ronald McDonald himself spoke beautifully, and he was the one who actually cut the ribbon.

It was a very rewarding day, and we are continuing our work, saving and collecting the tabs, and other items.

**This is what being a Pythian is all about!
Doing for others.**

Marilyn Rogow, SR Florida



One day, the scariest thing happened!

While I was standing there the store door opened and a lady came out and asked if I would like to come inside! All of a sudden I felt panic stricken! I just knew that this lady only wanted me inside so that she could yell at me, and scold me, and tell me never to stop and look in her window ever again!!! In that split-second, that friendly looking lady seemed to turn very sinister, in my mind! I ran off very quickly, and for quite some time after that, I would even cross the street so that the lady wouldn't be able to see me, ever again!!!

The next Christmas (following this event), my mother wanted our "gift lists" so that she could pick out one gift for each of us, and believe it or not, the top item on my list was a "White Bible." (I think I was around eleven years old at this time, and I must add that church and Sunday School were a "must" as I was growing up.)

My Mother asked "What in the world are you going to do with a Bible?" I replied very firmly "Read it of course!" She answered simply, with a

11 great big grin, and a nod of her head...

Christmas arrived!

I searched frantically, but there was NOT a white Bible among the gifts that my parents had for me!

**I couldn't believe it!
How could they do that to me???**

Since my brothers and I had had 25 cents to spend on presents for each other, I had two more gifts to open. As I shook and pinched one of them, I started to get very excited! I was almost positive that my prayers were going to be answered, after all. There it was - a Bible! (It was very hard for me, but I had to try and "look" pleased, because this one was black, not white!)

I wondered how my brother could afford to buy me a Bible. After all, he had to purchase two gifts with that 25 cents. I finally remembered that he chummed around with the son of a Minister.

Now, everyone knows that black Bibles are dead common in all the Churches, so I'm sure that is how he got the Bible. (Not only that! He probably got it for FREE!)

In 1981 I became a Pythian Sister.

Since joining, I have attended all but one of the Grand Sessions. Then the unbelievable happened. I became a Grand Officer. I believe this to be the greatest achievement in my life.

Before I realized what was happening, I was standing in front of my Grand Temple Sisters receiving my "White Bible!" - A gift from my Grand Temple Officers!

The feelings were truly overwhelming!

The Pythian Order had helped me to fulfill a lifelong dream, and for this I am forever grateful!

Perhaps it is just a coincidence, but I understand that the 2006 Supreme Sessions will be held in Halifax. The Hotel where it will take place is only a couple of blocks from the religious store where this all started! I plan to be there, and to take a walk down that street. Who knows... Maybe that store is still there? My life will have come "full circle!"

Peggy Peressini
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Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan



Notes from the Imperial Prince

I write things on a regular basis for various publications and sometimes wonder if anyone reads them. I guess the best way to find out is to make an error or just a plane mistake. I did that in my last Pythian article and sure enough, I do have readers.

Somehow, I included grand children of members as being eligible for loans by the Imperial Palace Foundation. I hereby declare that statement as not true. The program is extended only to a member, his spouse, and children. My apologies to those who were misled and my compliments to those sharp enough to catch the error. They are awarded the proofreader medal of honor. It has also occurred to me that I should become a better reader of my own articles.

The Imperial Prince has been wandering the expanse of Khorassan's domain of late. In March, I was the pampered guest of the South East Pythian Association and the New South DOKK Society in Southern Pines, North Carolina. This bunch knows how to throw a convention. I thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and seeing old friends. We were treated to a DOKK Ceremonial in addition to a well-performed Rank of the Golden Spur. Imperial Azim Butch Gantt is now the proud owner of the prestigious Golden Spur pin for his lapel. He earned it and should wear it.

Next, was a stop in Ohio for the Ohio Society meeting. Brother Donald Baker did yeoman services by driving the Imperial Prince over half the state for various duties. Again, I enjoyed wonderful and warm hospitality. Thank you Ohio. I hope to return to these domains in the future.

Now I think some may wonder how a person with the impressive title of Imperial Prince spends his time between visits around the domains. Yard work is a big thing around my humble home. Pictured above is work in progress on a sprinkler system for the front yard. Each day the Imperial Camels must be fed, watered and protected against fleas and ticks. There is the necessary sanitary shovel work to be done. Work never ends.

I spend my spare time searching around here for the harem that an Imperial Prince should have, but so far, no luck on that. Yes, the IP is a very busy man, but I will make an appearance at the Supreme Lodge Convention in Tucson next August. I hope to see many of you there. Maybe I can enlist some assistance on this sprinkler project.



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Don't "write-off" anyone, until you get to know them and discover their true motivation for becoming a member of our great organization. If their motives are less than honorable and selfless, it will quickly become evident. They will not attend meetings... They will brag a lot about their position or title (*especially to nonmembers*), try to get you into their latest business venture, and vanish when there is "work" to be done! They will only show up when there is free food offered, free prizes, or when they know that someone "to-be-seen-and-photographed-with" is in town!

As I have been told many times, and am beginning to believe, "You can't make an Eagle out of a Duck, and you should not try!" So don't try to make a person into the productive member that you think they "should" be, after it becomes evident that they don't really care... Move on! And, put your energies into people who will return it!

That is a basic Law of Economy, and just good sense!

Michael



And now, the rest of the story!

The Editor's story continued from last issue...

The men that had surrounded me were looking at me but not talking. I got the instinctive feeling that I should not move or speak.

After a few minutes the woman was crying and Ginny was crying. They slowly got up and started toward the house, seeming to have forgotten about me completely. I was still standing there in the middle of the street, surrounded by many very large men who were giving off a distinctively hostile aura! Things felt a bit uncomfortable to say the least! One of the men finally pushed me toward the house, and I followed Ginny inside, with several of the men close behind me.

It turns out that this was Ginny's mother, and stress had aged her unbelievably! Ginny was telling her mother about our adventure, and how I had saved her life when the front door burst off its hinges! A shaking, panting, purple-red faced man about the size of a freight-train with the look of a crazed maniac stood there where the door had been. He looked at me, still with three of the men standing around me, then Ginny, then me again, and he literally exploded off the ground and into the air. He was across the room before anyone had a chance to speak and had me on the floor in a strangle hold, intending to end my life.

Thankfully, the other men stopped him before he did any permanent damage! They pulled him off of me, slipping and sliding because of a torrent of sweat that was pouring everywhere, and held him down in a recliner, which crumbled under the strain.

Ginny's mother screamed something! Several times, I think! I don't know what I heard of it because I can't remember what she said, but the man stopped fighting. He was pushed into the kitchen by two of the men, with Ginny's mom following close behind!

I remember loud voices and things crashing, but I was still on the floor, too exhausted and in pain to understand them. Ginny came over and helped me to the couch where she sat close to me.

A few minutes later the man who had appeared as a rampaging, rabid, 1000 pound Lowland Gorilla, just moments before, came back into the room looking like a weak and shattered old man, crying, held up from behind by his wife and one of the other men. This crumpled and broken man was Ginny's father!

The man who had run off earlier, while we were still outside, had run the 10 blocks to where her father worked and shouted that they had "caught the guy who took your little girl!" And Ginny's father had run the ten blocks back, completely forgetting that he even had a car! He and Ginny's mother collapsed on the floor in front of the couch. Sitting on the floor, at our feet, Joshua begged me to forgive him (*which made me cry, because I know such loss myself, and 13 understood exactly what he felt.*)

Soon we were talking about everything under the sun, but especially about Ginny's adventures. Most of the crowd had cleared out, seeing that everything was under control, except for a couple of their closest friends. Ginny's mom finally assured them that everything was going to be okay, and ushered them out, through the front door that was now only attached by the bottom hinge.

Ginny's mom (*Carlie*) got something for us to drink, and we spent the next few hours talking. Joshua asked me to stay the night, and I was far too exhausted to decline. I had pain pills and hot chocolate for dinner, and slept like a baby!

The next morning, Carlie woke me with a knock on the door, and when I said "come in" she was carrying a **massive** tray filled with every kind of breakfast food that is made on this planet, and a quart of milk!

After I ate, bathed and dressed, I emerged to find Joshua waiting for me with a couple of fishing poles. I must have looked pretty puzzled, because he just nodded at me and said "We need to talk, and I do my best talkin on the lake!" Turns out that fishing was about all that saved his life and their marriage, after Ginny went missing, and he would sit for hours in his little rowboat talking to the fish... That, and work, had filled nearly every waking moment! The profound sadness and frustration of not knowing, of not being able to do anything, of not knowing what to do or where to look had devastated and nearly killed him, and only the fish seemed to understand that what he needed most was someone to just quietly listen to his pain.

So we went fishing and I quietly listened! After about an hour on the lake, I got a chance to tell him a bit about who I was, and the conversation perked up dramatically when I mentioned the Knights of Pythias. Joshua's father had many friends who were Knights, but at the time he was not allowed to be a member... (*Something about having too good a tan, I think, and the other Knights might have gotten jealous?*) Anyway, he was most pleased to hear that he could join, because he had always wanted to do that in order to honor his Dad's memory, but when he reached an age when he would have been old enough to try and join, he had become distracted and moved on to other aspirations (*besides he did not really want to have to fight people and old prejudices in order to become a part of the group, and felt like he should not have to*).

