



# FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

FALL 2004

# PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL



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from left, Sandra Symons, Supreme Guard, Thunder Bay, Ontario; Audrey Wetterwald, Supreme Protector, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Linda Bridges, Supreme Secretary, Holiday, Texas; Addie Sadberry, Supreme Manager, Wichita Falls, Texas; Margaret Grochocki, Supreme Treasurer, West Jordan, Utah.



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## Pythians Enjoy ARIZONA HOSPITALITY

The 72nd sessions of the Supreme Lodge. Knights of Pythias, and the 57th sessions of the Supreme Temple, Pythian Sisters, convened in Tucson, Arizona, August 6-13, 2004; with a full compliment of business and social activities; was enjoyed by the large registration of members and guests present from most parts of the United States and Canada.

Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit of Tucson, was comfortable with being right at home as he proudly reported on enjoying a very productive two-year term of Supreme Chancellor workings. The Pythian Sisters business meetings gave occasion for Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd, of Michigan, to preside over her inspirational theme, "The Session Of Hope And Expectation."

The Double Tree Hotel at Reid Park, the staff, along with the Arizona Supreme Convention Committee, all ensured that the stay of those in attendance were enjoyable and rewarding. The 2004 Supreme Sessions, in Tucson, marked the third occasion that Arizona has hosted the Conventions, with earlier Sessions in 1978 and 1984, both held in Phoenix.

Past Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit of Tucson, has the honor of being the first Arizona Brother to have served as Supreme Chancellor, representing the State.

### 2006 SESSIONS

The Supreme Lodge regularly accepted an invitation from the Maritime Grand Lodge and Grand Temple to hold the 2006 Sessions, at the Lord Nelson Hotel and Suites, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, noting to be Canada's Ocean Play Ground, where members will enjoy Maritime Hospitality.



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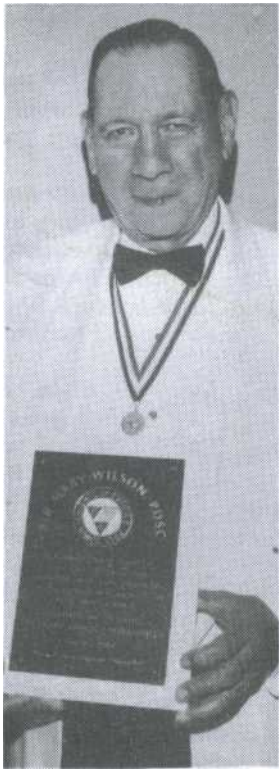
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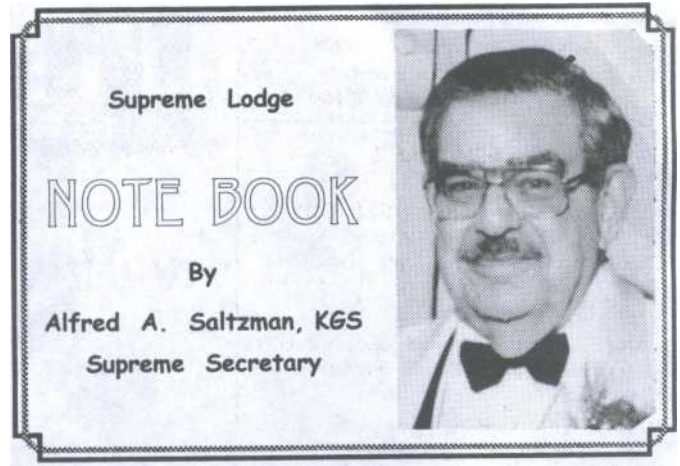
A proud and humble Mary Wilson was greeted with a plaque award during the Supreme Sessions, at Tucson, in August. In presenting the award. Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit, shared the inscription of:

*"To Mary Wilson, PSR, KGS, in grateful recognition of your long standing and invaluable service as Editor of the Pythian International, from 1978 to 2003."*

Retirement was short-lived, as the new editor arrangement did not meet to satisfaction and I now find that it is my pleasure to serve as interim editor.

While 'some of the readers' will find an amount of disappointment in the quality of the paper used in this issue .. 'back to the same old thing', I do not offer any apologies as I am well aware of the costing factors together with budgeting circumstance.

Those interested in the editor workings should contact PSC Edwin Altman, KGS, 6157 Lake Hibiscus Drive, Delray Beach, Florida 33484.



Due to the untimely death of SVC Ron Dickinson, the Supreme Lodge office schedule has been disrupted immeasurably these past few months and we ask your indulgence if things don't seem to be going along as smoothly as usual.

The appointments of Deputy Supreme Chancellors had to be put off until the new Supreme Chancellor was installed, as was the case of Grand Lodge Convention visitation assignments. They had to wait until we found out who was going to be elected to what office.

But we are making progress . . . the new Statute changes are out and are available from your Grand Secretaries. We are working on the new Supreme Directories and we will be making phone calls to those domains who failed to furnish us with the necessary information.

Some requests for Knights of Pythias Eagle Scout packets are coming in very close to the dates for the Courts of Honor and we cannot meet the deadlines. Please give us at least three or four weeks notice when you request the packets. Speaking of which, we understand that the matter of a Canadian Eagle Scout program is being investigated.

**PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE!** Put the Supreme Lodge office on your change of address list whenever you move. We are trying to keep our rosters as up-to-date as possible and we would greatly appreciate your cooperation. Each returned piece of mail cost us seventy cents, and we would love to save that money.

As most of you are aware there was a tremendous mix-up in the circulation of the previous few issues of the *PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL* due to fact that the mailing lists were not correct. We cannot emphasize strongly enough that the Supreme Lodge office **MUST** receive the names and addresses of new members immediately after the Rank of Knight.

A reminder to Grand Secretaries ...the 2004 Annual Report forms will be mailed out in November. We will accept computer printouts of information, *PROVIDED* the forms are reasonably comparable to the pages in the original format. We cannot accept odd-sized sheets or those with other irregularities. And we must have the beige colored cover! Also a must for the Report to be complete is a list of lodges on Page 13 and the Green Sheet giving the names and addresses of all the subordinate lodge secretaries.

We are still offering completed certificates with the bronze and silver medallions. We need to know the name of the recipient, who is giving the award and a brief sentence about why the award is being presented.

Renewal notices will be sent out in January to those *PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL* subscribers whose subscriptions will expire in March 2005. The rates will remain at \$5.00 for a one-year subscription and \$12.50 for a three-year subscription.

Time has a habit of creeping up on us so let us in the Supreme Lodge office take this opportunity to wish all the members of the Pythian family the very best of Holiday Seasons.

## A Proclamation

### FLORIDA HURRICANE RELIEF FUND

WHEREAS: The Order Knights of Pythias acknowledges the disaster that has been inflicted on the citizens of Florida by Hurricane Charley, and

WHEREAS: Damage was caused to a major portion of the western section of the state; homes were destroyed and wiped out by the heavy winds; utilities were unavailable for a long period of time; water was trucked in at great expense, and

WHEREAS: Many citizens were forced to live in temporary shelters, and will continue to do so for many years, and

WHEREAS: Many Pythians were among those unfortunate citizens who suffered monetary and physical hardships, and

WHEREAS: The Order Knights of Pythias, exemplifying its cardinal principles of FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE and in keeping with its everlasting duty to alleviate human suffering, re-affirms its responsibility to pursue the goal of bettering mankind whenever and wherever possible.

Now, Therefore, I, Norman T. McLaurin, Supreme Chancellor of the Order Knights of Pythias, do hereby proclaim that a fund be established for the purpose of bringing relief to the citizens of Florida who experienced this devastating - disaster. Contributions should be made out to *The Florida Relief Fund* and mailed to Supreme Treasurer Donald H. Grant, 25 S. Morton Avenue, Morton, PA. 19070.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Supreme Lodge and attested by the Supreme Secretary thereof on this nineteenth day of August, in the year Two Thousand and Four, and the Pythian Period CXLI.

Norman T. McLaurin  
Supreme Chancellor  
Alfred Saltzman  
Supreme Secretary





## Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran Leads Active Quebec Pythians

Quebec — After three terms of leading the Quebec Domain, Past Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz stepped down from his position as Grand Chancellor.

The Nomination Committee, led by SR Sir Michael Kutz has selected Grand Vice Chancellor Gerald Safran for the position of the Quebec executive officer and Past Chancellor Terence Goldman as Grand Vice Chancellor. The election to the posts was confirmed at the annual Closing Convention last June. The convention enjoyed the presence of Supreme Prelate Sir Norman McLaurin, representing Supreme Lodge.

Brother Safran hails from Sportsman's Lodge #41, where he has served as Chancellor Commander for the past two years. Under his leadership, Sportsman's Lodge excelled as a leader in Pythian Lodges in the Domain.

Almost every evening of the week we can see Sportsman's Brethren attending their numerous projects, with visiting, entertaining or serving refreshments to patients in Montreal

Hospitals. Brother Gerald has served grand lodge for the past four years, the last two as Grand Vice Chancellor, learning the "ropes" heading up all the grand lodge committees.

Brother Safran pledges that Pythian charities are an important part of his mandate, and will dedicate the next year to raising much needed money for them. Brother Safran observes that too many worthy organizations are in need of our help, and we must find additional means to help more of our Community members. Also, high on his "to do list" will be finding ways to attract members to our Order.

Congratulations to Brother Steven Clayman, from Syracuse Lodge #9 on his appointment as Chancellor Commander of Home Lodge, and to Brother Morton Leiner as our newest Past Chancellor. Both Brothers were presented with a plaque from Supreme Prelate McLaurin.

We all wish Brother Safran good luck with the election and for the next year as the head of the Quebec Domain. Thanks to his wife, Joyce, and his children for allowing Pythians the opportunity to "share him", on the many evenings that he is away, making the Community a better and happier place.

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wonderful stories about him to know how true his father's statements are.

Michael was born with various medical problems, which prompted one doctor to predict he would never walk. Michael's spirits and fortitude through the years proved that doctor wrong, as he overcame obstacles of his Spina Bifida and other disabilities.

With all that faced Michael, he and his family successfully challenged the system and society. Michael maintained a B average all through his school years, becoming well respected by his peers leading to the highest titles of Scouting



*Grand Vice Chancellor Terence Goldman, left and Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran, as they took the oath of office.*

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## GRAND LODGE OF OHIO SELLS PYTHIAN HOME

Ohio—Due to the continuing changes in the Health Care Industry and the increasing cost of Nursing Home Care, the Ohio Grand Lodge has sold their Castle Knoll — the K. W. Hess Ohio Pythian Home, as of last August 1st.

Trilogy took over the business and is leasing the facility from the Grand Lodge. The Home was dedicated in 1914 in a mansion built in 1882 on a park-like 13-acre city block. It was expanded to 98 beds through the years, including 88 private rooms. 'Old Fashion Charm', best describes the environment the residents enjoyed.

Dedicated to the cause of universal peace and a reflection of the Pythian principles, it was more than just a home, there was a spirit of family.

The Brothers were saddened because of the sale but they realized the home continued to loose funds for several years and it had to happen.

The Grand Trustees presented a Bronze Medallion to Wayne Davis who had been the administrator of the home for over 10 years, in appreciation and gratitude for meritorious service in recognition of deep devotion, tireless effort for, and the years of labor at the K. W. Hess Pythian Home; working with the Grand Lodge Trustees in the operation of the facility, in doing whatever it took to keep the facility in operation.

PGC Ronald F. Kiessling, KGS, President of the Board of Trustees, observed that the support by Brother Wayne Davis to the Grand Lodge was outstanding.

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*Grand Trustee Secretary Wayne Vanwey, right, as Brother Wayne Davis was presented with a Supreme Lodge Bronze Medallion.*

## Eagle Scout Honors for Exceptional Youth

Florida—Michael Javier Vincente was presented the Eagle Scout Rank by the Scouts of Troop 202, at the 391st Bomb Group Restaurant in West Palm Beach on August 15, when Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies presented Michael J. Vincente with a congratulatory letter, a certificate and embroidered Eagle Scout Patch which has a Knights of Pythias identity. Other dignitaries attending the Eagle Scout Court of Honor included his family, friends; Robert Kenyon, Advisor Crew 202 read letters of congratulations from President George Bush, Florida Governor Jeb Bush, Senators, Congressmen.

Michael's father, Dr. Jerome Vincente wrote that "Michael's life battles have been "nothing short of inspiring." One only has to meet Michael and to listen to all of the

**PATTY TINAPPLE HEADS  
OHIO GRAND TEMPLE**



*PATTY TINAPPLE*

A 27-year member of Harrisbury Temple #472, Patty Tinapple is the new-term Ohio Grand Chief. She is urging for support by members and temples towards her Altruistic Project of 'Adventures for Wish Kids'. Sister Patty resides on a 50-acre min-farm, enjoys flower gardening and crafts, She has three married sons, two grandchildren; one daughter-in-law is a member of the Pythian Sisters.

