



FRATERNAL ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Maryland Project Raises \$30,169



Through the tremendous efforts of the Lodges and Temples of Maryland, the Research Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore will benefit from the joint project to raise funds for research of drugs in the treatment of Lupus/Fibromyalgia. The charity was selected by Grand Chancellor Lance Revenaugh and Grand Chief Rosemary Northcraft.

Pictured during the presentation, from left, PGC Carroll Lawson; Lance Revenaugh, presiding Grand

Chancellor; Dr. Michelle Petrie, Professor of Medicine and Director of the Johns Hopkins Lupus Center; Rosemary Northcraft, presiding Grand Chief; PSR Hilda May Resh and PGC Joyce Dilts. Lawson, Resh and Dilts served as joint chairmen.

Presentation was made during the Grand Lodge/Grand Temple sessions held in Wisp Resort in McHenry, Maryland which saw Arthur Bonnet installed as Grand Chancellor and Frances Williams as Grand Chief.

New Jersey Presents \$15,000



The Domain of New Jersey, Knights of Pythias presented Deborah Hospital Foundation, Brown Mills, \$15,000 at the annual fall luncheon and reception. Pictured, from left, Domenick Pugliese, National Board of Directors; Grand Chancellor Henry Kazin; Ellen Krivchenia, Regional Director; Grand Master at Arms Joseph Spindel; Robert Birnbaum, National Board of Directors. Krivchenia spoke touchingly about the "Children of the World" program and efforts with an infant from Kosivo from a

sad story of war, his trip to Deborah, surgery, care and follow-up surgery. An inscription was dedicated to late PDSC Dan Feigan on the "Windows of Life" commemorative wall, for his years with Deborah and dedicated fundraising. Deborah is a regional heart and lung center of world renown that does not charge above insurance, treating patients as family with great dedication, care, and compassion, following the philosophy of founder, Dora Moness Shapiro, "There should be no price on life".

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HELP TO SPREAD THE PYTHIAN WORD

While members receive Lodge and Temple News Letters, Pythian Bulletins, Pythian International Magazines, let us make a determined effort to put them to good use by doing the following:

- As you read the publications, observe all of the activities that Pythians are involved with towards support of charities and community good-will.
- Read them with PRIDE knowing that you belong to this great Humanitarian Order, which has done so much toward bringing together so much in the communities.
- Drop-off these publications to offices and facilities of doctors, dentists, hair salons, optometrists and other offices of the professions. Place on the table along with other magazines. Do the same each month and watch for the mindful inquiries that follow.
- Simply fill in the form printed at the bottom of this message, inserting your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Cut this out, make copies and insert into the inside front page of the Pythian publication.

Please feel free to contact:

Name:

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For further information regarding the Knights of Pythias / Pythian Sisters, in your area, and become apart of this wonderful and exciting organization which does such commendable humanitarian work "BECOME A PYTHIAN".

Let each of you continue with PRIDE to "SPREAD THE WORD".

This message / idea has been supplied by Hon. Sir William D. Rubin, DSC of New York, who has found that a lodge which embraced the idea, received a few inquiries and welcomed three new members.

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HOLIDAY CHEER FOR THE NEEDY

Ohio — Bethel Lodge #371 purchased a gift certificate from the local Jubilee store to spread Christmas cheer for a needy family in the Bethel area. Making the purchase, from left, Jim Brown, treasurer; Rosalee, store manager and Jim Johnston, secretary.

Junior Order Knights of Pythias

NEW SUPPLIES OF OFFICERS JEWELS, AND OFFICE NEEDS ON HAND

We are pleased to announce that a supply of new Junior Order Knights of Pythias Officers Jewels have been purchased and now in stock with the office of Supreme Secretary. These Jewels have been supplied to each Junior Order Chapter. As new Chapters are chartered, they will be provided a free set of these very attractive Officer Jewels.

Additionally, the Junior Order Knights of Pythias Handbook as well as the Ritual and Constitution has been updated, are now in stock and may be ordered from the Supreme Secretary office.

Past Supreme Chancellor Bobby G. Crowe, Chairman of the Board of Governor's of the Junior Order Knights of Pythias, reports this is a fraternal organization for Youth, ages 10 thru 17 years, and it only requires nine young men to start a new Junior Order Chapter. He reports that much interest has been generated about the Junior Order and urges lodges to consider the sponsorship of Junior Order Chapters.

Brother Crowe reports that a sponsorship is easy to do; it requires three things:

- 1) A lodge to sponsor a Chapter; 2) An adult advisor;
- 3) a minimum of 9 boys.