From what I could gather his father had faithfully served the Knights for most of his life, but was never allowed to join. He did this because of gratitude to a single Knight who had stepped in and saved his life during a race related battle when he was just a child.

And, now, here I was, a Knight, a Knight of Pythias, and I had just saved his child's life. I cannot begin to convey the exchange of emotion that occurred in that little rowboat...

It touched things in my heart that I never knew existed... Joshua's father had filled his son's head with glorious Knightly tales, and I think that I heard a majority of them that day.

Joshua's father had revered the Knights, and what they stood for, but I could not help but be deeply saddened by the fact that he was not allowed to officially become a part of that which he so loved because of now long-dead restrictions and prejudices.

Knowing what we stand for, and who we are supposed to be, it made it nearly impossible for me to conceive of such times!

Joshua is going to complete that long unfulfilled dream, and he is going to join the Knights of Pythias, and honor his father's name and memory.

He agreed to start writing his father's story, and to submit it to me when he is done, for possible publication. The story, all his stories, are filled with emotion, humor, color and Great Pythian Deeds, like I have never heard before, and that no one could "concoct" without the actual true experience!

I look forward, with great anticipation, to sharing some of these moving, amazing, and uplifting stories with all of you!

When we got back to the house there was a small party awaiting us, and each of them learned about who I was and about the Knights of Pythias. Even the local doctor was there, after examining Ginny while Joshua and I had been on the lake. Joshua had a lot of loyal friends and they all admired and respected him as a "man of his word" with strong ethics and principles! Each said in their own way how grateful they were to have Ginny back, and how much they admired me for the chance that I took which saved her life. It was a very overwhelming and emotional day!

Ginny looked like a completely different person, and so did her mother! It was shocking how much of a change had come! How the years seemed to have melted off of both of them!

That night, we talked into the wee hours, about children, fears, love and loss... I told them of my losses and learned lessons, and I told them about the Sunshine Girls and how, many young women had been given direction and purpose by being a part of that group... Ginny seemed very interested and her father was all for the idea.

I was asked to keep their identities a secret, as they are private people, and I will respect that request!

I know that Joshua will become a great and dedicated Pythian Knight, especially after this experience, and it is very probable that his family, and most of his close friends will follow!

Share your stories with our readers, and I will continue to share mine... We all have stories to tell! Most of us just don't realize it, but stories are our Human's best teaching tool.



Michael



The Pythian Sunshine Girls

As the end of my reign nears as your Supreme Royal Princess, I would just like to start off by saying "Thank you," to everyone who has helped make these two years great ones. Believe me you need all the support and help you can get, and there are a lot of people who will support / help you, if you ever have a chance to experience this office.

Just this last week I was at Faithful Council #17's inspection where the Grand Royal Advisor was speaking about the Sunshine Girls and how we need to continue work on growing. And how there are many Pythians who do not even know what a Sunshine Girl is!

This was very disturbing to me!!!

I know that Georgia Byrd has been working hard these past two years to help the growth of the Sunshine Girls. Because of her efforts, and the interest of other Pythians, we were able to institute a new council in Texas, "Yellow Rose Council." We also have many others who are very interested in the Sunshine Girls.

I know that the new Editor is dedicated to helping us grow, and with the new look of the "Pythian International Magazine" to aid us as a recruiting tool, and other new ideas that are in the works, I hope, in the years to follow, to see us speed up our efforts and continue to grow and see more Councils.

As Supreme is drawing near, I find myself hoping to see everyone there. And I would like to add that I hope everyone will realize its importance of, and continue to use our new "Pythian International Magazine" as a source of information and support for getting people interested. I urge you to contribute more and more to the magazine, so that our presence will become known and felt by all!

Also, the magazine helps with greatly with communications between all of the Councils! When they get new ideas, now we can share and know what each of us is doing around the United States, and soon hopefully, Canada.

I would also like to say that I really enjoyed going around to all the other councils and seeing all the different neat activities, marches, etc. they do and all the girls the councils have. It is really great to see how excited the girls are about being a Sunshine Girl. Hopefully they can continue to encourage other girls to join.

Again, thank you for all the support and the monies you have all helped me raise so far, for my project, Leukemia. In July, I will be having a 50/50 raffle, which I will also have with me at Supreme, and the drawing will be held at Supreme. If anyone would like tickets before Supreme please contact me and I will make sure you get them.

Thank you for a great two years!

I just can't wait to see all of you at Supreme!

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Gerry W. Beatty, PSR-SR, is now the Editor of "The Pythian Record." This is a Canadian publication and he could use your help with "content!"

He is producing a 16 page newsletter, using Microsoft Publisher (*primarily*), and plans on very actively promoting all groups (*just as I do*) among his readers. He is in search for new, fresh, and different ideas, and will be present at the Supreme Convention, this August, if you would like to meet him...

We need to support any, and all, efforts to publicize the Pythian Order and all its many facets! Please help him, if you can!

Michael



An old one? . . . Yes! But it still applies today!

THE HOSPITAL WINDOW

Two Veterans, both seriously wounded, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window.

The second man had to spend all his time flat on his back. They talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been, and would like to go, on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed was secluded by a thick curtain, so he began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and color of the world outside.

As described by his friend, the window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every color and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by, and although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with his vividly descriptive words.

Days, and then weeks, passed....

One morning, the nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was deeply saddened by the loss of this always cheerful, happy and optimistic Soul. Soon, the hospital attendants arrived and took the body away.

Later that day, as soon as it seemed appropriate, the remaining man, feeling the loss of his constant companion and only link to the outside world, asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside.

He strained every muscle to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

He was shocked to find that it faced a blank brick wall! The puzzled man called the nurse and asked what could have compelled his deceased roommate, who had described such bright and wonderful things outside this window, to do such a thing.

The nurse responded that the man was blinded by a shell blast and could not even see the wall. He was aware of the fact that he was dying, but always tried to smile despite such depressing knowledge, and always tried to help others to be happy. She said, "Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you, and make you happy?"

Epilogue:

There is tremendous joy to be found in helping others to be happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, but joy and happiness, when shared, are doubled!

If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy.

Today is a gift! That's why it is called the "present."



Happy Father's Day!

Compiled from several sources on the Internet.

Father's Day, contrary to popular misconception, was not established as a holiday in order to help greeting card manufacturers sell more cards. In fact when a "father's day" was first proposed there were no Father's Day cards! Sonora Dodd, of Washington, first proposed the idea of a "father's day" in 1909.

Dodd was inspired with the idea of Father's Day while listening to a Mother's Day sermon, at church. She wanted a special day to honor her father, William Smart.

William Smart, a Civil War veteran, was widowed when his wife (*Mrs. Dodd's mother*) died in childbirth, with their sixth child. Mr. Smart was left to raise the newborn and his other five children by himself on a rural farm in eastern Washington state.

It was after Mrs. Dodd became an adult that she realized the strength and selflessness her father had shown in raising his children as a single parent.

The first Father's Day was observed on June 19, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. At about the same time in various towns and cities across America, other people were beginning to celebrate a "father's day."

In 1926 President Calvin Coolidge supported the idea of a national father's day. Finally, in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a "Presidential Proclamation" declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

It has since been adopted by Canada, parts of Europe and several other countries. Father's Day has become a day to not only honor your father, but all men who act as a father figure. Stepfathers, uncles, grandfathers, and adult male friends are all to be honored on Father's Day.

Now you know how it all started!

Hope you had a really great
Father's (*Grandfather's*) Day!

Nomads of Avrudaka



GREETINGS FROM THE IMPERIAL SANTHA, NOMADS OF AVRUDAKA!!!

As this is the last issue before we meet in Tucson for our Supreme sessions, I would like to take a moment to congratulate both Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd and Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit for their hard work during the past two years.

This is a period of time which goes entirely too fast. There seems to be so much time at the beginning and it just vanishes. I trust you both were able to accomplish the goals you set for your terms and I wish both of you productive and harmonious sessions which will be filled with pleasant memories of jobs well done!

Travelling to visit the Nomad Society meetings, in various areas, has been a real experience. It doesn't seem to matter where you go, the Nomad fellowship is always great.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who has been so hospitable to us in our travels. There will be many more visits made and I am sure each and every one of them will be just as enjoyable.

As you can see from the pictures included here, there is always a good time to be had by those able to attend. We have been able to attend Society meetings in Texas and Ohio, so far, as well as attending meetings of both Santhas in Oregon. While at the Ohio Society meeting, I had the honor of installing the incoming Society officers for both the Nomads and Dokeys. This year Oregon is host to the Far Western Association of DOKK and Nomads with the Maharani and Maharajah as co-Presidents. We have a great time planned and hope many of you will be able to attend.

Following closely behind the events in Oregon was the Indiana Society meeting which came up the 25th of June when we were off again for yet another adventure in travel. We were looking forward to having another great time while enjoying the events planned for the Indiana Society meeting, and were not disappointed.