New-term supporting Grand Temple Officers are: Shirley Hall, grand senior; Ruby Morgan, grand junior; Emilie Jabbusch, grand manager; Judy Pennington, grand secretary; Jackie Winchell, grand treasurer; Garnet Thomas, grand protector; Roberta Ronk, grand guard; Addie Lockard, sitting past grand chief.

**TEMPLE SUPPLIES  
SEARCH DEVICES**

Oregon— Centralia Temple #11 of Salem has donated another Garmin Rino 120 Global Positioning Satellite device to Marion County. The Rino 120 is a combination hand-held GPS and radio. This device gives the searchers of Marion County the ability to communicate with one another and the ability to use GPS to both track their location and navigate in the out of doors and to track other searchers. The device also captures ground track data, and way points which help them to accurately record and account for areas searched and evidence found in the field.

This is an ongoing charitable program for Centralia Temple and this is their third donation, at \$188 for a unit. Sergeant Jeff Wagner, the Overhead Team Leader and Deputy James Coleman, also an Overhead Team Leader were present for a Centralia Temple meeting to receive the donation.



*Conferring the Ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight will take place in one of the largest underground caverns in Texas. The historic Rathbone Bible will be a prominent part of the Ritualistic Work. No underground Rank Work has ever been performed in the history of Texas*

**TEXAS PYTHIAN ROUNDUP 2005  
TO FEATURE HISTORIC EVENT**

- *Next April 14, 15, 16, Will see a full itinerary of activities for Knights, Sisters and guests, at Temple, Texas.*

Greetings from the great state of Texas, are extended by the Roundup chairman, Cecil L. Holifield and his co-chairman, Philip "Tractor" Shepherd, as with great pride and pleasure they cordially invite all to the Texas Pythian Roundup 2005, to be hosted by Midlothian Lodge #50 of Temple, Texas, as well as all other Domain Lodges within the State.

The Ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight will be conferred in one day in a cavern at Long Horn State Park which has a history spanning back to when the Comanche Indians ruled the territory. It has been used as a hide out for outlaws, a munitions storage place during the Civil War, and even as a "speakeasy" during the prohibition period of the 1920's.

Other events to be held during the three-day gala will include a Hole-in-One Golf Tournament for a 2005 Buick Rendezvous; a Texas Hill Country sight seeing excursion; an old fashion Texas style Bar B Cue and hoedown. The ladies have not been forgotten in the event as a shopping trip is planned as well as a supper cruise to the Canyon of the Eagles

where the nation's bird, the Bald Eagle, migrates for the winter.

The event will not only be a memorable one, co-chairman Phillip "Tractor" Shepherd observes the event "will be emulated for years to come and is going to be done "Texas Style", as everyone says - - - everything is big in Texas!"

For further information, correspond with Cecil H. Holifield, chairman, PO Box 368 Marble Falls, Texas 78654; Phone 1-(830)-693-9443 OR 1-(830)-596-0874 / e-mail: txpythianroundup05@yahoo.com.

**REGISTRATION**

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATION:**

Hampton Inn on Marble Falls, 1-830-798-1895 OR Best Western Center City, 1-830-693-5112, rooms must be booked by Feb. 1, \$79.00, includes breakfast.

Make sure to advise you are with the Knights of Pythias or they will not take your reservation.

R.V. Accommodation, must be reserved by Feb. 1. Full amenities, approx. five miles from host hotels. Phone and e-mail numbers listed in article above.

For events you will be attending:

Rank Work Member: \$50 each ... - - - -

Rank Work Candidate: \$30 each .. - - - -

Bar B Que & Hoedown: donation

Golf Tournament: \$50 each .... - - - - -

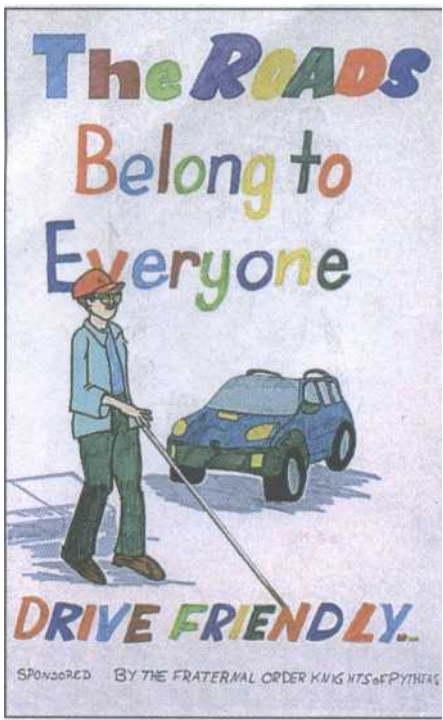
Supper Cruise: \$25 each.....- - - - -

Remit total, make checks payable to: Texas Pythian Roundup 2005. PO Box 368 Marble Falls, Texas 78654.

**WORDS OF THE WISE**

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. (Albert Einstein).

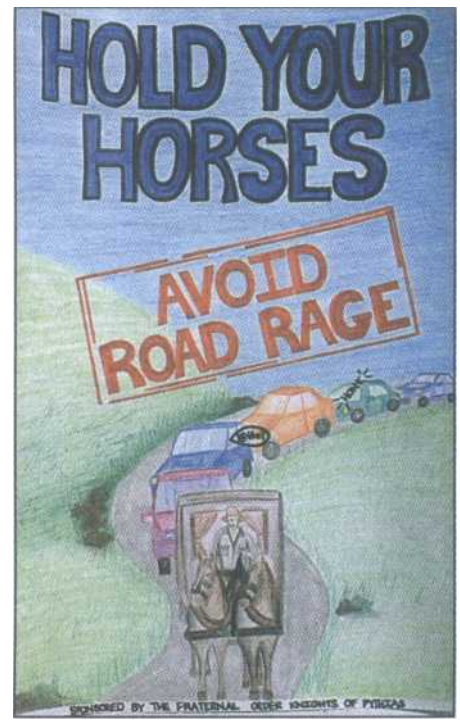




FIRST PLACE -- \$1,000  
STEPHANIE KAUFFMAN  
Independence, Missouri



SECOND PLACE — \$500  
PAMELA THOMPSON  
Boca Raton, Florida



THIRD PLACE -- \$250  
KALESIA KUENZEL  
Fayetteville, North Carolina

**POSTER CONTEST  
WINNERS SHARE  
\$2250 IN CASH  
PRIZE MONEY**

The final judging of the Knights of Pythias-sponsored Poster Contest, with the subject, "Defensive Driving — Avoid Road Rage", took place at Quincy, Massachusetts, June 24th.

Along with the top three awards, five prizes of \$100 honorable mention judging went to Dianna Gary, Willingsboro, New Jersey; Michael Hall, White Oak, Texas; Kylie Landrum, Tipton, Indiana; Tom MacDonald, Wallaceburg, Ontario and Kayla Thompson, Rockwood, Tennessee.

Judging the contest were: Anet Paglierani, Founder and Director, Quincy Art Association;- Kelley Peterson-Cobble, Supervisor, National Park Service, Adams National Historic Site and John Black, President, CEO, Presidential Camara Studios.

**CONTEST JUDGING**

The winners of all contests will be determined by qualified judges who are required to determine the winners based upon consideration of the following.

(A) Message. (B) Originality. (C) Effective Display of Message. (D) Neatness of Poster. (E) Adherence of stated rules and regulations.

Poster Contest participation is open to any student enrolled as Grade 9 thru 12, in any Junior or High or Parochial School in the Unites States and Canada.

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**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The following Rules and Regulations must be followed (without deviation) to qualify for each level of judging.

Poster Topic: "DEFENSIVE DRIVING — AVOID ROAD RAGE".

Posters may be on any color cardboard, 14 inches by 22 inches.

All lettering, drawing, sketches, must be done by the contestant. No collage, paste-on or stencil-lettering, etc. is allowed.

On front of the poster near the bottom, in

letters not over 1 /4 inch high, must appear the following: "SPONSORED BY THE FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS".

Each contestant must print name, Social Security number, grade, school and home address on the back of the poster.

Local and Area contests must be completed by April 30. Domain contests to be completed by May 15. Domain first place winning poster must reach the Supreme Lodge Office no later than June 15th.

FOR THE 2004 / 2005 JUDGING OF THE  
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS-SPONSORED

**POSTER CONTEST**

**Subject. "DEFENSIVE DRIVING – AVOID ROAD RAGE"**

Cash Prizes. 1st, \$1,000; 2nd, \$500; 3rd. \$250  
4th thru 8th prizes of \$100 each.

Open to students enrolled in the 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grades of high school or parochial schools of high school rank.

# REBUILDING OUR ORDER

**GOAL:** Name Recognition    **FOCUS:** Community Awareness

**MISSION:** To increase membership with a membership contest, gain name recognition and community awareness, using our new Charity, "Pythian Care" in each area with a subordinate lodge.

**THEME:** Not what we once were, but, what we shall become.

## RON DICKINSON MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

A membership contest that will be a bold and aggressive program with radical challenges for all brothers to recruit members.

### CONTEST RULES

Grand Lodges will be divided into eight categories:

- #1: Grand Lodges with less than 125 members.
- #2: Grand Lodges with 126 to 250 members.
- #3: Grand Lodges with 251 to 375 members.
- #4: Grand Lodges with 376 to 500 members.
- #5: Grand Lodges with 501 to 875 members.
- #6: Grand Lodges with 876 to 1250 members.
- #7: Grand Lodges with 1251 to 2500 members.
- #8: Grand Lodges with 2501 and over in membership.

All categories will have a minimum membership requirement that must be met in order to be eligible for any prizes: (#1) 13, (#2) 25, (#3) 38, (#4) 50, (#5) 88, (#6) 125, (#7) 200, (#8) 375, TWO REINSTATEMENTS will equal ONE new Member. Any new lodge with at least 10 new members (NO DUAL MEMBERS) will count as 12 new members.

## PRIZE AWARDS FOR EACH CATEGORY

- 1st PRIZE: \$500.00
- 2nd PRIZE: \$300.00
- 3rd PRIZE: \$200.00

The Contest will be for two calendar years. January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005 and January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006. Final results and prizes will be awarded at the Supreme Lodge Convention in August 2006 for the first year and then in August 2007 for the second year.

## A MEMBERSHIP CONTEST Membership Must be Our Priority!

A new APPLICATION form, providing for three referrals and a tear off section

explaining each of our AUXILIARIES, will be provided. The Supreme Lodge shall furnish "Knight Pins" for all new members. We must remember our 3 R's:

**RECRUIT**  
**REINSTATE**  
**RETAIN**

An individual cannot accomplish rebuilding the Order, however, with a combined team effort, a successful Membership Contest can happen.

I ask each of you to write your personal membership goal. Place your goal in an area so that you will see it every day. By seeing your written goal, it will become a part of your subconscious. This will help you solicit new members, obtaining your personal goal, and help our Order start its rebuilding process.

## NATIONAL CHARITY

### A Huge Change, "Pythians Care"

While I am aware that we have supported excellent charities for decades, such as Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy and Cystic Fibrosis, to list three, this support has helped many people and we are proud of what we have done.

It is now time for OUR OWN CHARITY, "PYTHIANS CARE". This will allow the Knights of Pythias to work to PROMOTE OURSELVES, not someone else's charity.

This will give us a new recruiting tool and should help us obtain new members. PYTHIAN CARE will work with the National Association of Children's Hospitals. There are 192 hospitals throughout the United States and Canada. We will be gathering funds in the Pythian name to give to these hospitals and identify how we want them used.

## BOY SCOUTS

The Eagle Scout Certificate and Patch Program will be continued. This program provides a public relations opportunity and name recognition for our Order. Other work that we do with youth should promote our auxiliary and the Junior Order.

## POSTER CONTEST

This contest helps get our name into the

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NORMAN T. "TIM" McLAURIN, KGS  
Supreme Chancellor

## Not What We Once Were, But What We Shall Become

A lot of us tend to live in the past, dwelling on our many failures, "what ifs," or the good old days. Others concentrate on the future, envisioning new projects and large-scale plans of future successes. With brains churning on what might be, some are oblivious to the daily demands of consciously living each day to the fullest. We must make a conscious effort, little by little, step by step, day by day, to see gradual progress in the rebuilding of Our Order.