The membership program is "ASK" a young man to join and bring his "BUDDY" along. By using the ASK and the BUDDY system it is easy to obtain the necessary boys to form a chapter.

Promotional materials and information is available from the Supreme Lodge Office and all are encouraged to support the Junior Order.

The Junior Order Knights of Pythias is a recognized auxiliary of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias.

FAVORITE ANDY ROONEY QUOTES

I've learned . . . That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned . . . That the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?

I've learned . . . That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned . . . That being kind is more important than being right.

Supreme Lodge

NOTE BOOK

By

Alfred A. Saltzman, K&S

Supreme Secretary



LET'S TALK ABOUT ANNUAL REPORTS

ATTENTION SUBORDINATE LODGE SECRETARIES:

A complete roster of your members must accompany the annual report that you submit to your Grand Secretary. If this is not done, the Grand Secretary may impose a fine of \$1.00 per day until he receives the roster.

If your lodge is 100% subscribed to the **PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL**, your check and roster **MUST** be submitted to the Grand Secretary with your report. We will not renew lodge subscriptions until we receive the current roster and a check for the subscription.

A REMINDER TO GRAND SECRETARIES: . . . the 2004 Annual Report forms were 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. In accordance with Supreme Statutes we will assess a fine of \$1.00 per day for all incomplete Annual Reports.

Also to Grand Secretaries: Now is the time to order your Past Grand Chancellor lapel pins, other pieces of jewelry that you intend to give to the outgoing officers. Don't wait for the last minute!!

Some Grand Secretaries are still very lax about sending in the necessary forms after their Grand Lodge Conventions. We must have the roster of newly elected officers, the PGC certificates and the new Supreme Representative certificates immediately after the Convention. The Supreme Statutes also allow for a fine of \$1.00 per day until these are submitted.

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.

We have always tried to keep this column and our Supreme Lodge office duties impartial and impersonal, but we must say "TSK, TSK" to those brothers who wagered against the Boston Red Sox and the New England Patriots. Now someone else will have to say "Wait 'til next year".

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU

Whenever the question is asked: "What does the Knights of Pythias have to offer?" my first answer is always "Fraternalism and Friendship."

What better example can I give than the outpouring of condolence messages, gifts and donations that I received recently upon the death of my wife, Ruth. My family and I want to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy that we received from so many of our beloved Pythian family. We will always cherish the kind words of admiration and we will forever be grateful for the spontaneous response to our tragic loss.

Simple words don't seem worthy enough for the occasion but for the moment, please accept our sincerest thanks.

Fraternally, Alfred A. Saltzman, Supreme Secretary

VIRGINIA CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS, LARGE DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

Virginia — The 136th sessions of the Grand Lodge, together with the 94th sessions of the Grand Temple convened at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, Oct. 3-6. The convention was honored with the presence of Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin and Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, visiting officially.

Welcome was also extended to Past Supreme Chiefs Dorothy Hughes, Joyce Wright; Supreme Manager Addie Sadberry; Supreme Vice Chancellor David Mead, Supreme Inner Guard Edwin Wright. Both Grand Chief Beth Key and Grand Chancellor A. Bob Beitz did an excellent job of officiating at the business sessions.

Many Virginia Pythians arrived a day prior to the start of the convention for a Saturday night dance and added opportunities to socialize. A highlight was the Grand Banquet which had a nautical theme since the hotel was located directly on the beach and offered a splendid view of the entrance to Chesapeake Bay.

Following the banquet, donations were presented to representatives of various charities totaling over \$92,000 for the Knights of Pythias and \$5800 for the Pythian Sisters. A Golden Spur Degree was conferred upon PGC Huffly Gallahan and Virginia Pythian Sister of the Year to PSR Helen Grathwohl. PSC Hughes was recognized for having attained Rank of Past Supreme Chief, for long term service as Supreme Treasurer.

Members of the Junior Order and both Councils of the Sunshine Girls also participated in the convention. The boys presented the flags and the girls, clad in lovely gowns, took part in the installation ceremonies for Grand Chief Judy Bergin.

ANNIVERSARY DINNER FOR JUNEAU LODGE

Wisconsin — Juneau Lodge #21, Milwaukee, marked their 129th anniversary with a dinner and program enjoying the attendance of 40 members and guests. The occasion, on Nov. 10th, had good weather, which is always a concern. Master of Ceremonies Chuck Ramus carried out introductions of past and present subordinate and grand officers, including Grand Chancellor Walter Lohman, along with Grand Chief Betty Jane Puffer.

Special thanks were extended to PC Robert Uchner in making the dinner a success. Chuck Ramus was presented with a trophy as the Golf Outing Winner. Chancellor Commander Gerald Eide was presented with a plaque for his dedicated service to the lodge and Pythian order.