With summer fast approaching, many of us will be heading out on vacations to old favorite places or perhaps on new exciting adventures. If you happen to be in an area where there is a Pythian building or cemetery, or any other type of Pythian landmark, take a picture to bring back and share with us all in this magazine.

It can be very interesting to see what history is out there just waiting to be discovered. Here in Oregon one of our knights happened upon a Pythian Road on an outing and challenged everyone to find it.

To this day I still don't know if anyone else has found it. However, we will keep on looking. Let us all know what else is out there by putting some pictures in the PI and perhaps challenge others to find your discovery as well. Just maybe someone else will be able to enjoy the history you find out there.

If you happen to be in Oregon at any time, please remember that the Oregon Garden is definitely a place to visit. At this point 60 acres have been developed with another 180 acres yet to go. This is one place where you will find the "Pythian" name proudly displayed for the world to view.

This is where the Oregon Nomads, DOKK, Knights and Sisters, have worked so tirelessly together, spending so much time, energy, and, of course, dollars, to make a place in history for the Pythian Order. The Pythian Rain Curtain (*as it is now called*) is the center attraction of the Sensory Garden.

On May 8, 2004, we dedicated the entire Sensory Garden. Even the rain held off until after the dedication ceremony, and for this we are ever so grateful. As you can see by the pictures included here, even adults can have fun in the water. We all need to laugh more and have more play time! It turned out to be a great photo opportunity for many of us. Believe me, the water was freezing cold, but the wet clothes did nothing to distract from the fun. All things said and done, it was truly a monumental and very memorable day for all of us.

Summer is also a time for making new friends, so take advantage of the opportunity to show others what the Pythians stand for. This is a great chance to gain new members for ALL of the Orders. Have a picnic and put up a banner. Join a parade and carry a flag. Get a booth at the fair or maybe a flea market or Saturday market.

Perhaps you could even get together a group (*complete with banner*) and walk in a CAT walk or help with a Relay for Life! Just advertise, whatever you do!!! Let people know that we are alive in the community, and well.

The other day I happened to meet an elderly gentleman who was in the process of creating a lasting gift for his wife and each of his three children. He had written a poem for each of them. These poems, while very uniquely related to the personality of each individual, were indeed worthy of thought and consideration by all of humanity. One of them, however, definitely struck a powerful chord in my mind.

The basic thread through these wonderful words of wisdom was something we all should heed. The idea is that no matter what life holds for us, no matter how difficult the task, how hard the hill to climb, how much we must endure to accomplish our goal, -- we should rest if we must, **BUT WE MUST NEVER STOP!!!!**

How true this all is! How appropriate this is in our efforts to expand our membership! He is truly a wise gentleman and I feel honored to have met him.

We are looking forward to seeing you at Nomad Day!!!

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Cool Pythian Rain Curtain Dedicated

After speaking at the dedication of the Pythian Rain Curtain, these two just could not resist standing under the falling water.

Maharajah Jerry Girard is observing his soaking wet side while Past Supreme Chancellor Darrell Henry remains relatively dry.



Jacquie Girard, Most Gracious Maharani, installing the Ohio Society Nomad and DOKK officers.



Imperial officers visit the Ohio Society meeting in Fremont, Ohio. Shown here are Maharani Jacquie Girard, Maharajah Jerry Girard, Ohio Society

Co-President Judie Shamis, Imperial Prince George Fox, and Ohio Society Co-President Hayden Woolum.



Resting on the basalt centerpiece in front of the Pythian Rain Curtain, enjoying some quiet time after the dedication of the new Sensory Garden, Maharani Jacquie Girard shares the moment with Maharajah Jerry Girard.



This picture captured Oregon's Dynamic Duo, Supreme Senior Kathlene Lacy and Most Gracious Maharani Jacquie Girard, sharing a moment of fun under the

Pythian Rain Curtain after its dedication at the Oregon Garden on May 8th. Both wound up soaking wet but in good spirits.

The Pickle Jar

The pickle jar, as far back as I can remember, sat on the floor beside the dresser in my parent's bedroom. When he got ready for bed, Dad would empty his pockets and toss his coins into the jar, and as a small girl, I was always fascinated at the sounds the coins made as they were dropped into the jar. They landed with a merry jingle when the jar was almost empty. Then the tones gradually muted to a dull thud as the jar was filled.

I used to squat on the floor in front of the jar and admire the copper and silver circles that glinted like a pirate's treasure when the sun poured through the bedroom window.

When the jar was filled, Dad would sit at the kitchen table and roll the coins before taking them to the bank. Taking the coins to the bank was

always a big production. Stacked neatly in a small cardboard box, the coins were placed between Dad and me on the seat of his old truck. Each and every time, as we drove to the bank, Dad would look at me hopefully. "Those coins are going to keep you out of the textile daughter. You're going to do better than me and your Mom. This old mill town's not going to hold you back."

Also, each and every time, as he slid the box of rolled coins across the counter at the bank toward the cashier, he would grin proudly. "These are for my daughter's college fund. She'll never work at the mill all her life like me."

We would always celebrate each deposit by stopping for an ice cream cone. I always got chocolate. Dad always got vanilla. When the clerk at the ice cream parlor handed Dad his change, he would show me the few coins nestled in his palm. "When we get home, we'll start filling the jar again." He always let me drop the first coins

into the empty jar. As they rattled around with a brief, happy jingle, we grinned at each other. "You'll get to college on pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters," he said. "But you'll get there. I'll see to that."

The years passed, and I finished college and took a job in another town. Once, while visiting my parents, I used the phone in their bedroom, and noticed that the pickle jar was gone. It had served its purpose and had been removed. A lump rose in my throat as I stared at the spot beside the dresser where the jar had stood. My dad was a man of few words, and never lectured me the values of determination, perseverance, and faith. The pickle jar had taught me all these virtues far more eloquently than the most flowery of words could have done. When I married, I told my husband Jeff about the significant part the lowly pickle jar had played in my life as a girl.

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THE BUDDY SYSTEM - JUNIOR ORDER MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM -

Just ask a member to bring a Buddy along to one of the meetings.

Great news for the Junior Order; I have been informed that plans are now underway to institute new Junior Order Chapters in Denver, Colorado and the Domain of Texas. SR Steve Glise also reports that we have excited interest in the Domain of Missouri as well, and a new Chapter in Arkansas.

My brothers, teamwork does bring great positive results! Us, working together, for the same purpose, is all it takes.

The Junior Order is a fraternal organization of the parent order "Knights of Pythias," for youths ages 10 through 17. In the Junior Order, youths are taught the Principals of Honor, Leadership, Friendship and Citizenship and instructed in the practices of Pythian Fraternity.

The Junior Order is an excellent opportunity to get our children and soon-to-be young adults involved in a positive, stimulating and uplifting Pythian surrounding, in our communities and off the streets.

With the recent approval of the Junior Order Board of Governors, with full authority over all duties and matters of the Junior Order, much more attention and focus will be given the Junior Order. Our goal remains to have Junior Order Chapters throughout the entire Supreme Domains . . . Both in United States and Canada.

I urge your subordinate Lodge to sponsor a Junior Order Chapter in your community . . . All it takes to start a Chapter is your Lodge to sponsor it, an Adult Advisor, and 9 boys - ages 10 through 17. These boys that we are looking for will have adventure, leadership skills and world class advantages and qualities by the time they reach legal age. Then they become eligible for membership in your Pythian Lodge.

REMEMBER: "ONE TEAM - ONE GOAL!"

JUST, ASK! ASK! ASK!

JUST ASK + BUDDY SYSTEM = MEMBERSHIP SUCCESS!

My brothers, join the team, let's work together and support our youth, our future! Help us to return the Junior Order to the prominence of the glory days of the Pi-Delta-Pi program of 50 years ago. With your help, teamwork, it can be accomplished.

Plans are in the works to "recognize" the persons responsible for starting a new Junior Order Chapter with an appropriate award. Please advise me if you are responsible for starting a new Chapter so that you get proper credit for the effort.

Reminder:

For information, literature, forms and applications on the Junior Order you can contact our Supreme Secretary, Alfred Saltzman.

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One critical item that I feel that we need more of is paraphernalia that shows off who we are! When someone joins the order, especially the younger members, we need to give them something to proudly wear, and to show to their friends! This is especially vital for excited younger members who have lots of friends.

If they join the Sunshine Girls, or the Junior Order, how are they going to show off their new commitment to their friends if they have nothing to "show" for it? How will they entice others to join?

Anytime that there is an event where Pythian groups are involved, however slightly, they need to wear an article of clothing, or other items, that bring their group into the eye of the public! T-shirts, jerseys or sweaters, jackets, pins and patches, and even hats would work.

If you do not have these items and cannot get them easily from Supreme, don't wait . . . Waiting for the action to come from above just will not work, and in the heydays of this organization, people were not waiting for someone else to do it, they



Quoting an article that was recently published in Earl Haig's school newspaper, dealing with the Junior Order...