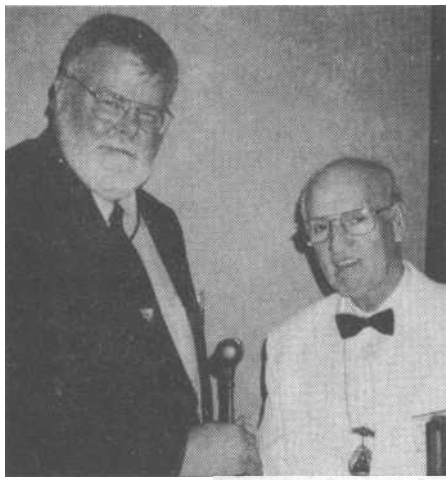
My recommendations do not come from an elevated sense of my perfection — FAR FROM IT! I am merely acknowledging that the actions we take will make a difference in Our Order — the lives of others, and our own. It is easy to get discouraged when we try so hard to obtain new members and fail so many times. Why, then should we continue to try? Because, our ceremonies point the way to a higher and better standard of manhood and we look for the good, the brighter, the better side of man.

The programs, I offer to our Supreme Domain, are bold and aggressive with radical challenges for the membership. The decision to accept these challenges and programs must be made by you the

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*Jim Braaten, member of Sidney Lodge #85, Port Orchard, receives Grand Chancellor Gavel from installing officer, Supreme Inner Guard, Edwin Wright.*

Grand Chancellor Jim Braaten worked for the Pudget Sound Naval Shipyard as a machinist for 32 years and 20 years as a machinist planner and estimator planner for ship overhauls. He now operates a business of excavation of land and site clearing.

Brother Braaten observes of being thankful to have had the opportunity to join the Pythian Order. As Grand Chancellor, he will concentrate on getting better Pythian awareness in the communities, encourage interest by all ages, well organized lodge conventions, good attendance; as well as he, himself, being the best Knight he can, with appreciation on having been selected and voted to such a position by his fellow Knights. Jim belongs to the Clam Island Band, playing the clarinet, observes it is fun and music is a strong part of his life

## **MAINE SUPPORTING DIABETIC CAMPING FOR CHILDREN**

Danny V. Bennett was installed the Domain Grand Chancellor at the April Grand Lodge sessions which convened at the Sunday River Ski Resort at Newry. Brother Bennett is a member of Hiawassee Lodge #18 in East Stoneham; has dual membership with Alpha-Marathon Lodge #96 in Strong as well as at Maine's newest Lodge, Down East Lodge #77 in Machiasport.

Brother Bennett is looking forward to a productive year and he hopes to make progress toward updating the State Statutes. He has named as his charity support to Camp Carefree in Newmarket, New Hampshire, a summer camp for diabetic children operated by the American Diabetes Association.

Supporting Grand Lodge Officers are: Mike Barker, grand vice chancellor; George Zitaner, grand prelate; Clem

## **WASHINGTON KNIGHTS, SISTERS HOLD JOINT GRAND SESSIONS**

The annual sessions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple convened in Yakima, in Sept., enjoying the presence of Supreme Inner Guard Edwin Wright, representing Supreme Lodge and Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy. A full program of business and social activities included joint official opening ceremonies and memorial program followed by a reception.

Members enjoyed a buffet set up by the swim pool area and an evening of social with game of Bunco. The convention banquet was attractively set up and included a "Fun For Funds" program with close to \$900 being collected, in various ways, with members taking home prizes from the raffles.

As well as Brother Edwin Wright and Sister Kathlene Lacy, guests were welcomed from British Columbia of PSC Ethel Nellist, Sisters Brenda Mannering, Anna May Lucas; Jim and Gay Rutherford, Mary and Alma Wilson.

Completing their sessions, high compliments were extended to Grand Chancellor Bobby Elieson and Grand Chief Cheryl Fitzgerald for their work and leadership over the term. For Brother Elieson, in his mid-20s, is possibly the youngest to have advanced through the domain grand lodge chairs.



**DANNY V. BENNETT**  
*Maine Grand Chancellor*

Worcester, grand secretary; Clyde Barker, grand treasurer; Freeman Farrington, grand master at arms; Carl Young, grand inner guard; Leon Dorr, grand outer guard.

Brother Bennett and his wife, Janice, reside in Milton Township, Maine.



*Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, left, installing Washington/Alaska Grand Chief Ellen Bruskevith, a member of Rhododendron Temple #30, Sea Tac.*

Grand Chief Ellen Bruskevith, joined the Order in 1981 and has served in officer and committee functions, in three temples, as well as 10 years of treasurer service with the Nomads. Served as DDGC in 1986 and 1995. Her main interest in life is doing all kinds of crafts and sewing. She is urging for support to Hospice as the main altruistic project.



## **BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Florida — Saul and Pearl Drexler are pictured as they were pleasantly surprised when presented with a Birthday and Anniversary Cake, during an open meeting of Kings Knights Lodge #221. Saul celebrating his 85th birthday and both marked their 60th wedding anniversary.

Brother Saul, a Pythian for 63 years, is a Veteran Life Member, a Knight of the Golden Spur and the recipient of other titles, honors and honorary memberships than a Pythian can hope to receive in one lifetime is endeared by all Pythians for his successful endeavors on behalf of our beloved Order.

PC Larry Hochfeld observed that all present extended good wishes to Saul and Pearl and their family for continued good health and happiness. Brother Saul, you have done your duty!



# Recruit, Reinstate, Retain



## WORKING WITH COMMUNITY

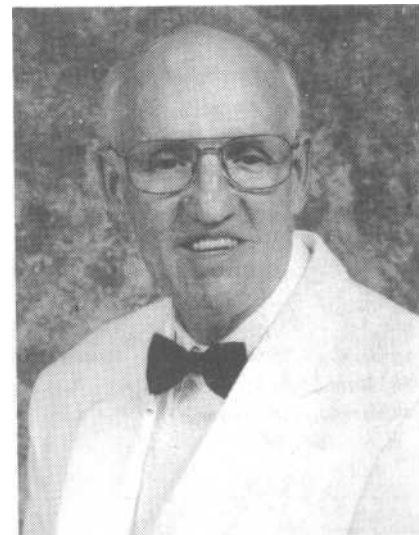
Nevada — Calanthe Temple # 11 Most Excellent Chief Yolanda Cowell, left, was thanked by Katie Zecher, a grade eight student, right, who had been awarded a Lake Tahoe Music Camp scholarship. A student at Sparks Middle School, the scholarship allows students who could not normally do so to attend camp. Lake Tahoe Music Camp mixes the beauty of nature with the beauty of music. All students who attend the camp truly have a love and dedication for music. Yolanda Cowell is a senior at the University of Nevada Reno and is working toward her degree in Music Education. Yolanda is also a counselor at the camp, and loves working with children. When we give to children in our community, we are working toward a better future for our country.

Supreme Chancellor Norman T. McLaurin has set high goals for our great Order, especially in the most important area of our Order, Membership.

In the Supreme Chancellor's program, membership is first, with ASK still being the most important. If we do not ASK our families, friends and neighbors they will not have the opportunity to be part of the friendship we enjoy. Then the next important part of the program is the three R's, Recruit, Retain, Reinstate. We cannot afford to lose what we have already gained. We must go that extra step. When a member wants to withdraw from our Lodges, we need to find the reason for the withdrawal and try to find a way to keep this member, either in our Lodge or in another. We need to go out and talk to those former members and find a way to bring them back into our ranks.

We are instituting new Lodges in some areas and we do receive many inquiries through our Web Site. We need to really follow up on these inquiries. We must not let a single potential member get lost.

Although we do get the inquiries, there is still nothing as effective as a personal invitation, and assisting a potential candidate through the application process,



*EDWIN H. WRIGHT*  
*Supreme Inner Guard*  
*Chairman Supreme Lodge*  
*Membership Committee*

and further inform them of the programs, activities and the friendship they will find among us.

There is also a membership contest in honor of the late Honorary Supreme Chancellor Ron Dickinson. Let us strive to make the Ron Dickinson Membership program the greatest in Pythian annals. Goals have been set for every Domain according to membership size. There is a reward for meeting that goal. Each Grand Chancellor and Membership Chairman has a copy of the contest and the membership program.

Check what your goal is in the contest and then check and see who has the same goal and try a little healthy competition. Start now to ASK and always Be Proud to be a Pythian.

## SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Michigan — A picnic/recruitment drive was a big success in more ways than one: a new applicant for membership was signed up and another expressed a willingness to join, as 140 members, wives, children, grandchildren and friends were in attendance.

Those in attendance enjoyed sing-alongs of oldies but goodies. PGC Erwin Waldman congratulated Nick Philips, winner of the DOKK 50/50 raffle, who walked away with \$244.

There were games of volleyball for the teens, the older group caught up with old friends or played chess as all enjoyed 160 hotdogs, 120 hamburgers, 200 cans of cold soda, 111 bottles of water and four huge watermelons — it was a great time on a gorgeous Sunday afternoon.

## JUNIOR ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

To The Supreme Lodge  
Knights of Pythias:

I submit this report for the Junior Order Knights of Pythias for this term ending August, 2004. I want to thank Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit for his support and promotion of the Junior Order and to incoming Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin for his support in advancing the Junior Order . . . Thanks!

Great strides have been made this term, namely: the Supreme Council made the necessary changes to reinstate the International Board of Governors who are responsible for the Junior Order, (this Board of Alfred Saltzman, Tim McLaurin and Bobby Crowe, met at this Supreme Convention), the Junior Order Constitution and Ritual is being updated and will be reprinted.

The age range was extended to cover ages 10 thru 17 which more closely resembles the Sunshine Girls. The number of members to start a new Chapter was changed to nine (9) to coincide with our Pythian Lodges and great promotion coverage was extended the Junior Order from the Pythian International.

Interest is at an all time high in recent memory; we have Brothers inquire and speak of past years experiences with the Junior Order. Numerous Junior Order Membership Information Packets have been mailed to individuals and Domains.

At present we have possibilities of new Chapters in Texas, Quebec, West Virginia, Missouri/Kansas/Arkansas and other areas. All our Junior Order Chapters are active and doing quite well.

Promotional materials are being investigated and plans are to provide each Chapter with Junior Order pins, jewels and brochures. Also, we want to recognize each person who starts a new Chapter.

The membership program is ASK plus the BUDDY SYSTEM. It is simple and very easy to accomplish: JUST ASK A BOY TO JOIN AND TO BRING HIS FRIEND ALONG. Using the Ask and Buddy System, it is very easy to bring in new members or to recruit nine youths to start a new Junior Order Chapter.

Faternally submitted this 9th day of August, 2004, Tucson, Arizona.

Bobby G. Crowe, KGS, PSC, Chairman. International Board of Governors, Junior Order Knights of Pythias.



*St. Barnabas Medical Center Director Dr. Dorothy Bisberg, left, receiving \$15,000 contribution from Grand Master at Arms Joseph Spindel, New Jersey Charities Foundation President.*

## *New Jersey Pythians Donate \$15,000 To Saint Barnabas Medical Center*

The Domain of New Jersey presented \$15,000 to Dr. Dorothy Bisberg, director, of the Knights of Pythias Cystic Fibrosis Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, a part of the Saint Barnabas Healthcare System.

This year's Poster Child, Jessica Silvestre, and her parents, Maria and Luis Silvestre were introduced. PGC Marvin I. Diner was master of ceremonies at the presentation brunch. Grand Chancellor Henry B. Kazin and Charities Foundation President, Grand Master at Arms Joseph Spindel, represented the Domain.

Rochelle Bellask donated crocheted blanket covers which were made by the Ocean County Pine Needlers. A plaque was unveiled in memory of PDSC Sir Dan Feigan, inscribed, "A Man Who Cared," with inscriptions honoring Dave Englander and his family for their efforts and the late PGC Sir Sidney Bogdanow.

This was the 21st year of contributing towards the Knights' Center. PC David Englander chaired the annual collection.



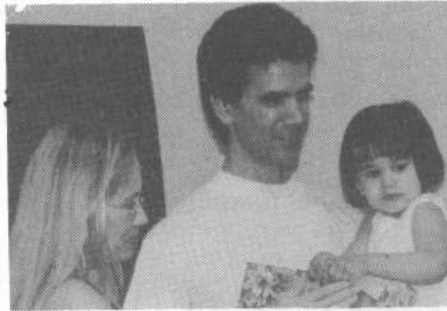
*Supreme Representative Gwen Rhodes, right, presents Sgt. Brian Kellar with a \$1,000 check.*

### *Washington/Alaska Grand Temple Supports Special Olympics With Funding*

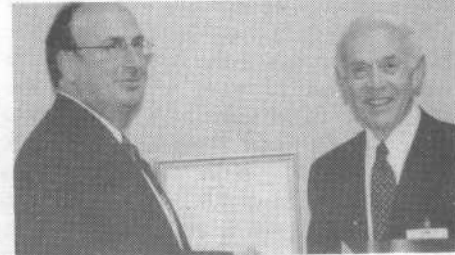
Washington/Alaska — The \$2200 raised during the term of SR Gwen Rhodes was distributed in various communities where Temples are located in an effort to strengthen relationships in those areas.