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PGC N. "Huffly" Gallahan, left, on receiving the high honors of Degree of the Golden Spur, received congratulations from Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin. A Past Grand Chancellor, at age 81, Brother Callaghan remains active with Fredericksburg Lodge #22 and the Grand Lodge, has memorized most of the ritualistic work; is a Past President of Kiwanis Club, a member of American Legion Post, a Past Exalted Ruler of the Elks Lodge, active in his church and has involved himself extensively in community youth activities.

Quebec Members Take Active Part With Support to Jewish Community

by JOHN DERRICK
Grand Secretary

Quebec — My late father, PSR Sir Saul Derrick, would often tell me that the letter "C" in our motto could and should stand for "Community" as our Pythian Order has such great ties to our Community.

In the Domain of Quebec, our Community that we so love, is the community of the City of Montreal, and in particular our Jewish Community of Montreal.

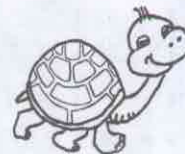
With the arrival of the summer weather, the Jewish Community in Montreal holds their annual March to Jerusalem Festival, a major fund raising project to raise money for the Jewish Educational Service of Quebec.

Jerusalem, the holy and national capital of the State of Israel is the geographical and spiritual epicenter for the Jewish people, has the power to unite all Jews, wherever they may live.

The March to Jerusalem, which draws an inspiring cross section of Marchers of all ages — is a moving demonstration of the devotion and solidarity of the Montreal Jewish Community with the State of Israel. The last bond is celebrated and reinforced by our wonderful initiative.

The Route of the March spanned over 20 kilometers of the City of Montreal. Along the way, there were ten checkpoints or

HUNTING FOR NEW MEMBERS



*Behold The Turtle
She Only Makes
Progress When
She Sticks Her
Neck Out*

Communication with the Grand Jurisdiction Membership Chairman has been very slow . . . Already one quarter of Kathlene Lacy's term as Supreme Chief is over . . . and I have only heard from six Jurisdictions.

Do you have a long term Plan? Is membership number one priority in your grand jurisdiction? Come on Sisters we can do better than this . . . Let's not hide our Pythian Order in a shell but Stick Our Necks Out and let everyone know in your community that you are a Pythian and Proud of it; Brag a lot; If all it takes is a Red Hat to attract women to get together in Friendship surely we can come up with a gimmick just as exciting.

Let me hear from you . . .

Alma Wilson, PSR

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stations that the Marchers visited. Here they were greeted by volunteers of many Community Service Clubs, got their passports stamped, received some water or other necessary nutrients, received any needed first aid care, and were encouraged to continue having fun. Then they were sent to the next station.

Station Number Seven is called Yeruham, named after the City of Yeruham, a vibrant community in the Negev Desert, was the location of the Pythian Station. Starting at 8 a.m., when the Pythian Brethren started to unload the tables and chairs, the hundreds of bottles of water, the first aid materials, until around 5 p.m., when they dismantled the station and cleaned up the area, scores of Pythian volunteers and their families were busy greeting approx. 20,000 members of the Community who marched, used roller blades, bicycled or pushed a stroller past their station.

The work is hard, but the rewards are great. The smiles on the faces of the people is all the reward we need.

Thanks to our Brothers, PGCs Louis A. Schwartz and Martin Wener and to Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz who organized the event. They went to the many planning meetings and led "the troops". Thanks, also, to the many Pythian Brethren and families who came out that day in support of our Community.

AS THE PENDULUM SWINGS

The "raison d'être" of this article is the kind suggestion of our beloved friend and brother, Marv Wilson, that I write something about the beginning of a new year.

A long forgotten legend came into my mind: Somewhere in an oriental desert, there is a huge rock, one thousand meters high and one thousand meters wide. Every thousand years, a small bird, flies to this rock, and scratches its tiny beak on it. When this rock will have become dust from this scratching, then one day of eternity will have passed.

What is actually the relationship between time and eternity? Nicolas Malbranche (1683-1715) the French philosopher who followed the Cartesian Tradition, clearly distinguished between them.

"Eternity" he used to say "lies not within time, as much time lies within eternity". So did the initiates of the Orphic Mysteries who added that "time" is the result of the inter-reaction between chaos (that is the formless initial substantial **motive** for the creation of the cosmos) and space (the initial substantial **element** of the creation).

In this perpetual evolution, man tries to position himself, by creating artificial limitation to eternity, through the definition of specific periods, which he counts in many

by *CONSTANTINE TSIRIKOS*



ways, and calls them centuries, years, weeks, days, minutes, etc.