Knights Of Pythias

Abraham Lincoln, honorary member of the Knights Of Pythias, once said, "The purposes of your organization are most wonderful, and if we could bring its spirit to all our citizenry, what a wonderful thing it would be."

This has undoubtedly become the motto for the "Earl Haig Junior Order, Knights Of Pythias." The Earl Haig chapter was founded last year by Mr. Blier, who hoped to provide preliminary training in the three cardinal principles of friendship, leadership, and citizenship to students, so they may follow a righteous path, and better their community.

Through our various volunteering activities we have been able to promote patriotism, health and righteous living, some of the many goals of the fraternal order.

Some of our activities include holding a monthly bingo event for seniors at the Baycrest Seniors home, and this year the members of our chapter also helped raise money for the Crohns and Colitis foundation of Canada. Members of our chapter are also encouraged to pursue independent ventures in volunteering, and we have volunteers working with the United Way, as well as numerous other volunteer organizations.

The Judai Lodge, which acts as a fraternal order to our chapter, provides funds for our various activities. All through our activities, our members feel that through our voluntarists and charity work, we have gained valuable experience to partake in future roles of leadership in adulthood, and uphold the moral obligations of the "Knights of Pythias."

were doing it themselves, immediately! That is why we have such a vast variety of old pins and artifacts from those times. We need to start doing that again, so that our name gets out into the public eye as quickly, prolifically, and as often as possible!

Go to a local person who does computer embroidery or souvenir production, take them official artwork, and give them some business! Give them one of our magazines, and tell them about your particular group, and the Pythian Order in general, and they might even want to become members themselves.

If they do a good job, and they decide to join the order, make sure to spread the word, so that fellow members give them much needed business. We need to support each other whenever possible!

Michael

1904 - ONE HUNDRED YEARS LATER - 2004

THE KP BUILDING - a historical landmark in Rockwood, TN is a two story red brick and block building that today houses Oak Leaf #49 Lodge in the top story with a barber shop and a storage warehouse on the ground floor. With foot thick walls and over 40 feet high, this has been the home of Oak Leaf Lodge for 100 years of its 116 year history.



At the beginning only one side was built with the other side completed several years later with a 27 step staircase to the top Lodge floor. From the humble beginnings with wood and coal stove and no air conditioning, it grew over the years to incorporate a chair-lift, television, a Pythian Historical Museum room, Grand Secretary's Office, with ample lodge meeting space, a big recreation room and a nice kitchen area.

Early on, the local Masons also met at the KP building. It even housed the local school while they were in transition to a larger building.



K.P. UNIFORM RANK TEAM - Rockwood, TN. 1908

The Oak Leaf Chapter of the Junior Order of Knights of Pythias met there from 1950 to the 1970's. The Pythian Sisters have met in the building at two different time periods and El Teva Temple DOKK also used the space. The first floor has been used to house such diverse businesses as a gas station, The Rockwood Times - the local area newspaper, lawyer's offices, TV Sales, and Barber and Beauty Shops.

During the early 1900's the Lodge had a Uniform Rank Team and it was very common to see the horses tied out in front of the lodge building. In 1990 the KP building was declared a Historical Site by the Tennessee Historical Commission. During 2000 - 2002 it was home to then Supreme Chancellor Bobby Crowe (our first and only one)!

The KP Building . . . a valued and still functional landmark in this friendly Community of 5000 people... Value and preserve our past for the sake of our future!

Thanks,
Bobby Crowe



CANADA



Victor Eng of Victoria, BC has been appointed as “Director of Distribution” (Drop-Agent) for the “Pythian International Magazine” throughout your country. This is a purely voluntary position, but one of great responsibility!

I ask that all Lodges and Temples give the fullest cooperation to this extraordinarily dedicated Pythian man, so that he may accomplish his mission with the least distress. Please work **with** him, in any and all capacities requested, to ensure that all Pythians have full access to the “Pythian International Magazine.”

This magazine is our lifeline, our future, our greatest communication tool for the entire worldwide Pythian community, and our best recruiting tool for growing the Order!

I am counting on Canada to use this most powerful of tools to its absolute fullest to get the word out about our Pythian principals and mission. This is the first time in history that there has been a dedicated section for Canada and if you realize its value I will expect to see more articles submitted for publication in the near future!

We are in the “transition stages” of something that has never been done before, and the waters are a bit choppy, but hopefully by the first of next year it will be closer to smooth-sailing! The “Pythian International Magazine” is slated for delivery to EVERY Knight in the organization starting with the October first issue. This will be a permanent improvement in our order.

The Sisters will be voting on whether or not to join / support us in this change, during the Supreme Convention, this year, and I have high hopes that they will take advantage of this opportunity. I feel that the Sisters are a critically important part of the entire Pythian organization and I believe that they will be a major contributor to overall future success.

The Canadian mailings will have to be handled differently from the methods used in the US, in that all publications will be labeled with the proper address and sorted during printed, then shipped in bulk to Victor. He will separate and final-sort, according to NDG Postal System requirements, for the final distribution, saving the order thousands in postage charges over past methods.

Increasing participation, responsibility and care must be taken by each Pythian, to help insure the clarity of the membership list. It is extremely critical that Supreme have a membership list that is correct and up-to-date by the first of September, 2004! Every returned “undeliverable” magazine costs us three times the original postage!

Victor Eng has also been asked by Ron Dickinson to be on the “Supreme Membership Committee,” and has accepted that position and responsibility, so it is doubly important for you to get a copy of these lists to him as soon as possible, as well as to the Supreme Secretary.

Victor should also have a complete listing of all Lodges and Temples in Canada, along with the names, addresses, email and phone numbers of the respective Secretaries. This will insure that he can handle any unforeseen mailing problems that may arise in the future.

We have a “long-row-to-hoe,” and there will undoubtedly be many “hitches” in the process, because this is an all-new adventure, but with your help and cooperation full worldwide circulation of the “Pythian International Magazine” will become, and remain, a stable reality for all Pythians!

My very sincere thanks and appreciation to all of you! I look forward to your ever growing participation in this magazine and to seeing how your submissions expand and evolve in the coming years...

Michael Jay Burke
Editor: Pythian International Magazine
email: knightsofpythias@earthlink.net



Victor even managed to get them to hide all the Kayaks and Polar Bears, and somehow he made sure that I had electricity that worked with my computer! Wow! What a guy!

They even had Dr. Pepper!

It always amazes me what some Americans think about different countries, even ones as close to us as Canada!

Oh! And, Yes! They even had an ample supply of toilet Paper!!!

My trip to Canada, to set up the mailing system and permits, was met with great enthusiasm. I had been told, by a well-meaning American friend, to make sure that I took “toilet paper” with me, and that my Subaru Forester would be most helpful on the dirt roads for dodging dog-sleds and mud holes. Victor Eng had informed me that he would make sure that I felt right at home during my stay, but I was surprised at just how much “pull” he had with the Canadian Government!

He made sure that the roads were paved, the Royal Canadian Mounties were nowhere to be seen, they had “color” TV, and there was even Internet access and a Burger King that I am quite sure must have been built just for my benefit!

Though the majority of the trip was taken up with Pythian business, I did get out a couple of times, and managed to meet some of our Northern Brothers and Sisters. The Sisters were by far the most excited about the changes in the magazine and promised a lot more in the way of submissions!



Sister Ruby McGowan, Past Supreme Rep.
Sister Peggy Peressini, Past Grand Chief

BC's Grand Convention was filled with enthusiasm!

Reverence



Past Grand Chiefs Helen Smith and Murtel Polman observing the ceremony



Ceremony

Robert (Bob) Harthorn, Deputy SC from Washington carrying the American flag in at Grand opening.



Duncan representatives singing at Service at the convention.



Fun

Showtime guest at the Grand Ball singing with Ian Rothnie in the foreground

Somber moments



Tim McNaughton Grand Chancellor for the Domain of British Columbia, and his wife Lisanne



A dash of hard work

Tim's hair piece is worked on by PSR Ruby McGowan Grand Lodge 2004-5, Domain of BC



On Wednesday at the opening at Grand was Hippie night Alma Wilson won the best dress Lady hippie

More fun



Even more fun



Past Supreme Chief Ethel Nelist, Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit and Victor Eng



and lots of photo opportunities!



Victor

A first look at the new “Pythian International Magazine’s” coverage of Canadian Wheelchair Hockey team!



The new “Pythian International Magazine” has united Canadian Brothers and Sisters as never before, enabling them stand up and be counted and to be heard in their very own section of the magazine. I believe that the new PI will become a fantastic recruiting tool for the future! With just one issue Pythians have been inspired to ask others to join! Stories of universal interest and the sheer quality of the publication brings our Order into the 21st Century. I am also very impressed with Michael’s talent in picture editing especially in doing the impossible ... In the last issue, Helen Thomas, wife of Preston, DOKK Coordination, had a bra strap showing and was wearing an oxygen breather ... Michael said “No one of that generation would be caught dead looking like that in an International magazine!” So, he cleaned that all up, took off her Oxygen tubes, and gave her makeup, making her look 10 years younger! Wow!

Our new Editor is asking for moving, emotional action and human-interest stories and photos instead of “award shots” that can be printed in our local Pythian papers.