\$300 was donated to the Tacoma School District; \$300 to the Longview Parks and Recreation Dept.; \$250 to the Tacoma Parks Dept., and \$250 to the Port Orchard Special Olympics coordinator. Sgt. Brian Kellar accepted a check in amount of \$1,000 on behalf of the Washington State Special Olympics. The presentation was made during a Pythian Sisters District Convention. An additional check for the balance was also sent to the state headquarters.

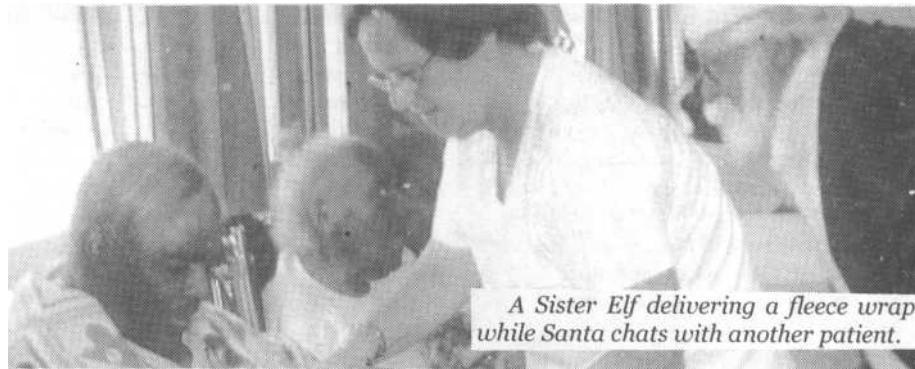
In addition to the cash donations, jurisdiction temples also purchased \$800 worth of medals and presented them to 16 athletes throughout the state.



*Poster Child of the year Jessica from Lou LaSalle, St. Barnabas Medical Silvestre, along with her mother and Center Vice President of External Affairs.*



*Grand Chancellor Henry Kazin, left, receiving Certificate of Appreciation*



*A Sister Elf delivering a fleece wrap while Santa chats with another patient.*

### *PYTHIAN SISTERS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT NURSING HOME*

Virginia — Members of Portsmouth Temple #4 seemed to have been a bit confused about what season it was, or perhaps they were just in an extreme hurry to start their Christmas festivities. Last July marked the second year that they have celebrated Christmas in July at George Washington Health and Rehabilitation Center in Chesapeake. The Sisters had been volunteering monthly in the nursing home as part of the Supreme Chiefs project of Community Service.

Last July 31, the Sisters arrived at the home ready to spread holiday cheer.

Residents were presented with gifts, fleece lined wraps and stuffed animals.

Sister Morefield observed that Nursing home residents tend to get many visits during the real holiday season and need something to cheer them up during the summer doldrums. Sister Morefield was also responsible for hand stitching the 51 fleece wraps that were distributed.

Not only have the Sisters found their visits to the nursing home extremely rewarding, but their efforts have also earned them the thanks of residents and staff alike. This year's "Christmas Celebration" also yielded an additional bonus as a very nice article about the Pythian Sisters appeared in the local newspaper.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please report promptly and file with the Supreme Lodge office, 59 Coddington St., Quincy, MA 02169. It is important to give name and number of the Lodge or Temple.



## New Lodge Instituted In Lebanon, Missouri

A petition for Warrant with the names of 10 applicants was granted, rank work performed and Lebanon Lodge #443 was duly instituted August 14th. Matt Marrone of Lebanon is the founder. At age 22, goes to show that there are young interested men. The 10th applicant, Ken Dingman of Waynesville, joined as an associate member and is serving as lodge Chancellor Commander.

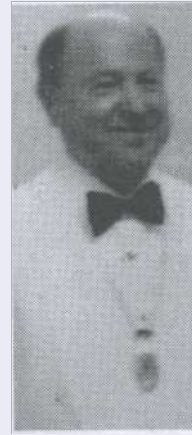
Grand Secretary Steve Glise, SR, observed that we can all turn the 'downward spiral' around and to make it an 'upward spiral'. as has been done in Missouri, Kansas and now in Arkansas. 'We have found catalysts' here, but these people do not 'fall out of trees': Brothers, we must seek them out, and follow up with them, because, as Brother Glise writes, they are there!"

## IRVING MARGULIES GIVING GRAND CHANCELLOR SERVICE IN FLORIDA

Florida — The 119th session of the Grand Lodge, together with the 100th session of the Grand Temple convened at the Marco Polo/Ramada Inn at Sunny Isles, last June, under the direction of Grand Chancellor Sir Erwin Westle, who ran the convention in a professional manner. The Grand Temple convention was under the capable hands of Grand Chief Annette Miller.

Honored guests from Supreme Lodge were Supreme Prelate Norman "Tim" McLaurin, while ASR Margurite Rowell represented Supreme Temple.

A surprise presentation shocked Grand Prelate Norman Bergstein when Grand Chancellor Erwin Westle presented him with the prestigious "P.S.C. Victor



MARGULIES

grand master at arms; Bernard Gissen, grand inner guard; Elliott Bomstien, grand outer guard.

Vickness Memorial Award" for Outstanding and Dedicated Service.

After a quick recovery, Norman accepted the award with much appreciation. New Grand lodge officers are: Irving Margulies, grand chancellor; Norman Bergstein, grand vice chancellor; Sir Arthur "Chuck" Miller, grand prelate; Charles Blumkim, grand secretary, Sir Paul Schack, grand treasurer; Arthur Tropp,

Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies joined the Order in 1955, in New York City, where he has served in officer and committee workings leading to appointment of PDGC of the 40th District. He was very active in the New York Grand Lodge and the Associated Health Foundation, Inc., where he was awarded the title of Life Director, when he moved to Florida in 1994.

In Florida he joined Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge #203; became very active in the Florida Grand Lodge, serving as Chairman of various committees and co-founded Palms West Lodge #222, in 2000, at Wellington. He has served as President of Florida's #1 charity, the Pythian Youth Foundation, Inc., and in his term exceeded all previous donations to PYF, enabling more Special Need children to go to a free summer camp the following year than ever before.

Brother Margulies received the "Knight of the Year" award from the Past Chancellors and Officers Association in 2000 and the "Man of the Year" award from the Florida District Association.

Six years ago, Brother Irving started up the chairs of the Grand Council, work and dedication to the Order Knights of Pythias.

He and his wife, Pauline, are parents of two married sons and are proud grandparents of five children.

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PDSC Fred Steinberg, left, passing a stuffed animal on to Trooper Thomas Ryan of the Massachusetts State Police.

## FOREST FIRE DELAYS GRAND CHIEF VISIT

New Mexico — Grand Chief Ruth Auge needed to make one more trip to complete official temple visits, with travel to Corona, a mountain area in mid-eastern side of the state. Plans were made to meet on a Saturday as the school hospitality room is used for temple meetings.

A group of five Pythian Sisters planned to drive from Belen and enjoy lunch with the Cedar Temple #26 Sisters and bolster attendance for the official visit. With travel to a town near Corona, Grand Chief Auge saw a large plume of smoke rising. She called MEC Sherrill Bradford from Ruidoso with query as to what was happening and was advised that there was a huge forest fire, and endangering the ranch owned by MEC Bradford. Smoke was blowing into the small town of Corona which caused cancellation of the meeting.

Members were glad to re-schedule the meeting to a July date with all having a very good time.

## Humanitarian Foundation Donates Stuffed Animals

Massachusetts — The Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Foundation of Stoughton, donated 43 stuffed animals to the Massachusetts State Police at their Framingham Headquarters, to help young children cope, when they are involved in auto accidents,

The procedure in donating to the State Police, begins with their legal department. In this case, members had to contact Attorney Michael Halpin who heads the State Police Legal Office in Framingham, Once arrangements had been completed, Trooper Thomas Ryan accepted the stuffed animals for the State Police,

The idea for this project came from Toby Morris, wife of SR Sir Allen Morris, On hand to make the presentation was PDSC Fred Steinberg, President of the Foundation

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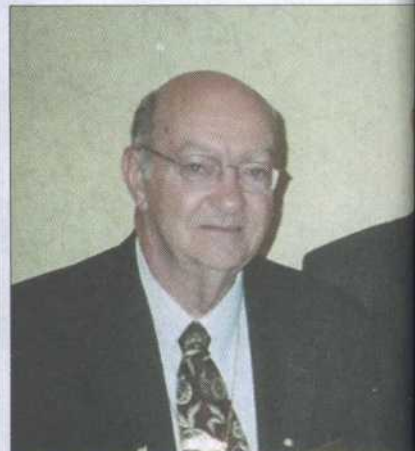
Nomad Day events of meeting and banquet took place to honor Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd and the Supreme Temple. At left, Most Gracious Maharani Jacquie Girard and Maharajah Jerry Girard At right, Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd and DOKK Imperial Prince George Fox.



Supreme Lodge, Supreme Temple Joint Opening Ceremonies presiding officers, from Muriel Lightfoot, PSR; Bob Herman, ST; and Dana Lowe, representing Doubletree management.



Supreme Outer Guard Dan Magner, left, of Nebraska, had occasion to greet Nebraska "all in the family" Supreme Representatives of Dorothy Vocasek, her husband, Edward Vocasek and their son, William, who also serves the Grand Secretary.



Canadian Caucus Chairman Eugene M... tional Canadian Breakfast, with present... Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd.



Supreme Chief Georgia Jean Byrd and her "escort" for almost 50 years, John, as they were gracious hosts to a large attendance for a breakfast gathering. Michigan Pythian Sisters, standing, from left, Marion Harris, Carol Masters, Jeanne Laser and Barbara Johnston added entertainment of 'toast and mast' with good fun offpast associations with the Supreme Chief.



Presentation of Flags Ceremonies " whose fathers were serving in the m

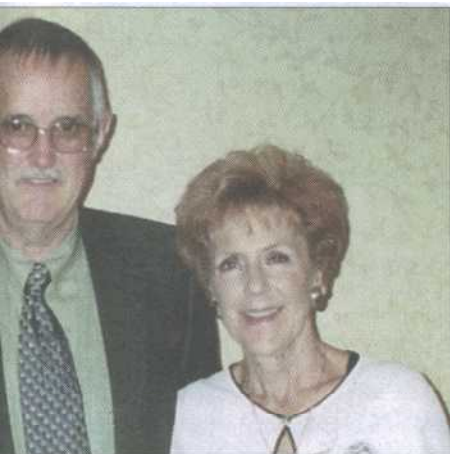




Speaking and extending greetings during Joint Official Opening Ceremonies, from left, Marco Lopez, represented the Office of Governor Janet Napolitano; Arizona Grand Chief Juanita May and Grand Chancellor Felix Vasquez.



Past Supreme Chief Honors of Pin and Certificate to retiring Supreme Treasurer Dorothy G. Hughes of Virginia, left, was presented by Past Supreme Chief Shirley Bach.



Supreme Prelate Tim McLaurin, President of Maritimes, presided over the traditional gifts to Supreme Prelate Tim McLaurin and



Supreme Chief Georgia Jean Byrd, center, welcomed special Supreme Representatives, at left, twins, Rosalynn Benson and Roxanne Beatty, representing Maryland. At right are mother and daughter Massachusetts Supreme Representatives Marjorie Anderson and daughter, Lori Anderson.



Carried out with dignity by Boy Scouts



Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit, center, had the pleasure to welcome Supreme Representative, at left, Brothers John and Glen Wilson, representing the Illinois Domain. At right are father and son Supreme Representatives, son, Thomas D. Slagle, left and his father Harry R. Slagle, Jr. Brother Harry also serves as the Domain Grand Secretary.

## PERSISTANCE WILL OVERCOME RESISTANCE

New York — With his head-line Motto, Lawrence "Larry" Hoffman is serving as the New York Grand Chancellor. He describes himself as a 'hard working enthusiastic Pythian. He has been the catalyst of many innovations and the driving force in accomplishing those goals.'

The 136th Convention of the New York Grand Lodge convened at Kutsher's I Country Club, when Brother Hoffman was elected to the Grand Chancellor leadership role.

Supporting Grand Lodge officers are: Jerry Silver, grand vice chancellor; Martin Fasting, grand prelate; David H. Cohen, grand secretary; Alan Ast, grand treasurer; Allan Greenberg, grand master at arms; Roger Siegel, grand inner guard; Jerry Bernzweig, grand outer guard.

Brother Hoffman joined the Order in May, 1955; is presently a member of Genesis Lodge #64 and holds Supreme Lodge Life Membership Honors. He has served in a wide range of elected and appointed officer and committee functions in the grand lodge, particularly dealing with finance, administration, together with membership, planning, Pythian camp, diabetes, serves on executive committee of the board of directors and treasurer of the Associated " Health Foundation.