What man succeeds in this way, is to perform specific tasks at a specific period of time, without at the same time forgetting that time is part of eternity.

We Pythians do exactly the same thing. Our Chancellor Commander's 11th word in our Opening Ceremony is the word "now" which is also his 10th word in our Closing Ceremony. Between these two words we all try to assist each other to reach the level of exultation attained through self-sacrifice and control of our passions.

This is what Pythianism is all about. This is the Pythian interpretation of the Word "fun". This is the point when a person escapes from the stifling boundaries of matter and reaches the realm of eternity.

This is the reason why so long as there are people who understand and implement this principle, Pythianism will be alive and well, because there is no limit to the application of the eternal truths it stands for. This is what the founder of our Order had in mind when he established it.

We can then be optimistic my dear brothers and sisters, that as long as we apply these principles, our Order will live for unlimited years to come. We will have conquered "time", and won "eternity".

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COATS FOR KIDS PROGRAMS

New York — 1988, Arthur Epstein, owner of Randi Cleaners in Minneola, New York, adopted the Coats For Kids program, which collected, cleaned and distributed coats to needy children. The first year saw a modest 200 coats being given to keep some children warm.

In 1995, The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters also adopted this worthwhile cause and the numbers have escalated.

The Pythians along with other organizations and schools, through a concerted effort have distributed 35,000 cleaned coats this past winter, not only to children, but, to whoever needed a coat to fight the winter weather. The Lodges and Temples throughout New York State were responsible for collecting and distributing close to 5,000 coats.

Participation has snowballed to the extent that the 2004 Kickoff for Coats For Kids was held in the Minneola City Hall. Local, County and National lawmakers were present to acknowledge the work of the volunteers and the Pythian Knights, and Sisters received much praise.

The Hands On approach of New York Pythians is sought welcomed and applauded by many altruists. They collect for The Coats For Kids; They assist the players at The Special Olympics Classics;

They send Boys and Girls to sleepaway Pythian Camp programs; They Walk the Night for Lymphoma; They have Wheelchair Races during Knights on Wheels; They shake cans and sell Beanie Babies to raise funds for Diabetes Research.

These actions bring particular warmth and a glow to the cheek, knowing that their presence is heeded and appreciated. That is Pythianism in action!



GRAND CHANCELLOR AWARD

British Columbia — During official visitation to Comox-Courtenay Lodge # 64, Courtenay, Grand Chancellor Tim McNaughton, left, passed on a Certificate Award to PDSC Reg Webber, given for devotion to duties, displaying individual responsibilities and exemplifying the cardinal precepts of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

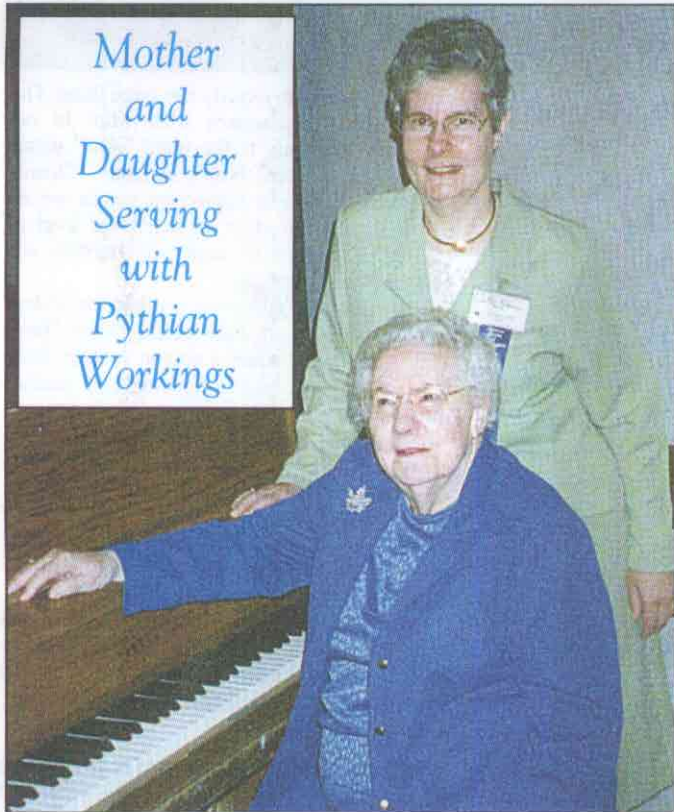


GVC Bill Cowell, presenting an award as PGC John Wesley assisted.