At Grand Convention we were informed that Lodges and Temples have raised more than \$20,000 to give to local Cerebral Palsy centers. The guest speaker talked about horse therapy helping children with cerebral palsy. Children and horses form incredible bonds. Children having little initial coordination may actually improve their riding to competition levels. Pythians were asked to volunteer their time in this project by helping in offices, grooming horses or by transporting children.

The new Grand Chancellor, Tim McNaughton, focused on going back to basics. He emphasized using the Grand and Subordinate Manuals and the old methods of rank work wherever possible. He stressed “memory” work. GC McNaughton asked members to keep him informed through phone calls. Grand Lodge officers must submit their work to the local Pythian record and “Pythian International Magazine.”

GC McNaughton wants more interaction with the Pythian Sisters wherever possible. Regrouping is needed to gain new members. The Lodges must be recognizing their older members for their experience in Pythian pride. Lodges should be much more involved in their local communities and in publicizing their activities.

GC McNaughton asked, “How do the new Pythians view the world of Pythianism and what do they expect? What do they want and need?” He wants Lodge Deputies to bring these ideas from their Lodges to be discussed at the District Meetings and taken on to Grand Council for consideration.

Lodges that are single and independent are the hardest hit for new membership because their ideas are stale. Some kind of greater communication should be available. GC McNaughton suggested flyers, brochures, web sites and magazines.

Long-range plans should include timing and location for points of availability, support and how to activate projects for the Lodges. Signage or kits for the Lodges are necessary, so we can know what is going on. For example if a parade is the project, then responsibility should be delegated so all can come together. Experienced Pythians are available on all levels of membership - Lodge, District Deputies or Grand Officers.

We all have to be available to help! We are the Team and the buck stops here. We have to be flexible, make room for new ideas and must set standards for accepting new ideas. This gives the new Pythian a chance to be part of the “Team” so he won’t lose interest.

We want the new members to feel welcome. We want to make a good impression on new members. We only get one chance to make that all-important first impression. We must make sure our Lodges are in order by starting our meetings on time and by having planned activities. Once a new Brother has a bad experience, he will tell others and everyone loses.

Outdated ideas hinder recruiting. We sit around and wonder why no one wants to join. We must focus on being accountable and responsible.

To be able to serve the Lodge and Community, our first step should be to sit down and discuss these issues among the members. Next we need to be honest about what we can and cannot influence. We need to be open to the new ideas that we bring in as a Pythian group. We need to be very demanding and self-aware in being good Pythians. We often need to question and review whether we have the right information and whether we understand what Pythianism is all about. Then we will be able to recruit new members!

We had 10 people come together to meet Michael (*the Editor of this magazine*) for breakfast when he came to Canada to set up the mailing system for us. Bob, Mark, Leo, Trish, Ray & Erana, Peggy & Ruby and Jane & me.

On Saturday we went to the Wheelchair Hockey team practice session to hand-distribute some of the new Pythian magazines. Michael took about 87 pictures (*some are shown above.*). I find that it is rather unbelievable that the new PI has only been out for two issues, because the visible, tangible results have been so profound and so positive, and the quality of the magazine is so good already, that it seems that it must have been in production for years!



DDGC Victor Eng with Supreme Rep Gerry Beatty driving the Pythian Harley Davidson Golf cart.



Following the parade, Maple Lodge hosted a BBQ with Knights, families and friends at Cumberland Lake.

I, as DDGC, went up to the Cumberland Parage with Duncan who entered a float, four scooters and the Pythian golf cart. We had three of the wives and PGC Fred giving out candies to the kids. In total we had 15 people on parade. Victor Eng



What makes a Pythian event a well-rounded-out affair is the involvement of the Children and Grand Children, growing up in a Pythian environment ... a picture is worth a thousand words!



We made a surprise trip to Duncan. Ian had gone up to Courtenay, Bob was working, Gerry was in Victoria, but I did get hold of Terry. Had him going in Circles cuz I told him that I was there with Michael, Editor of the "Pythian International Magazine" and Terry thought that I had arranged for a formal meeting, and he was not aware. When Bob got off work we met at Tim Horton with Terry. Gerry (new Editor of the "Pythian Record") met us later at my place. He stayed until 11. Michael and I talked until 3am.

I was shocked to see firsthand just how much time and hard work Michael puts into this new magazine. He actively researches everything himself instead of taking other people's word for things, and does not wait around when he discovers a potential problem! He takes the initiative, and takes it on without hesitation, and immediately starts searching for solutions...

We spent up to a good 6 hours a day running around to get some of the postal authorization work done, but found that it was a nightmare of Red-Tape... That was only the tip of the Iceberg. Michael only stayed ten days, got everything started, got the Customer and Permit numbers, and I had to complete his mission and finish the postal requirements after he left. That took over 15 more trips to postal authorities! It will save us a LOT of money on mailing now that it is all set up, so it was well worth it!

It has definitely been an Education into the inner workings of Pythian protocol for me. I had many sight-seeing and touristy things for Michael to see and do, plus many Pythian artifacts to show him, but we did not get to do much with these things...

I thought that I was a workaholic! Our standing joke became: "I have to email you when Dinner was ready!" Michael and I went to Duncan again on a Tuesday for their Lodge meeting. Ian served up a little BBQ before going to the meeting, and that was a well-deserved break for Michael. (I worry about him not eating enough, and not getting enough rest!) The last two days, we did take the afternoon off... We spent an hour at the Provincial Museum, and got some fresh air, Golfing. Michael made a hole-in-one on the Third Tee! I would expect this from a Pro but this is only Michael's second time Golfing. In the afternoon, we went on a Ferry tour to three Gulf Islands, and even half of that time was spent talking with a curious passenger about Pythianism, and working on the final details of the Canadian distribution system.

We spent hours talking about the future of the Order, and about all that we as dedicated Pythians can and MUST do... I hope that he can visit us again, soon!!!

Victor



Supreme Rep Gerry Beatty with new Grand Chief Louise Marshall of Domain of BC

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In my mind, it defined, more than anything else, how much my dad had loved me. No matter how rough things got at home, Dad continued to doggedly drop his coins into the jar. Even the summer Dad got laid off from the mill, and Mama had to serve dried beans several times a week, not a single dime was taken from the jar. To the contrary, as Dad looked across the table at me, pouring catsup over my beans to make them more palatable, he became more determined than ever to make a way out for me. "When you finish college," he told me, his eyes glistening, "You'll never have to eat beans again ... unless you want to."

The first Christmas after our daughter Jessica was born, we spent the holiday with my parents. After dinner, Mom and Dad sat next to each other on the sofa, taking turns cuddling their first grandchild. Jessica began to whimper softly, and Jeff took her from Dad's arms. "She probably needs to be changed," Jeff said, carrying the baby into my parent's bedroom to diaper her. When he came back into the living room, there was a strange mist in his eyes. He handed Jessica back to Dad before taking my hand and leading me into the room. "Look," he said softly, his eyes directing me to a spot on the floor beside the dresser. To my amazement, there, as if it had never been removed, stood the old pickle jar, the bottom already covered with coins.

I walked over to the pickle jar, dug down into my pocket, and pulled out a fistful of coins. With a gamut of emotions choking me, I dropped the coins into the jar. I looked up and saw that Dad, carrying Jessica, had slipped quietly into the room. Our eyes locked, and I knew he was feeling the same emotions I felt. Neither one of us could speak. This truly touched my heart... I know it has yours as well. Sometimes we are so busy adding up our troubles that we forget to count our blessings. Never underestimate the power of your actions. With one small gesture you can change a person's life, for better or for worse. God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for God in others.

The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched - they must be felt with the heart.

~ Helen Keller - Happy moments, prayer ~

Difficult moments, seek God... Quiet moments, worship God...

Painful moments, trust God... Every moment, thank God...

THE PYTHIAN HALL of HONORS



We are honored to have a 75 year member of the Pythian Order in Genesis Lodge #64. His name is David Margulies and he resides in Longmeadow, MA.

We had prepared a special 75 year certificate by the Honorable Sir Ron Dickinson, SVC and since he resides out of New York State, we mailed this certificate to him. He acknowledged this certificated and thanked us.

Brother Margulies took this picture while holding a picture of his father who was a Royal Prince of the Dokeys. Brother Margulies was originally initiated into the "Princes of Syracuse" before he took his ranks in 1929. So you see he really is a full fledged Pythian and I think he deserves recognition.

PDGC R. Sid Wieder



John Lynch (right), presenting Teddy Bears to Cumberland County Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler. Lynch, PGC of North Carolina, is a member of Cumberland Lodge #5, Fayetteville, NC.

The Teddy Bears will be placed in the patrol vehicles of deputies as they help to calm and comfort children who are involved in violent domestic matters. John's wife, Terry, had collected the stuffed animals...

Have you ever thought about what happens to the lives of individuals, families or groups of people who are caught up in a trauma situation due to an accident, death by murder, death by fire, death by an auto accident or by an explosion?

These are just some of the examples that an elite group of people known as the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) members care about.