Larry, a CPA, received his Bachelor of Science Degree- in Accounting from Long Island University where he graduated in the top 2% of his class. Worked as a Public Accountant from 1952-1972, at which time he established his own CPA practice that is presently run by his son, Allen.

Has given his time and support to his community in various capacities. Was active in the Boy Scout Council and became a neighborhood commissioner; Serves as a member of the Board of Directors of his co-op for 24 years, serving as treasurer, president and chairman of the board; served as a member of the board of directors of North Flushing swim club and

### LONG TIME MEMBER

Washington/Alaska — Sarah Baxter of Rhododendron Temple #30, Sea Tac, has been a member for 78 years. Her mother was a 50-year plus member. Along with a daughter and sisters, this family has over 225 years of Pythian devotion; to the same temple. Sarah is still an active member of her Temple.



LAWRENCE HOFFMAN  
New York Grand Chancellor

his Temple.

Larry is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. A resident of Astoria Queens with his wife Sylvia, who is a Pythian Sister. Together they raised a son and daughter. Their pride and joy are their four grandchildren.

### 100th Birthday For Marty Connolly

British Columbia — A lifetime member of Mainland Temple #14, Burnaby, Sister Connolly is a 60-year plus member, originally joined with Burnaby Temple. When that Temple became defunct she joined with Vancouver Temple #29 and then to Mainland Temple when the two amalgamated. She has been a loyal and hard working member, having given service in most offices; in reasonable health and perky as ever she resides in a senior home in Nanaimo, close to her son and his family.

### Lodge Holds Ladies Night

Michigan — Four times a year, Detroit Lodge #55, hosts an open house and ladies night with a dinner and guest speaker, finding that it is always best to involve the wives and ladies in lodge activities.

Last August featured an enjoyable dinner with Judge Michelle Appel of the 45th District Court as guest speaker. PGC Erwin Waldman introduced Jeffrey Appel, a new member, who in turn, introduced his wife, Michelle Appel, the guest speaker, who gave an insight into her workings of the district court system.

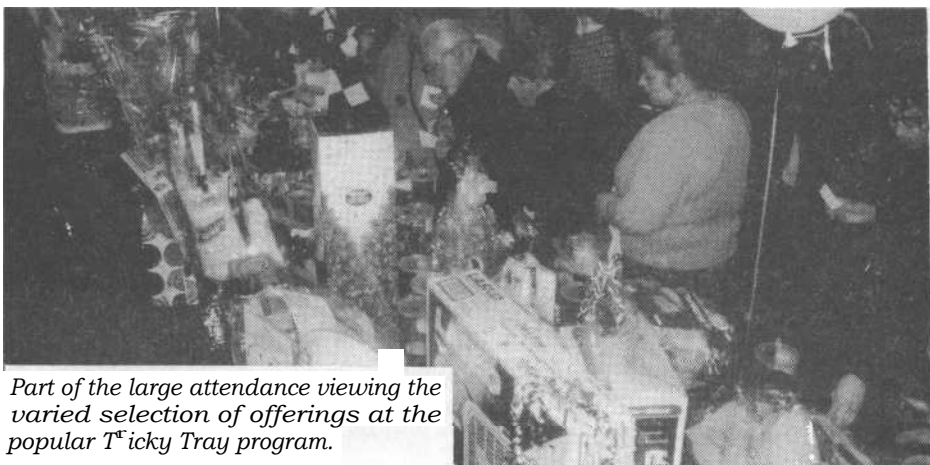


PGC Marvin I. Diner and Anna Paci, as they coordinated the "Night of Smiles" successful fund raising program.

### ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL

New Jersey — The Grand Lodge Winter 2004 Tricky Tray program was a huge success, as more than 430 Pythians, family members, and members of the public enjoyed the fabulous event chaired by PGC Marvin I. Diner with much help from Anna Paci, Leslie Diner and many others.

The event was a highlight for the term of Grand Chancellor Henry B. Kazin as one of the major functions. This glittering "Night of Smiles," was held at Cotillion Caterers, Garfield, with numerous contributors and supporters along with hundreds of drawing prizes painstakingly wrapped in cellophane.



Part of the large attendance viewing the varied selection of offerings at the popular Tricky Tray program.





### WEDDING HAS SPECIAL PYTHIAN TIES

New York — Reverend Julian Martin officiates at the wedding of Meredith Duddy and Joshua Handt. The interesting facts are: that the Reverend is marrying his grandson and enjoying his 75th birthday. In case you didn't know, Brother Martin is also the Supreme Representative from New York. Of the 23 Pythians in the Martin family tree, twelve Pythian near relatives and many Pythian friends attended the ceremony and epicurean dinner that followed. The Reverend is looking toward christening his first grandchild soon.



### \$11,316 FOR OHIO CHARITY SUPPORT

Ohio — Grand Chief Addie Lockard chose Crohn's and Colitis Disease for her Civic Project, with concern in that her son suffers from the disease. During the recent Grand Sessions Friendship Banquet, Committee Chairman PGC Linda Knapp, right, made presentation of a check in amount of \$11,316.84 to Kim Shouf, left, who represented the charity.



### TEMPLE HELPS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Washington/Alaska — Tacoma Temple #58 designated a September meeting as "Back to School Night." Project Chairman, Judith King, shown adding items to the offerings of school supplies which had been collected over the summer break. About \$200 worth of supplies, enough to outfit 20-25 children were delivered to a Service Center, to be distributed to Tacoma's homeless and destitute children.

# PYTHIAN SISTER MEMBERSHIP

*"Behold the Turtle, she only makes progress when she sticks her neck out"*

This will be my theme as the Supreme Temple membership Chairman. You know if the turtle has her head in her shell she's not going anywhere . . . Well, it's the same with our Pythian Sister Order — we will only make progress if we "Stick our necks out and take things into our own hands and do something about our membership.

- Take our story to every newspaper in your area; A brief portion about our Order, our aims, our achievements, an invitation to join. A contact number, and an enthusiastic Pythian that will follow up.
- Take on a community project that will give our Order lots of coverage. You probably already have at least one. Publicize everything you do, Brag a lot.
- You might need a gimmick.
- Don't wait to get ""Around To It" . START NOW . . .
- Set up a table in a Mall and give out information and applications.
- ASK, ASK, ASK, and ASK again.
- Have Fun activities, and ask your friends and neighbors to join.
- Promote a District Bible Class. Many working together, YOU CAN DO IT!!
- Make up a membership packet: Application for membership; Pythian Sister Story, main Temple projects; planned program, calendar of events; what are the benefits of belonging. What would their obligations be; Prospective Name Form. The more names we get, the more chances that one of those ladies will join, a display of community activities. (Ask those that you work with in the community to join.) New people in town, approach "Welcome Wagon" with information /application form.
- Social Activities: Dinners; dances; tour of your district, one outing each month; card party, picnic in the park, bowling, a theater, or community play production.
- Sponsor a girls group, community royalty, Brownies or Girl Scouts/Guides: form a marching drill team; asked their mothers to join.
- Offer Friendship, Companionship, support.

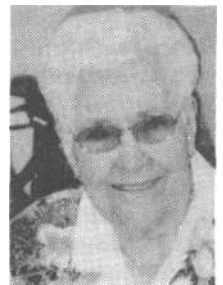
**ATTENTION GRAND CHIEF:** Two membership packets were given to each voting member following Supreme Sessions. It is hoped that one of those packets was given to each Grand Chief, who in turn will appoint a Membership Chairman who will be given a packet to work with.

I would ask that the Grand Chief write to me, Alma Wilson, 447 Penticton Ave., Penticton, B.C. V2A 2M5 or E-mail me at pythianirt@img.net giving me the name of your Membership Chairman, with her address and an e-mail address, if available, so that we can communicate.

ALMA WILSON, PSR,  
Supreme Membership Chairman

### Honored on 90th Birthday

New Brunswick — Sisters of Sunset Temple #36, Moncton, added congratulations along with their thanks for service to Myrtle Secord on marking her 90th birthday August 5th. With her 48-years of membership, she earned her past chief honors through secretary service. Myrtle joined Prince Edward Temple in Sussex on March 6, 1956 and transferred to Sunset Temple in 1991.



# NEW YORK HIGHLIGHTS, FAST FORWARD TO FALL

New York — From July 6th-9th, Kutsher's Country Club, the pride of New York's Catskill Mountains, was the site of the 112th Convention of Grand Temple # 15 Jurisdiction of New York. Pythians filled every inch of lobby space as they greeted one another with hugs and kisses. You would think that they hadn't met in years, but for most the separation was a few short days, and for others — mere hours. That closeness is the "fraternity" part of Pythianism, a vital factor that helps each lodge and temple work smoothly with others to fulfill our number one obligation of charity and benevolence.

Conventions are traditionally fun, and this year's was no exception. We consumed mountains of food, saw nightclub shows, attended late night snack sessions, shopped at our Ways and Means Flea Market, bought raffle tickets (some people actually WON very fine prizes), went to a slew of cocktail parties featuring sumptuous hors d'oeuvres, danced, swam, played cards or mahjong, and conducted business during efficient daily sessions.

The Pythian Sisters held their formal ceremony to install Grand Temple Officers on Wednesday night. The night was splendid, with Officers in long white gowns being escorted in by tuxedo-clad Brothers. In spite of a snag with the air conditioning, which was corrected, the Installing Officers, Supreme Representative Zelda Rubin, PSR Gladys Martin, SR Susan Grill, and PSR Anne Gropper, did a great job. Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit, a former New Yorker, gave a short, enjoyable address. The following night, he wowed the men with a different speech.

New York's Grand Lodge was impressive on Thursday night as their formal and official ceremony unfolded. We missed Supreme Chief Georgia Byrd who attended the past two New York Conventions. She came instead on June 9th to Brooklyn to visit our Jurisdiction where she conducted a Bible-opening demonstration and led our State Initiation Ceremony for new members and for those who wished to reconfirm their Pythian vows. For the first time I witnessed this full ceremony featuring a bride and candles and thought it was marvelous. I was so proud to renew my own vows side-by-side with my husband who renewed his, too. Forgive my aside and return to Convention. The official installation of Grand Temple Officers took place at the Sisters' final session on Friday morning.

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Grand Chief Judith Bernstein conducted all sessions efficiently and true to her motto "Let's laugh, let's smile, let's make our year worthwhile," she eased us through committee reports, elections, and other official business with a joke or two.

Once officially installed on Friday morning, our new Grand Chief Janet Levy skillfully conducted her first meeting. As has been the story in recent years for both New York Lodges and Temples, membership is a prime concern. Grand Chief Janet led us to understand that "We can make it happen."

Grand Press Correspondent, Carol Gray, reports that the Grand Temple Calendar of Events is filled to the brim with happenings at or conducted by every temple in the Jurisdiction. The fall includes send-offs for Grand Chief Janet Levy, her District Deputies, and Officers new to Grand Temple. Benevolent works include Special Olympics on Long Island and Knights on Wheels in Rockland County. We have a Light the Night walk for Leukemia Lymphoma and also presentation of a financial gift at the Shorefront Geriatric Home in Brooklyn. Luncheons include one for Past District Deputies, which is open to all Sisters and the Senior Citizens' Luncheon, open to all, during which we present a large contribution to the Home for the Aged located in Riverdale, New York. Our Supreme Representative Susan Grill, who also serves as Grand Chief Janet's event clearer, will be happy to give any interested Pythian Sister or prospective member a copy of the year's calendar, which is updated as needed. Other seasons are also packed with things to do.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** Please report promptly and file with the Supreme Lodge office, 59 Coddington St., Quincy, MA 02169. It is important to give name and number of the Lodge or Temple.

PLEASE REPORT NEWS ITEMS as they happen and forward promptly to Mary Wilson, editor, 447 Penticton Ave., Penticton, British Columbia V2A 2M5. Phone & Fax: (250) 492-6520. E-mail:



Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk, Left, presented proclamation to DGC Michael Huber.

## PYTHIAN WEEK PROCLAIMED

Florida — The Honorable Mayor John Masiarczyk, declared Aug. 8-14, "Pythian Week" in Deltona. Mayor Masiarczyk's proclamation commended Pythians for selfless devotion of time and energy for the social betterment of the communities in which they live.

Through the Pythian Youth Foundation, the Pythian Knights and Sisters help to fund the operations of camps throughout Florida for children with special needs.

## PRINCE ED WARD TEMPLE, DDGC GLENNA GEER HOST 66TH CONVENTION

New Brunswick — The 66th annual District #5 Pythian Sisters Convention convened in May, with DDGC Glenna Geer presiding. The program included an impressive Memorial Service when Rev. David Gray brought a message about Women of the Bible. Introductions included presence of Grand Chief Marjorie Landry, among the 49 members present.