TIP was started in California and is now in 10 states including Nevada. It is totally a volunteer program. The members are given a tough training program to teach them how to cope with the above situations and offer their assistance in helping with the traumas involved.

One such member is our Lodge Brother **Larry Singer**, who is also the Lodge Inner



Guard. He serves 36 hours per month and is on call 24/7 by means of a beeper.

To do this stressful job you have to have a responsible attitude and compassion for those who are in a state of trauma.

Larry is new to the program and already he has been in several intensely emotional situations involving murder, accident and fire.

Each experience that he handles is followed up with a written report, and by his supervisor, to check up on Larry as to his mental state of mind. Clark County Lodge #96 in Las Vegas Nevada is proud of what Larry is doing for the City of Las Vegas. The Police and Fire fighters appreciate the work that TIP is doing and is always looking for more volunteers to add to the present roster.

In F., C. & B.
Arnie Maitles PDGC, CC



On Saturday night June 5th 2004 at the Arizona Grand Lodge Convention banquet, Associate Supreme Tribune, Robert J. Herman, received his Life Membership Pin, Card and Certificate from our Supreme Chancellor Harris A. Breit, KGS.

His lovely wife pinned the 50 year pin on Brother Bob. There were nearly 100 Brothers, Sisters and guests who witnessed this well earned award...

Don Appleton
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CLARK LODGE #764 2004 POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

At its annual banquet, ribbons and cash prizes were awarded to the students who "placed" in their Poster Contest. The Knights of Pythias poster contest: **"DEFENSIVE DRIVING - PREVENT ROAD RAGE"** was open to any student enrolled in any High School, public, private or parochial, in the United States and Canada. The purpose was to make the roadways safer and to promote more relaxed attitudes when driving.

Chancellor Commander Ed Brandias, and Treasurer Ron Kiessling, presented the awards.

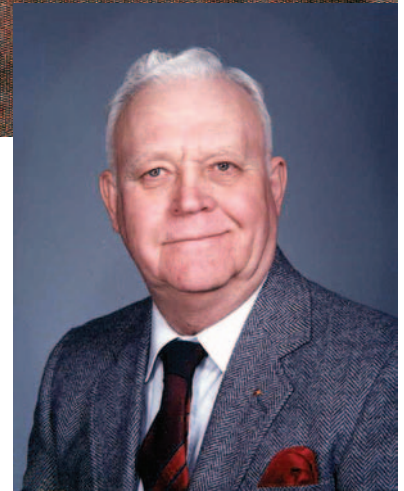
Winners:
Eman Risek (\$100/1st Place)
Eve Darroch (\$75/2nd PLACE)
James Yanok (\$50/3rd Place)

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William Z. Todd



Pictured above: Presenting the certificates and pins are: PSR Sir Milton Schultz, Left; PGC Sir William Rubin, at the podium and SR Sir Edward Birnbaum behind Rubin's Right shoulder.



William Z. (*Bill*) Todd, 83, of Allen passed away Saturday April 10, 2004. He was born October 13, 1920. He graduated from Allen High School in 1938. He was Allen's Postmaster for two years and rural mail carrier for 24 years. A World War II veteran, he served in the Philippine Campaign in Company B, 127th Infantry, 32nd Red Arrow Division. His very active community involvement included membership in the Allen American Legion Post #538.

He joined Knights of Pythias Allen Lodge #230 November 8, 1939 becoming a life member in 1989 and passing with 65½ years of membership. Bill went through all the chairs becoming Chancellor Commander in 1954 & 1955 and was secretary and treasurer for many years. He was elected to Grand Outer Guard in 1964 and at Grand Lodge he continued through the chairs until he became Grand Chancellor in 1969-1970. He served on numerous committees in Grand Lodge and attended all the Grand Lodge sessions until his health prevented him from attending.

Brother Bill was the greatest ritualist Michigan has ever had. He knew the Pythian work so well that he could recite from memory every part in the book in all three ranks. He used to challenge anyone in the state, or any Lodge team, to compete against him and in every contest he won. Bill told me one night while going to visit a lodge to put on rank work that he learned the whole ritual by heart by studying it for 24 years on his mail route. He would put the book on his car seat and study it as he made his rounds. Besides knowing our ritual, he could do our memorial funeral service by heart and our burial service too. I've been a member for 57 years and have never seen anyone else that could do both books from cover to cover by memory. Brother Bill had the Degree of the Golden Spur bestowed on him by his Lodge. This is the highest honor a Pythian can receive and Brother Bill certainly deserved it.

He was on the Allen Village Council and served as President for a number of years. Another thing Bill was interested in was the "Keep Michigan Beautiful" program. In 1970 he was instrumental in setting up and getting funding for the Allen Community Park. He recalled it was like a jungle that had to be cleared of brush, trees and poison ivy (*which he got several times*). He was a member of the Allen Historical Society and was also named Hillsdale County Veteran of the Year in 1990.

Bill was married to Leila on November 21st, 1942 (*that's almost 61½ years*). To this union was born one son, William L. Todd, and one daughter, Pamela Sides, one grandson, Timothy Todd, and one granddaughter, Dawn Whitford. Dawn was a recipient of the Michigan Pythian Recreation Center Award Scholarship Fund while going to Kalamazoo College. His wife, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends, and especially his Pythian brothers will sadly miss Brother Bill. During the Pythian service Carol Forney sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Amazing Grace".

Written by Brother Ralph Wilson PGC – PDSC 4/22/2004
Philip G Wilson Chancellor Commander, Allen Lodge # 230

At their Annual Florida Reunion Luncheon, Genesis Lodge #64 of the Domain of New York presented Supreme Lodge Life Membership certificates and pins to 50 year members.

These seven, in addition to the seven men recognized in New York, are representative of 700 years of continual Pythian service. This brings to 340 Life members in Genesis Lodge, one of whom has reached his seventieth year as a Pythian.

The 340 Life members with over 15,000 years of active Pythian participation have made Genesis Lodge not only one of the biggest lodges in the Order Universal, but one of the most involved.

The Charity Foundation donates close to \$25,000 to Health Related Facilities each year, as well as other organizations that may be of assistance to their 1200 brothers, and their families.

Their social events, and adherence to Pythian ritual and the Fraternal tenets of our Order, attracts new members. The members of our Lodge, spread throughout the United States, are proud of being Pythians, and of being a member of Genesis Lodge #64.

Washington leads the country in recycling and the Pythians are major participants. For example: PSA Lorraine Day is serving as MEC for a second term at Castle #24 in Castle Rock, WA!



WA / Ak Grand Chief Cherly Fitzgerald tells Santa (Grand Vice Chancellor Jim Bratten) at the Port Orchard Knights & Sisters annual family Christmas party that her wish is that everyone will support her altruistic project, Alzheimers.



PGC Judy Warwick OBJECTS to serving Green Olives to the dinner guests at Crescent #12 temples installation dinner.

DDGC District #1 for the Grand jurisdiction of Washington & Alaska tries to bribe Santa (Vice Chancellor Jim Bratten) with a gift at the annual Christmas party, a joint effort of the Knights & Sisters of Port Orchard, WA.

Vicki Lindblad
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Domain of West Virginia Preston County 4-H Project

During the fall of 2003, Brown Lodge #32 assisted the Preston County 4-H youth through a project to reroof the bath houses at the Preston Counts 4-H Camp, near Bruceton Mills. Our sponsorship of this project provided the 4-H Youth a tremendous opportunity to redirect their financial resources to spreading the 4-H program to the youth of Preston County, rather than spending those hard earned dollars towards a camp maintenance project.

Brown Lodge #32, as a Preston County "Friend of 4-H," received an award for 2003 for our sponsorship of this camp maintenance project. The "Friend of 4-H" award is the highest 4-H award that can be presented on the County level. The members of Brown Lodge #32 are now proudly displaying this plaque in our Lodge Hall. This is a very real honor for us to be recognized in this manner!

Rowlesburg School

With the assistance and interest of Annette Culbertson, school Counselor at the Rowlesburg Community School, Brown Lodge #32 was able to provide top-of-the-line shoes for several students during 2003.

Mrs. Culbertson supervised the fitting of each child and she continues to recommend students to us that need clothing and shoe assistance.

Through this support we are able to continue the work and traditions handed down since 1952, by Brother Britches McCrum. Brown Lodge #32 considers assisting the Preston County youth as a priority for our lodge because of the Pythian Principal that guides its members to help enhance the communities in which they live. Investment in our youth today makes for a better society for the future.

Community Involvement

This year we continued promoting Pythianism by our participation in "Food for Preston," a program that was started in 1985 as an activity designed to help our needy brothers and sisters, in Preston County.

We still maintain a major presence with our involvement in county help programs such as Community Action, Food for Preston, Preston Clothing Center, Raymond Wolfe Ministries and emergency personal needs.

This year we provided 10,000 pounds of potatoes for Food for Preston. These potatoes were distributed to approximately 2065 families of approximately 4300 individuals. This total was an increase over our 2002 efforts in assisting the needy of our county. Fifteen Pythian Brothers of Brown Lodge #32 assisted with this year's efforts.

We continue to make occasional news releases on the radio, newspaper, and WDTV and WBOY TV in Clarksburg. People are hearing the word "Pythianism" much more now, than in the past!!!

Grand Chancellor, Walter J. Talkington, JR

Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation's Charitable Check Presentation



The convention hall was packed to capacity when "Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation," the charitable arm of Genesis Lodge No. 64, Knights of Pythias, presented their many contributions to the various charitable organizations throughout the City of New York.

Attending were representatives of: "Adult Retardates Center, Daytop Village, Deborah Hospital, Hatzolah Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research, Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund, Maimonides Medical Center, On Your Mark, Pythian Camp, Renaissance House, Samaritan Village and Sephardic Home."

Master of Ceremonies, Sid Wieder then introduced President Allan Greenberg and Treasurer Lowell Goldberg, who presented checks to the various charities. The audience was amazed to hear the representatives explain how they were plagued by the disastrous cutbacks on the Federal level, and how they are so dependent on the philanthropy of the various organizations to help fill the gap.



Master of Ceremonies Sid Wieder, advised the audience that they are continuing "Operation Hope" where various members of the Board of Directors will aid in the distribution of Passover packages to those shut-ins and senior citizens in the local area, while also presenting Waldbaum's gift cards to various seniors under the direction of President Allan Greenberg, Secretary Sid Wieder and Treasurer Lowell Goldberg. Genesis Lodge #64, Knights of Pythias...

PDGC. Sir Sid Wilder . . . phone: (718) 845-2595

President Abraham Lincoln and The Orders Ritual

The Order began, of course, during the Civil War, and its founder Justus Henry Rathbone believed that it might do much to heal the wounds and allay the hatred of civil conflict. President Abraham Lincoln, being advised of the contents of the ritual and its teaching, said:

"The purposes of your organization are most wonderful. If we could but bring its spirit to all our citizenry, what a wonderful thing it would be. It breathes the spirit of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. It is one of the best agencies conceived for the upholding of government, honoring the flag, for the reuniting our brethren of the North and of the South, for teaching the people to love one another, and portraying the sanctity of the home and loved ones. I would suggest that these great principles be perpetuated and that you go to the Congress of the United States and ask for a charter, and so organize on a great scale throughout this nation, and disseminate this wonderful work that you have so nobly started. I will do all in my power to assist you in this application and with your work."

The suggestion made by the President was adopted. An application was made to Congress for a charter, and the Order of Knights of Pythias was the first American Order ever chartered by an Act of the Congress of the United States.

In the Order's 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 does not seek to shape any man's creed, but Pythianism is the practical application of religious and charitable principles to every day life. We have a heritage of which we are proud and our precepts and teachings lead men to higher ideals of life. We invite like minded men of good character to join us in making these ideals the dominant factor in modern living. Peace Through Understanding The Knights of Pythias 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. We believe that any two men, believers in a Supreme Being, meeting in a spirit of good will in an honest effort to understand each other, can live together in peace and harmony. We seek those who agree with this belief to apply for membership in the Knights of Pythias and join us in an effort to reach...

"Peace Through Understanding."



It took me nine years to get my Lodge to enter anything into our local parade called "Silver City Days." The Knights of Pythias float was my idea. I originally was going to enter the float into the parade myself, if the Lodge was not interested.

When we finally decided to enter a float things did not move as quickly as I had hoped! It had come down to the wire, with only two weeks remained, and it had to get done! A small army of volunteers were assembled and the job got done.

History Being Made

The "Pythian International Magazine" is now listed with Dun & Bradstreet.

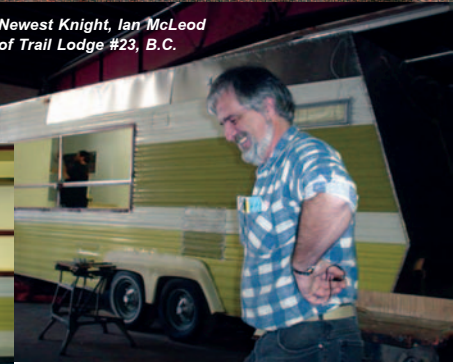
The request for the listing was made by the Canadian Postal authority after we (*Victor and I*) had applied for and set up the Canadian postal permit numbers, "Drop-Agent" (*Victor Eng*) and NDG mailing system.

It also came to my attention early on that, although we are "listed" with "The Library of Congress," our publication has never been submitted for archival storage, and it has never been transcribed and made available through their on-line library, to researchers and the general public!

I have taken the necessary steps to correct that oversight, and we will soon take our rightful place in the "Hallowed Halls" of that Great American Institution, for all to see and enjoy!

Michael

Newest Knight, Ian McLeod of Trail Lodge #23, B.C.



Brother Ian McLeod who was involved with the Special Olympics long before he joined us, is in the photo above with the trailer in the background.

The trailer used to be Special Olympic's concession trailer for which Trail Lodge had donated materials towards the flooring.



Dan Stubbs and Ivan Johnston

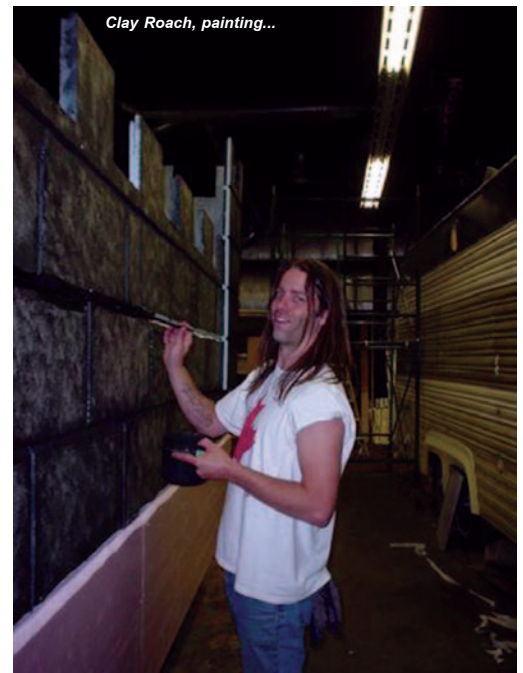
It took a full day to frame the 8x18 foot trailer. Ivan Johnson, GP, and my brother, Dan Stubbs, GOG did the work. It took another day to hang all the castle walls. Clay Roach (*Prospect*) spent the remaining weeks to finish painting it.

Brother Richard Irvine, IG (*being a Auto Detailer by profession*), took on the task of painting some of the metal parts of the trailer. My brother's wife, Bev Stubbs, made the turret flags. Brother Ivan Johnston worked along side of Brother Ian McLeod, after the KP float was basically done, in order to get everything finished and ready.

Myself I did not do much as I was recuperating after a very bad fall. (*A deck had collapsed and I fell nine feet onto my back. Ouch!*)

Fraternally:
Philip Stubbs, Secretary
Trail Lodge #23
Trail, B.C.

Clay Roach, painting...



Honor Someone With a Paver's Stone at the Rathbone Monument



For a \$200.00 contribution, a 4"x8" Paver's Stone can be engraved with the name and/or the words of your choosing. For a \$500.00 contribution, you will get a "First Row" Paver's Stone!

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Volunteer Temple:
Ex. Sr. Shelly Miller



David McMillan (Left) is a Police Officer with the Oak Bay Police Department. He is one of the Cycle Member of "Tour de Rock or Cops for Cancer."

Each year there is a Team of 18 different riders who raise funds for Cancer.

This special event aims at Children with Cancer, with the Funds going

directly to Cancer Research, and the local Children Cancer clinic. Officer McMillan was telling of his 12 year old niece who is stricken with Cancer and why this event is so special to him.

When he sees his niece, there is a lump in his throat and he tries to smile! The funds provide a little bit of extra help which can mean all the difference in the word to a family that is struggling with such a heavy financial burden as this type of health issue can cause.

Capital City Lodge # 61 gave a "Cops for Cancer" donation (presented by Grand Chancellor Tim McNaughton to Officer David Millian), and during the presentation other Pythian members present, separately gave cheques for this fund raising cause.

Submitted by: Victor Eng

- Detroit Lodge 55 Lost Records Found While Turning on Heat -

During the month of March we really had a cold spell at Detroit 55. Our old boiler passed on to "Boiler Heaven" after 60 years of service, and it deserved a welcomed rest. A new modern, high tech boiler was installed with all the new whistles and bells attached including a very smart thermostat...

During this project the boiler room was cleaned out and repainted and in the process we discovered an old trunk which probably had not been opened for at least 60 years. Curiosity got the better of us and we opened the old trunk and to our surprise we discovered old "minutes" books and financial dues records of our lodge dating back to 1864.

These old journals and ledgers listed dues collected from Lodge Brothers of Detroit 55 from 1864 through 1945. Over the next several months we will be going through these old records and minute books and will report back to all of you on our findings.

Presented by: Erwin Waldman, PGC

Application for Paver's Stones, at the Rathbone Monument in Utica, New York...

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Special Olympics



Have you ever watched the Summer Olympic Games for Track and Field and wished that you were one of the athletes competing for a chance at a medal?