Loyalist Temple #13, Edward Temple #22, Martello Temple #25 worked together in exemplifying the initiation ceremony, with welcome to Sandra Duke. DDGC Geer thanked the members for their hard work in preparing for the successful day. Grand Chief Marjorie Landry added her thanks and congratulations on events of the occasion.

Members of Prince Edward Temple #22 have carried out a busy schedule of activities. Temple funds were raised by quilting, Sobey's Tape Saver Program and sale tables. Donations were made to local charities, grand temple projects and two prizes awarded to Sussex regional high school graduates.





PDDGC Eileen Kennedy, MEC Alma Wilson, Connie Denesiuk.

### **\$5,000 DONATED FOR SCHOOL HEARING ENHANCEMENT EQUIPMENT**

British Columbia — On behalf of, Calanthe Temple #26, Penticton, Most Excellent Chief Alma Wilson, and Past District Deputy Grand Chief Eileen Kennedy accept a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Chairperson, Connie Denesiuk, of the Penticton District #67, School Board. A donation of \$5,000 was made to the Parent Association Council of District #67 Schools, which was used to install Hearing Enhancement equipment in several of the local schools in Penticton. During the recent visit of Grand Chief Louise Marshall, to Calanthe Temple #26, a donation of \$500 was made to the local Child Development Centre, by Grand Treasurer Darlene Greenwood and PGC Myrtle Pohlmann, during a visit to the Centre.

## **Pythian Sisters Endowment Fund Awards Scholarships**

The Endowment Board issued Three, Four-year Scholarships recently. While the Board is limited to funding that is realized from investment interest, low at present, it is also observed that membership support towards donations and Honor of or in Memory of a person contributions are not receiving financial support by the members.

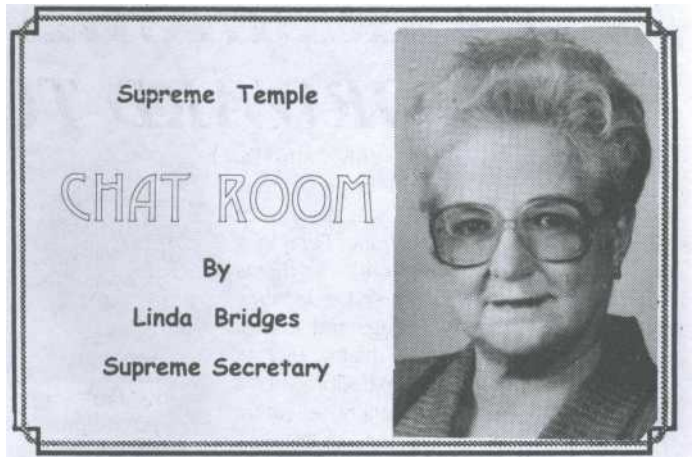
The Board is now paying for Seven, Four-Year Scholarships and one Masters program. Two scholarships will be paid up in 2005. A student receives \$250 for each Semester and they must keep their grades up.

There was three applications for Scholarships this past year and the committee was able to make awards to each student. Members are made aware that unless interest rates increase together with additional donor support, the number of scholarship awards will be limited.

Donations may be sent to Elnora Gorman, PSC, Treasurer, PO Box 262, King City, Missouri 64463. For application forms, write to Wenonah Jones, PSC, 1904 Tammany, Anaconda, Montana 59711 or e-mail at wjpsc@msn.com and she will send the application to the student applying. The Grand Secretaries do not have these applications as they are given out from the Endowment Board Chairman.

Sister Jones reports that generally, Grand Secretaries are not letting the Subordinate Secretaries know about the Scholarship Fund, urging that they make a point of passing on the information.

Deadline for the completed application for the four-year Scholarship and the two-year Trade School program is May 1st. Application for Masters program is after graduation from college or university.



Dear Sisters,

We have completed another successful session of Supreme Temple in Tucson. The By-Law revisions will be mailed out shortly to all of the Grand Secretaries and the secretaries to Temples under Supreme Jurisdiction. These changes are effective immediately after they are received by the Grand Secretaries. I will be contacting all of you for the number of revisions that you will need. The cost has not been determined at this time.

There seems to be some confusion about the attendance at Supreme Temple for the representatives. They are required to be present for the Joint Opening on Sunday and are required to stay until after installation on Thursday. The checks are not issued until after installation. Supreme Temple does not officially close until installation. I will be sending out letter to each Grand Temple regarding this matter.

I want to thank all of you who pre-registered for the convention. Our work was a lot easier because of it. One of the changes involved registration. The cost to everyone will be \$25.00 effective next convention.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the many gifts I received in Tucson. Time constraints do not allow me to thank everyone personally, but please know that I appreciate each and every one of you. I enjoyed meeting the Grand Secretaries from the different jurisdictions. It is good to be able to put a face with a name.

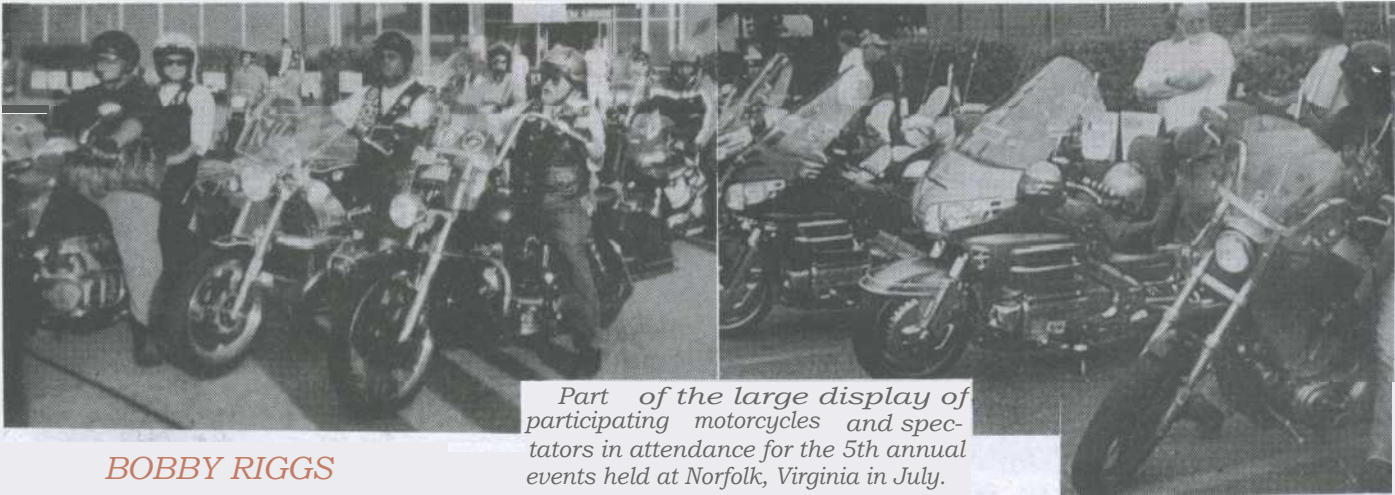
Our new Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy will be making her official visits, so I need the dates of your Grand Temple sessions in order for her to plan her itinerary. Several Grand Temples did not have firm dates for their sessions, and that information is needed. Be sure to send to the Supreme Chief and myself, your Officer List as soon as your Grand Temple Session is over.

I would like to thank Mary Wilson for taking over as Pythian International Editor during this interim period, and I look forward to working with him again. *All for now — Linda*

### **NE W JERSEY 9-1-1 CELL PHONE PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL**

New Jersey — The 9-1-1 Cell Phone Program has distributed nearly 4,000 cellular phones programmed to call 9-1-1 for emergency assistance. Following the winter presentation at the main post office, New York City and being featured on the monthly media video, a large number of the phones were given to the Essex County battered women's facility, The Safe House, for distribution.

Indicative of the program's success, phones have been collected as a Livingston student council initiative, as well as at the local post office and police department, in addition to increased public recognition of the Knights of Pythias in the area as well as the Domain.



*Part of the large display of participating motorcycles and spectators in attendance for the 5th annual events held at Norfolk, Virginia in July.*

**BOBBY RIGGS  
MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE  
EVENT RAISES  
\$27,000 FOR U.C.P.**

Virginia —The 5th Annual Bobby Riggs Motorcycle run held on July 11th at Beach Lodge #169 in Norfolk was a great success. Each year Bill DeVinney and his committee have raised their goals, attempting to attract more riders and sponsors, and to raise more money for United Cerebral Palsy and each year they have succeeded! Totals this past were: 80 sponsors, 353 riders, 265 cycles, and a total of \$27,000 raised for United Cerebral Palsy.

Months of planning were involved. Sponsors were solicited well ahead of time and their names printed on banners and t-shirts. Shortly before that event, flyers were widely distributed.

Finally the day arrived. Showers had been forecast, but the weather remained hot and muggy. Long before the first riders arrived at about 8 a.m., to register, buy shirts, consume coffee and donuts, the hall was full of Knight and Sister workers. Donated prizes to be raffled were displayed, and chances sold.

Once registered, the riders were sent out in waves. This was not a race. Each cyclist had to report at five checkpoints. At each of these points the rider drew a playing card. The run ended back at the lodge hall. The rider turning in the best poker hand was the winner of the \$100 prize. The winner on this occasion had a

*Hurry Up and Wait*

A customer sent an order to a distributor for a large amount of goods totaling a great deal of money. The distributor noticed that the previous bill hadn't been paid. The collections manager left a voice-mail for them saying, "We can't ship your new order until you pay for the last one."

The next day the collections manager received a collect phone call, "Please cancel the order. We can't wait that long."

hand of five queens.

Back at the lodge lunch was served, music provided, raffles drawn and awards presented. Riders ranged in age from six to 85 years. The oldest bike ridden was a 1956 model, while the newest was a 2005 model. One rider came from as far away as New York, while another lived only 1/10th of a mile from the lodge. Several motorcycle clubs were represented.

All the months of planning and hours of work paid off in making this ride a success. The participants all seemed to enjoy themselves and the fifty or more Knights, Sisters, and members of the Junior Order involved took pride in the satisfaction of raising \$27,000 for United Cerebral Palsy. Bill DeVinney is already looking for ways to make next year's event even bigger and better.

**GEORGIA B SENDS HER THANKS**

My dear Pythian Sisters and Brothers,

How does one begin to thank all those who contributed to making the 57th Session of, Supreme Temple one of beauty, happiness, and productivity for the good of our Order?

I named it the Session of Hope and Expectation and I can only hope that all those in attendance were not disappointed in their expectations,

To those who participated in the joint opening and memorial, thank you for giving it the reverence and beauty I had hoped for.

My congratulations to the Convention Committees, Knights and Sisters; and to Brother Don Appleton who created such an attractive souvenir book; to Juanita May, Grand Chief, and Felix Vasquez, Grand Chancellor, for their warm (very warm), welcome to Arizona; to the music makers — Phyllis Davis and Toby Skier; to my Michigan Sisters who made my breakfast so much fun; and to my officers who performed their duties SUPREMEPLY!

Whether you served as a chairman; committee member; a member of the staff; whatever your task; your participation was deeply appreciated.

Please do not forget the positives of 'our' 57th Supreme Temple. Hopefully, we have begun to realize that community recognition for the altruistic work we do is what will rejuvenate the name and strength of our Order of Pythian Sisters.

In the past two years, total participation

by every temple was achieved by the jurisdictions of both New Hampshire and Maryland. Awards were also given to the Grand Temples of West Virginia and British Columbia for outstanding publicity; and to Bridgeport Temple #14, West Virginia and Union Temple #12, B.C, on the subordinate level. (Thank you. Mary Ann Belkwell, Canadian Altruistic Chairman, 2002-2004.)

Membership increase is an ongoing battle, but, three Grand Temples posted an increase, even after suspensions or deaths: Missouri, Virginia, and, New York. (My hat is off to Anne Gropper and her SALE-ABRATION.)

I am so excited about the future! We will soon have our own website, a project which sister Roxanne Beatty, S.R. from Maryland, has been creating for two years.

And, a committee of five Texas Pythian Sisters will explore the possibility of a Pythian Sister museum, located in available space at the Texas Children's Home in Weatherford, Texas,

We have a vibrant and energetic new leader, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy. Let us all join with her to work for a growth in membership and recognition.

For your gifts to me; for the flowers; for Muriel and Leora; for the hugs; for the caring; for the LOVE; my everlasting thanks. I cannot imagine my life without my Pythian Sisters and Brothers.