Of course, I'm sure that you realized that the dream would never materialize. The constant training and pressures you would have to undergo is just not your cup of tea.

What if you are handicapped in some way and still wanted to participate? This is the quest of handicapped children, whether they are in wheelchairs, crutches, or have some kind

of disability. This is what the Special Olympics are all about. Children of all ages participate in the games to win an award. Yes, there are adults, too, who participate and have handicaps.

Every person participating will win an award, and whether it be a medal or ribbon, to them it was an accomplishment. They have been training hard for the games in their own way and participate in local groups, local championships and then state championships. Some of those who excel in their events even get to go overseas and participate in the International Special Olympics, like the one held in Ireland last year.

Each participant takes the following oath at the start of the games:

"LET ME WIN, BUT IF I CANNOT WIN, LET ME BE BRAVE IN THE ATTEMPT."

I am writing this article as one of the volunteers from Clark County Lodge #96 in Las Vegas, Nevada. I, along with 9 others had just worked at the Clark County Special Olympics Championships for track and field.

This was the first time that every school in the district, from elementary, middle school and high school participated alongside the handicapped children and adults, and as a result there were over 400 kids trying to win an award.

They truly believe in the oath they take. You have to be there in person to see how hard they try to win an event. They cheer, clap and yell for each other when they complete the event. Sometimes there is only 1 person competing and still you get the same reactions. By being there you can't help not feeling the emotion inside of you when these kids compete.

They not only do it in track and field, but basketball, bowling and swimming are part of the Olympics too. Each one is held at different times of the year.

Our lodge is a small lodge but very active. Special Olympics is one of our charities that we give money to and volunteer to work at the games. We are always there at all the different Olympic meets with our banner hanging alongside that of Special Olympics. Our Lodge is also "announced" at every meet, because we are appreciated by the Special Olympics of Nevada, and we love the kids, too!

You just melt when a kid who remembers you from previous games comes up to you and hugs you for coming to watch them again. If you've never volunteered to work at Special Olympics, you must do so. Once you have done it, you will be hooked on continuing to do so.

Arnie Maitles PDGC, CC
Clark County Lodge #96

Charter Member Called to Temple Above

Maryland Pythians mourned the passing of their beloved Sister and Charter member Rachael J. Wagner, 90, on April 4, 2004. Rachael was an active Charter member of Potomac Temple #28 in Keedysville where she was initiated in June, 1945. Her husband was instrumental in submitting her membership card.

Rachael served in most of the offices of Potomac Temple, achieving her Past Chief certificate in January, 1952, then again served in 1961 and 1964. She faithfully served as Musician for many years, not only in her Temple, but also when visiting other Temples as she always carried her music with her.

She was appointed District Deputy Grand Chief in 1956 and was elected Grand Trustee in 1965. The Sisters of Potomac Temple #28 presented her a Life Member Card, honoring her more than 50 years of dedication to the Pythan Order.

She is survived by daughters Shirley Lowery, PSR and Beverley Dalton, PSR; sons Benjamin and James Wagner; brothers James and Paul Cline; 11 grandchildren (including granddaughters June Harris, PGC and Julie Smith, PGC), 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Wagner; sisters Gladys Ausherman, Betty Hoffman and Mary Ellis; brothers George and Carl Cline, and Earl and Grayson Cline.

A Pythian Memorial Service was conducted by many Pythian Sisters from all over the state of Maryland on April 6. Funeral services were held on April 7 with interment in Boonsboro Cemetery.

"Those who have given of themselves to others, will live forever in every single heart they have touched."

The state of New Hampshire is not very big, either in geographical size, or in the number of Pythian Sisters. We seem to decrease in number as we increase in age, but when we set our minds to something, we are united and strong!

This past year it was the goal of the Grand Temple to raise \$1,000 for Make a Wish Foundation of New Hampshire. That would amount to about \$8.19 per Sister, but many Sisters are either not able to donate money, or are unable to attend meetings.

There are only four Temples in the state, but each one earned money for the project. Strawberry and raspberry jams were made and sold around the state by Ginny Lehneman, SR and shredded wheat bread was made and sold by Joyce Wright, SPSC. Gerry Hunter PSR, Joyce Wright SPSC, Nancy Marston PC, all knit mittens and these were taken to a bank that donates to your choice of charity \$2.00 for each pair of mittens, and then the mittens are given to other charities to be distributed to those in need. Not only did Make a Wish Foundation receive \$80.00 for our three months of knitting, but 40 people had warmer hands this past winter.

The goal was reached and passed, as nearly \$1,400.00 was given to Make A Wish Foundation of New Hampshire!

Joyce Wright, SPSC
22 Main Street
Plaistow, NH 03865-3003



Clark Lodge #764 presented Knights of Pythias special award and Medallion to Lakewood High School teacher, Joan Pitchler, in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in recognition of deep devotion to, tireless effort for, and over 15 years teaching, supporting the goals of her students and the Knights of Pythias "Poster Contest."

- - - Last year, Pitchler student Gwen Feher, Placed 2nd in the "Supreme" contest, and 1st in the Domain of Ohio poster contest... She also placed 1st in the Clark Lodges poster contest! Now she is studying "Industrial Design" at "The Art Institute of PA... Gwen's total awards amounted to \$800, and has been a help in offsetting some of the cost of her further education! - - -

Chancellor Commander Ed Brandais, with our Treasurer Ron Kiessler, presented the Awards to Joan on April 25th, 2004.

Submitted by:
Sir Ronald F Kiessler KGS

2004 Supreme Convention Update

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 their complimentary airport transportation.



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, is from Wednesday August 4, through Thursday August 12, 2004.



The Banquet is being planned for Sunday night, the 8th of August.

The menu, that is being planned, includes a choice of Prime Rib 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 Lightfoot**, PGC for the Sisters.

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

(Tuesday night, August 10, 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 air-conditioned 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.

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

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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-

VIVALAS 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's 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)**

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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 leaving 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, 6:30 PM - 10 PM.

Cost: \$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
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SUPREME LODGE / TEMPLE BANQUET

Sunday, August 8, 2004
Three meal choices.
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Reservations by July 15, 2004.....

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Sunday, August 8, 11:30 am.

\$20.00 US Funds.

Chicken Melt with Deli Salad or Gourmet Chefs Salad

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Muriel Lightfoot, PSR

215 No Power Rd. #88

Mesa, Arizona 85205

Phone: (480) 807-4515

Reservations by July 1.....

THE SUPREME LODGE RANK

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

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 1W9

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 Loins 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

570 North 10th Avenue #66

Cornelius, OR 97113-9320

Phone: (503) 357-8429

Reservations by July 1.....

NOMAD DAY BANQUET

Saturday, August 7th, 7 pm.

\$ 35.00 US Funds.

Reservations and checks payable to:

Robyn Neeley, GT

4069 South Pacific Hwy. Sp.142

Medford, OR 97501

Phone: (541) 512-8907

Baked Atlantic Salmon or London Broil...

Reservations by July 10.....

The 2004 Supreme Lodge Convention, in Tucson, Arizona, is rapidly approaching, and we want to give you ample time to make your hotel and transportation reservations.

The Double Tree Hotel at Reid Park, is the host hotel, and we anticipate an overflow attendance at the Convention.

We urge you to make the necessary arrangements as soon as possible, so that you will have the accommodations of your choice. The manual, preliminary documentation, and your credentials will be mailed to you at a later date.

Fraternaly yours,
Supreme Secretary
Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS

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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 and Medals...

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!) It also was common practice for Lodges to come up with unique designs for certain medallions, medals and souvenir collectibles commemorating notable events, such as Grand Conventions.

Since most of these items wound up being “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! This magazine can help in your quest by publishing unique item's photographs. Perhaps one of our worldwide readers will recognize the artifact and respond with the information?

Wouldn't it be absolutely incredible to have “Great Uncle Joe's” old sword, and Award or Medallion, 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 Lodge things? You could bring them such unexpected joy, and memories!

How many of you have families that do not know our 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! If you do not want to keep old items maybe their history could be rediscovered and the restored photographs and paraphernalia could be lovingly framed, and placed in a place of Honor, on the walls of their old Lodge, to be valued, once again, by its members! I have been helping local people to do just that, and some have made these restored memories into books, others have used them as a painting, for a very special and unique Christmas, or Birthday, gift to remember!

Because so many Pythian Photographs and Artifacts exist in flea markets, etc., I believe that many of you may have forgotten their true importance, meaning, and historic value in your family's history! Maybe future generations would treasure these memories! It is not too late to restore, and preserve these items! And, if you do not want them, you could at least donate them to a Pythian Museum that would care for them!

It is sad, to me, that so many people have been forgotten, and their stories lost, perhaps forever, even though their photograph says that they were perhaps a very valued and important member, at one time, of this great Fraternal organization! Why did they have their pictures taken, if they were just to be forgotten? Let's restore our past, and show the future generations who we were!

Michael



Does anyone recognize this Medallion?

This is a truly 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 emotionally charged, “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 precious, frozen moments 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!

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