In Hope and Expectation.  
GEORGIA JEAN BYRD,  
*Sitting Past Supreme Chief*



Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family Friends:

It is with humility and pride that I assume the role of your Supreme Chief for the next 2 years. I realize that I follow in the footsteps of many women leaders who have traveled this path before me. My hope is to serve you as well as they have — with kindness, harmony and working together as primary goals.

First, I want to congratulate *SPSC Georgia Jean Byrd* on her excellent Supreme sessions in Tucson, Arizona. In addition to running good meetings, *Georgia* enriched the sessions with music and songs which added a great deal of pleasure for those in attendance. The next congratulations go to our newest *Past Supreme Chief Dorothy "Dot" Hughes* who just completed over 5 terms of service as our Supreme Treasurer — well done, *Dot!* Congratulations also go to the Arizona Supreme Convention Committee, especially to our *Sisters Muriel Lightfoot and Leora Grisgby* for a job well done.

Those of us who traveled to Arizona for our Supreme Convention had a great time there. I also extend my thanks to my *Oregon and Pacific Northwest Sisters and Brothers* as well as to my family for the beautiful installation of officers ceremony and banquet — they were terrific finales for a great week together!

Next I would like to welcome two new officers to the Supreme Temple Officer Family:

*Margaret Grochocki*, from Utah, is our new Supreme Treasurer, and *Sandra "Sandy" Symons*, from Ontario, is our new Supreme Guard.

These talented ladies join a great group of Supreme Temple Officers — all of whom are very interested in putting their knowledge and energy to work for you by serving in Supreme Temple.

Getting on to our Programs —

- First on the agenda is our Altruistic Work in conjunction with Public Relations and Publicity. Rather than selecting one single Altruistic Cause at the Supreme level, I would like our Pythian Sisters to continue with the program started by *Georgia Jean Byrd* two years ago. That is: community service projects in your own locale which you've identified as a particular interest for your group and for which you can gain some positive public relations in your community. By taking an active role in helping our communities we improve the image of the Pythian Order with the public — thereby increasing our potential for gaining new members. Please develop relationships with local newspaper editors

and community leaders, as well as radio or television contacts so that when you have activities worthwhile of publicity, they will be more receptive to publishing reports of your Pythian community service activity.

If you need assistance with your altruistic projects, please contact our new Supreme Temple Altruistic Chairmen:

U.S.: *Christine Bickley* (Phone: 803-897-2807)

Canada — *Avril Howald* (Phone: 807-625-9772)

If you need assistance with publicity, please contact our new *Supreme Temple Pythian International Chairman US — Marilyn Rogow* (Phone: 954-726-9662)

Canada — *Joan Way, SR* (Phone: 780-447-5066)

- Next is membership growth. As *Supreme Temple Membership Chairman Alma Wilson* (phone #250-492-6520) says: "*Behold the Turtle, she only makes progress when she sticks her neck out.*" We need to be proud of being a Pythian and "step up" rather than "stepping back" when it comes to asking our friends, co-workers and associates to join us — first in our community service activities so they

#### WORDS OF THE WISE...

Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits. (Thomas A. Edison).

## PYTHIAN SISTERS MUSEUM PLANNED

During the recent sessions of the Supreme Temple sessions in Tucson, Arizona, Supreme Chief *Georgia Byrd* appointed a committee to look into the possibility of setting up a Pythian Sisters Museum. Her first choice is the Children's Home in Weatherford, Texas. Construction of the building, representing a Castle, and known around Texas as "The Castle on the Hill", was started in 1907. In March, 1909, the Home was open to widows and orphans. The Home no longer takes widows since there is a Pythian Home for seniors in Greenville, Texas, but continues to take children from three years to age 14. They may stay there until finishing their education.

Weatherford is centrally located in Texas and the Castle on the Hill can be seen from any road in all directions. The committee will work with the Home and Board of Directors to find the best possible area for a Pythian Sisters Museum.



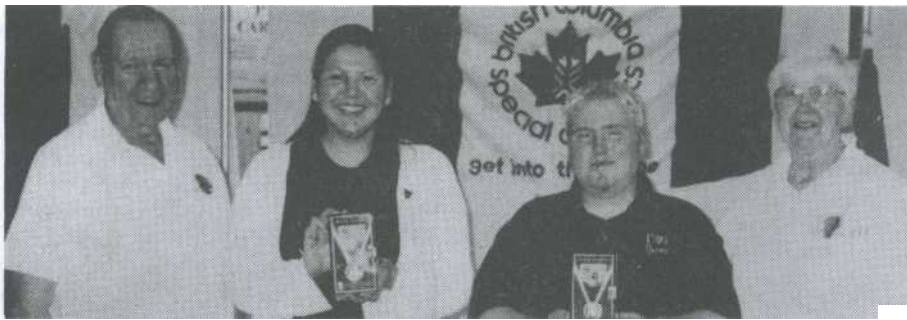
KATHLENE LACY  
Supreme Chief

can get to know us, then later on, asking them to join us in the Pythian Order. If we care about the survival of the Order, let's "stick our necks out" and ask others to join.

- Finally, we need to protect our survival by ensuring a new "crop" of Pythian Sisters in future years. One way to do this is to support the Pythian Sunshine Girls. I commend *Sitting Past Supreme Chief Georgia Jean Byrd, Supreme Junior Sheila Boren* and the other Pythian Sisters who have been instrumental in establishing two additional Sunshine Girl Councils over the past year. I understand that there is another new Council in the works. I encourage any Pythian Sisters who have an interest, to please rejuvenate your efforts to start or support the Sunshine Girls. It will help the girls learn to become young ladies as well as put you in touch with their mothers who may wish to become Pythian Sisters too.

Let us work together in a spirit of harmony and kindness. Let us enjoy each other's company in Pythian fellowship. As we work together let's apply our knowledge, experience and talents to bring positive solutions to any problems which we identify. Let's partner with others to make our projects more successful.

*"Attitude is everything — let's make ours worth catching."*



**SPECIAL OLYMPIC ATHLETES** were presented with Eunice Shriver special Olympic medals during a volunteer appreciation dinner and athlete awards ceremonies at Penticton, British Columbia. Knights of Pythias representatives, Mary Wilson, left and Alma Wilson, right, made presentations to Angela Kline and Jason Smith who had been named male and female athletes of the year, selected for their sportsmanship, length of involvement, attitude, achievement and personal growth.

## PYTHIANS ASSIST SPECIAL OLYMPICS AT PALM BEACH

Florida — The 2004 Special Olympics Palm Beach County Summer Games took place at the Santaluces High School in Lantana, with participants of Special Olympians, coaches, staff, friends, relatives, dignitaries and corporate supporters in attendance. Included in the V.I.P. recognition was the Knights of Pythias, represented by GVC Irving Margulies.

Special needs children and young adults from various elementary, junior and high schools were present and marched around the field with their banners high in the parade of Athletes.

A very emotional presentation of colors were performed by the "Young Marines of the Palm Beach Beaches" followed by P.B.C. Sheriffs vehicles and the Torch Bearer and Runners from Law Enforcement. Jennifer Ross of Radio WRMF 97.9, master of ceremonies, announced the opening ceremonies in detail and with love, as she has done for the past number of years.

The Knights of Pythias scheduled a Special Olympics Award Event at Temple Torah in Boynton Beach as they presented 25 Special Olympic winners with the Eunice Shriver Special Olympics Medal. Various dignitaries and professional athletes were in attendance.

## Thanks To Kathy Mejasich For Her Help, Direction

PSC Steven Vickness reports on receiving a communication from Kathy Mejasich, who was serving as Senior Manager, Corporate Accounts, Special Olympics North America.

Kathy, advising that she was leaving from her position with Special Olympics to accept a growth position with another organization in the area.

PSC Steven Vickness sent a personal wish to Kathy: "I would like to state that the past years of support with/from Special Olympics, Inc., was such a success because of her devotion to work with Supreme Treasurer Donald Grant and myself: to make it happen. THANK YOU Kathy and may you have continued success in all that you do."

Kathy advised that all Honor An Athlete coins orders should be sent to : Mr. Erik Belfiore, Special Olympics, Inc., 1325 G. Street NW, Suite 500, Washington, D.C. 20005, e-mail: ebelfiore@specialolympics.org Phone 202-824-0247. (Erik has been alerted).

## MONEY MISSING

Arizona — Brother Don Appleton and friend, Ann, pass along a rather disturbing message:

"We had always thought and believed that ALL Pythians were honest, and honorable, but apparently we were wrong. The reason being that in the Arizona Hospitality room,, there was a large jar by the front door that said donations to the Special Olympics.

Well, on Tuesday the money was counted, and there was \$103 and when we counted the money at the convention close, there was only \$63. It is a sad shame that someone had to see fit to steal the money that was being collected for our national charity.



From left, front, Tammy Jacobson, program director; Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies; Ann Levene, director of special needs. Back row, from left, CDGC Sir Philip Newman, PDSC; PDGC Lenny Lipofsky and PGC Murray Stone.

## Florida Pythian Youth Foundation, Knights Of Pythias Presents Check To Assist Special Needs Children

Florida — The Pythian Youth Foundation, Inc., a organization and its affiliate, the Knights of Pythias, proudly presented \$3,000 to the Jewish Community Center of West Palm Beach on July 8th. Mrs. Tammy Jacobson, program director and Mrs. Ann Levene, director of special needs, most appreciably accepted the contribution, which will be used for Special Needs Children at Camp Tikvah.

The check presenters of Past President of the PYF and now Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies, PDSC Sir Philip Newman, PGC Murray Stone and PDGC Lenny Lipofsky, represent three Pythian Lodges in the area of Palm Beach Rainbow #206, Palms West #203 and Lake Worth #211, that participated in various fund raising activities to make the presentation a reality.

The Pythian Youth Foundation has allocated \$40,000 to various Special Needs Camps throughout Florida, so that mentally and physically challenged children and young adults may attend a camp free of charge.

Grand Chancellor Margulies observed, "That is what Pythianism is all about, practicing Friendship, Charity and Benevolence to your community and government; Helping those in need."



Special needs children at Camp Tikvah, where they enjoy working in leisure with Arts and Crafts .



# Pythians Visit Camp Thunderbird, Donate \$20,000 To Assist Funding

Florida — Camp Thunderbird, near Altamonte Springs, provides positive camping experiences during each summer for about 350 developmentally challenged campers from age 8 to 80.

A delegation of members of Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters visited the camp to share some of the camp activities and to present donations of more than \$20,000 from the Pythian Youth Foundation. The donations will help fund the operations of the camp and financial assistance to campers with a documented need.

Among the Pythians present were GVC Norman Bergstein and his wife, Susan; Grand Chief Myrna Goldenstein; Pythian Youth Foundation Vice President Martin Deringer and his wife, Harriet; J. Wain Cummings, chancellor commander of Myrtle Lodge #21 in Sanford.

Commenting on the day, Bergstein said, "This work to help others is what we Pythians are about. Without helping others

we would be just another club."

Camp Director, Dr. Shirley O'Brien, received the donations on behalf of Quest, Inc., of Apopka which operates the camp. Quest has the mission to empower people with disabilities by offering choices and opportunities so that they may imagine and achieve their full capabilities.

Campers of all faiths, and from all across Florida, come for six-and twelve-day sessions of activities designed for both their relaxation and mental stimulation. The staff members come from all around the U.S., and other nations around the world. They bring good character, a commitment to working with people with disabilities, sound educational backgrounds and camp related skills.

Camp Thunderbird, located on 19 acres in Wekiwa Springs State Park, was founded in 1969. It is one of several camps for special needs children that the Knights of Pythias, Pythian Youth Foundation support.



*Grand Chancellor Henry Kazin, left, presenting plaque to Chancellor Commander Sy Sklovsky.*

## SANFORD M. SCHOR LODGE RELOCATES TO SENIOR CENTER

New Jersey — Sanford M. Schor Lodge #22/158 has moved to a new Castle Hall at the Livingston Community Senior Center. The grand opening for the lodge included an impressive dedication ceremony for the first meeting at the new location with Grand Chancellor Henry B. Kazin, other Grand Lodge officers and dignitaries, along with town officials among the people attending.

The Mayor, Dr. Gary Schneiderman, presented a plaque to the lodge. He subsequently joined the lodge. Kazin presented the Traveling Gavel to the lodge as an inspirational symbol of travel and friendship, as well as honoring PC's Dave Benjamin, Marty Vogel, George Chait and PDGC Max Berlin for their service and dedications.

GVC Murry Greene was recognized for his stellar efforts in the relocation as well as DGC Mel Sher. This was a notable event for a lodge that has a proud history since being chartered in 1941.



*GVC Murry Greene, left, presenting plaque to Bro. Dr. Gary Schneiderman, Mayor of Livingston.*



## CIVIC AWARD

Michigan — Dorothy Denbrock has faithfully served the Litchfield community for 57 years, and was awarded the Litchfield Civic Award at the 37th Annual Civic Dinner and Mayor Exchange Banquet.

In her presentation speech, Chamber of Commerce President Marge Delaney told of Dorothy's involvement in the community since 1947, and her membership with Friendship Temple #61, Pythian Sisters in Allen.

Sister Denbrock has worked actively in the Litchfield Senior Center for 18 years.

She makes sure that the birthdays of Litchfield's seniors are observed, and she started the plaques for deceased friends at the Friendship Village. She also has worked at the Hillsdale Senior Center for nine years.

Sister Denbrock has been very active in Litchfield Rebekah Lodge for four-years; she has been a Girl Scout and Brownie Leader, room mother for school and a member of the band boosters.

*At left, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Len Rankin and PGC Lloyd Merson; at right, PACDGC Michael Sukenick holding the Pythian banner.*

## PYTHIAN CAMP PROGRAMS HELD IN NE W YORK

New York — For over 55 years, the Domain of New York maintained a 350 acre camp in Glen Spey. Each year over 1,000 future citizens — boys eight to twelve years, received a three week vacation, without cost. These boys from low income families would spend time away from the city sidewalks in a joyful summer experience.

After the property was sold, the Pythian Camp Program still sent less privileged boys and now also girls to sleep away camps. The photo shows 22 children before their trip to Pythian affiliated camps. These campers were sponsored by the 72<sup>nd</sup> Pythian District. Many scenes like this take place throughout New York State every summer.

## Supreme Temple Fund Raising



Attractive four-color Pansy Pins, with raised gold plating, are being sold for Supreme Temple Way's and Means and sell for \$5.00 each. The pansy is Supreme Chief Kathlene's flower and this pin would make a nice gift for a special Pythian Sister, friend or relative.

Please contact Sheila A. Boren-Stooksberry, supreme junior, to place an order. To help with postage costs, please send orders for five or more. Contact Sheila at e-mail: sheila315@aol.com or 315 Third St., Findlay, Ohio 45840- 5065.

Along with the sale of pins, any Grand Temple wanting to have a money-making project for Supreme Temple, such as a 50/25/25 drawing, would be appreciated. For example, you could give 1/2 to the winner, 1/4 to Grand Temple and 1/4 to Supreme Temple.

At Supreme Temple sessions in 2006, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, we will be having a bazaar, so start making those crafty items.

### A Visit To Deming Temple

New Mexico — Members of Sunshine Temple #12, welcomed Grand Chief Ruth Auge with a lunch prior to the meeting. Business included discussions and plans for attendance at the Supreme Sessions, the Sept. Grand Sessions and the Draping of Charter in memory of PSC Alice Jorgensen. A social followed with cake decorated as a flag and ice cream were served.

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membership. I for one, want to leave Our Order a better place as a result of my being a member and hope that my brothers will feel the same way. So, let's all take one step forward toward rebuilding Our Order allowing our thoughts and actions to be true, cautious, charitable, benevolent and brave, in all that tends to make for good, in a world filled with golden opportunities to plant a flower, and uproot a thorn along the path of life.

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media spotlight. The topic for the contest is, "DEFENSIVE DRIVING — AVOID ROAD RAGE". Contact the Supreme Secretary Office for details.

### PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL

Here, teamwork should really work. The Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Chief, DOKK Imperial Prince, Nomads Maharani, and other auxiliaries will have opportunity to communicate to every Pythian via this publication. This is a source of information of our successes, membership, and our charity. This is our major source of communication and I encourage everyone having news about our Order to please submit it to the editor.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Lack of communications between Grand Lodges and Subordinate Lodges keeps members in the dark. This leads to lost interest and then to lost members. A decision should be made to use the postal service, e-mail, telephone and newsletters, selecting the best avenue for your domain. Communications will help with the RETENTION of members. The better our members are informed the more active they will be. Please use every means available to inform your members of activities taking place in your domain.

### PUBLIC RELATIONS

Our public image is most important. How the public views us as an Order will help or hinder our MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. Having our own CHARITY should provide a positive access to media which we have not had in the past. Once the public understands our humanitarian efforts, our public image should improve.

### RATHBONE HERITAGE SOCIETY

This Shrine for our FOUNDER is in Utica. New York. Paver blocks are available to honor remarkable Pythians, your lodges and your temples at various cost. Your purchase will allow you to honor a dedicated Pythian, or to have your lodge or temple recognized. Today is the time to honor those you love and have loved.

### DEPUTY SUPREME CHANCELLORS

A Chief Deputy Supreme Chancellor will request and receive written reports from each domain. This report will be furnished by the deputy supreme chancellor of that domain. This report will provide the current news and events of the domain and how each domain is utilizing the program of the Supreme Chancellor.

### JUNIOR ORDER

I would like to see the Junior Order work with the Boy Scouts and perhaps they can be both at the same time which would increase activities, both with the Scouts and Junior Order.

### MEDALLION PROGRAM

We will continue with the Medallion Program which had been introduced by Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit, as an opportunity to honor Pythians and non-Pythians who have worked to make your community a better place. Orders are to be placed through your grand secretary.

### PYTHIAN CARE PROGRAM

As of Dec. 31, 2003, there were 505 subordinate lodges. At the year end, Dec. 31, 2004, with new lodges being formed, it is my hope that we will have at least 500 subordinate lodges.

While all subordinate lodges will probably not participate in the new charity, "PYTHIAN CARE"; however, I hope that at least 60% will. If 60% participates that will be 300 lodges having fund raising projects for our charity.

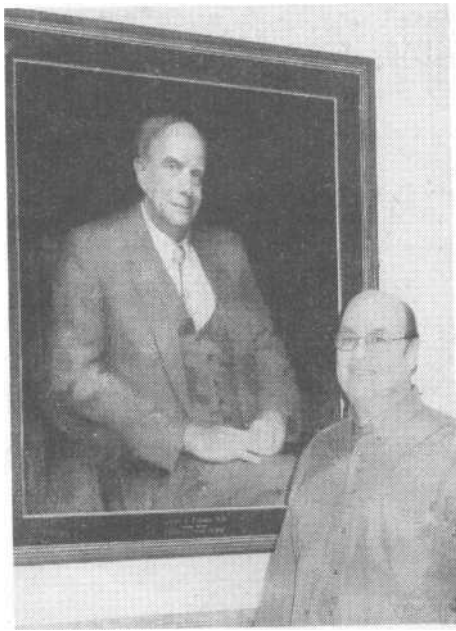
It is my opinion that 50% of the monies raised should stay with the subordinate lodge that raised the monies to use with a hospital of their choice, or to use to help any child in any hospital. The other 50% would be divided between the Grand Lodge of 25% and the Supreme Lodge of 25%, Grand Lodges having fund raising projects should keep 75% of the monies raised and give 25% to the Supreme Lodge.

I can only make a prediction of the monies that will be raised. I predict the Subordinate Lodges will average \$1,000 with their fund raisers. This would mean there would be \$150,000 given by Subordinate Lodges; \$75,000 given by Grand Lodges; and \$75,000 given by the Supreme Lodge to a new charity, "PYTHIAN CARE."

If we as an Order are able to start a new charity, "PYTHIAN CARE", and have this type of success. I know we would gain new members, obtain name recognition, and community awareness because the monies will be given on all levels of our Order, international, state or province, and local communities.

Am I being optimistic, I don't think so? I think I am being realistic! We as an Order have within our own hands and minds the tools that will rebuild our Order. The only question is if we are willing to use the tools when supplied to us? I ask for everyone's help and assure you that I will work for the betterment of The Order Knights of Pythias.





Bob Herman, a member of Tucson Lodge #9, stands beside a donor plaque, overshadowed by a picture of Dr. Sydney E. Salmon, M.D.

### ARIZONA DONATES FUNDS TO AID CANCER RESEARCH

Arizona—The Arizona Cancer Center thanks the Fraternal Order of the Knights of Pythias for its continuous support.

In keeping with its commitment to charity, the Arizona Grand Lodge makes an annual donation to the Center, as well as to other charitable and research organizations.

Over the past five years, the group had donated \$9,500 with \$2,000 to the Sydney E. Salmon Fellowship Endowment and \$7,500 to research and development at the Center.

The chairman of local group's Cancer Research Committee is Bob Herman, a member of the Supreme Tribune, who is also a Facilities Management employee at the University of Arizona. Brother Herman recalls his conversations with Founding Director Sydney E. Salmon, M.D., regarding Dr. Salmon's early experience with the Knights of Pythias. While Dr. Salmon was a student, he received a study grant from the organization. "I hope to continue our support of cancer research," says Bob. "It gives me a great deal of pleasure to provide funds for such a vital program".

### Fish Fry Instead Of Crab Feast

Oregon—With having difficulty to get good quality crab for the annual Crab Feed, it was decided to have Red Snapper fillets and call it a Fish Fry. About 40 people attended a good tasting fish fry, served up by stupendous chef, PSR Duane Johnson.

## RON DICKINSON SERVED THE PYTHIAN ORDERS WITH DISTINCTION

It is with great sadness to report the passing of Supreme Vice Chancellor Ron Dickinson, KGS, of New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, June 21, 2004, at the age of 77 years.

*PDSC Bill Field of Fredericksburg, New Brunswick, a long time acquaintance of Brother Dickinson, gave the following Eulogy during the Memorial Service which took place at Tucson, Arizona, August 8th.*

"First of all to the Officers and Members of Supreme Lodge, I am sure you were looking forward to serving with Brother Ron as our Supreme Chancellor as much as the members of the Knights of Pythias of the Maritime Provinces were.

The Knights of Pythias was Ron's life for the past 50 years, but especially since he became an Officer of Supreme Lodge. His greatest wish was to become a Past Supreme Chancellor with all the honor and glory that goes with the Rank.

I am sure that Saint Peter has heard a lot more about the Knights of Pythias since he met Ron, than he had over the time since Justus Rathbone arrived at the Pearly Gates.

Ron lived Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in his daily life as well as in his Lodge life.

I had occasion to visit him shortly before God called him home and he told me he has had a great life. He said he has never left any place that he was not asked to come back to. That is friendship as it was meant to be.

Ron was very dedicated to Charity. It was he who proposed our 250 Pythian Charity Draw in the Maritime Provinces

### In Memoriam.

- May They Rest in Eternal Peace
- New York — David Appelbaum, PDSC.
- Arizona — Sarge McCleary, PGC.
- New York—Arthur A. Ralph, PIP, DOKK
- British Columbia — Roxie Reeder, PSR.
- Indiana — Sue (Susie) Unger, PSR
- New Jersey — Dan Feigan, PDSC



RON DICKINSON

### HONORARY PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR RESOLUTION

The following Resolution was regularly endorsed by the Supreme Lodge Convention:

*WHEREAS: Brother Dickinson had been compelled to resign his position of Supreme Vice Chancellor, due to failing health; Now, therefore be it Resolved by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, assembled at its biennial Convention in Tucson, Arizona, that the title of Honorary Past Supreme Chancellor shall be bestowed on Brother Dickinson, Posthumous.*

*Be it further resolved that his name be henceforth properly inscribed in the Official Journal of Proceedings.*

which has brought in \$4,000 per year over the past 25 years.

In Benevolence, Ron was active in the Royal Canadian Legion, the Hawker Siddeley Supervisors Club, the Westville Curling Club, the Pictou County Heart Pacers and past president of the Community Club as well as his varied activities in the Knights of Pythias.

Brother Ron was very weak during his last days as the morphine slowed his talking quite considerable. Had we known morphine would do this to his talking, we might have given him a dose of it now and then.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to make these remarks on the life of Ronald Dickinson. We all loved him very much. He will be sorely missed especially by his Widow, Lena, and daughter Diane, her husband Morris, his grand and great grandchildren along with Liberty Lodge #22 in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. As well as El Shebab Santha, Nomads and Tidabora Temple, DOKK. One of his final requests to the Brothers was "never to let the lodge close down".



# RATHBONE MEMORIAL & SHRINE

## COMMEMORATIVE AND MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Rathbone Heritage Society gives opportunities for Knights, Sisters, their relatives, Lodges and Temples to be able to have their names placed on one of the designated gift areas and be enrolled in the Society as a member and be recognized in perpetuity .

The monument, a shrine memorializing founder of the Order, Justus Henry Rathbone, stands 40 feet tall within a 100-foot diameter plot overlooking the beautiful Mohawk Valley of New Forest Cemetery at Utica, in upstate New York. The monument contains the graves of Justus H. Rathbone and his wife, Emma.

Please call the Supreme Lodge Office for further information and special payment arrangements.

**TWO CHRISTMAS GIVING GIFTS** of a subscription to the Pythian International Magazine and/or a subscription to a "Walk of Honor" Paver Block would be gestures of appreciation.



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