HELP SPECIAL OLYMPICS IN NORTHERN NEVADA

Nevada — PGC John Wesley and GVC Bill Cowell along with Grand Manager Yolanda Cowell of Northern Nevada enjoy volunteering with the Special Olympics. Last Nov. 13, they worked with the Special Olympics Bowling Tournament in Reno. There were more than 180 athletes in the tournament. Pythians did everything from picking up food to assisting in awarding medals. Working with the Special Olympians has its own rewards . . . a hug is the biggest one of all.

Mother
and
Daughter
Serving
with
Pythian
Workings



Carol Carroll, seated at piano, and her daughter Mary-Helen Carroll, of Walla Walla, Washington, have a long-time history of service to the Pythian Sisters as musician; as well as community coral interests; a job and taking care of household.

Sister Carol Carroll was initiated into the Pythian Sisters in 1944, as a member of Bellingham, Washington, Temple #22, in a class of 21. Shortly after she moved to Walla Walla, transferring to Mistletoe Temple #23, where she filled most of the Temple Offices, some several times; Was elected Grand Secretary in 1977, serving to 1984.

Carol had the pleasure to initiate her daughter, Mary-Helen in 1980, who took dual membership at Kelso for a year as she was doing her clinical training at Longview. Mary-Helen was elected Grand Secretary, succeeding her mother in 1984 for a five-year term. She later served as interim Grand Secretary in 1991, on the untimely death of Grand Secretary Margaret Tobias.

During the earlier years, Sister Carol either sang in a church choir or played the organ — for everybody else to sing. She sang in a community chorus that performed oratorios and sometimes she acted as practice soloist for the Walla Walla Symphony orchestra. Carol acted as secretary for Episcopal Church Women of Eastern Oregon for several years, even though she resided in Washington.

Sister Carol was employed in the local office of Continental Can Company — doing what she was told to do, as well as taking care of a husband, raised a daughter and survived it all.

After spending several years living separately, in 1983, she and Mary-Helen bought a 14-room house built-in 1899. It needed cosmetic repairs most of which they did themselves. Mary-Helen runs St. Mary Hospital Laboratory at night and looking forward to retirement in about nine years. Their most obvious hobby is a collection of about 1200 pieces of European Crystal Figurines.

Currently, they sing with a choral group in Pendleton, Oregon, about 40 miles from home, mostly oratorios which are her favorite. They perform all over Eastern Oregon and Southwest Washington.



Grand Chancellor Tim McNaughton, right, makes presentation of check in amount of \$1,100 to Sharon Bennett, fundraising chairman for the 2005 Special Olympics Summer Games Committee.

DOMAIN PYTHIANS DONATE FUNDS TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS

British Columbia — The funds were raised from a challenge by Comox- Courtenay Lodge #64, Courtenay, to the domain subordinate lodges to match or beat a \$100 challenge from Lodge #64. "I can assure you that the donation will be used to help the handicapped individuals competing in the Games," 2005 Games Organizing Committee Chairman Bill Vincent said.

Support towards Special Olympics has been an integral Charity Program by British Columbia lodges for several years with help within the communities. Vancouver Island Lodges from Sidney, Victoria and Duncan have committed to supporting Comox/Courtenay Lodge in the Comox Valley for the Summer Games, June 22 through June 25.

HEARTLAND PYTHIAN GROUP HOLDS 1st ANNUAL CONVENTION

The newly formed Heartland Pythian Association held its initial Annual Convention in Wellington, Kansas on Oct. 29-30. The Executive Board met in session on the 29th, with the convention being held on the 30th. Events included a joint luncheon and dinner, and two very productive sessions. Attendees included – Imperial Prince George Fox, Supreme Manager Addie Sadberry Sec./Treas. Of HPA, DSC Walter Choate, Grand Chancellor Bud Hutton, Grand Inner Guard Barry Carter, Board members Jaime Carter and Carl Self, all of Texas; HPA Vice Pres. James Connor, Grand Chancellor Ricky Gilbert and Board member Vaughn Gilbert, all of Oklahoma; DSC Steve Glise, HPA President Chuck Morris of Missouri; and Grand Master-at-Arms Leroy Loggins, HPA Convention chairman.

With the association being just barely over a year old, and now with more than 40 members, nearly half of the membership was in attendance. This group has much experience and dedication to the Order — and much more growth will take place! The elected Officers for 2005 are: James Connor, President, OK; Barry Carter, Vice President, TX, Addie Sadberry, Sec./Treas. TX; Immediate Past President, Chuck Morris, MO; At-Large Board members are Ricky Gilbert, OK, SS Linda Bridges, TX, Carl Self, TX and Jaime Carter, TX.

The April 2005 Executive Board meeting will be held during the 2005 Texas Pythian Roundup in Marble Falls, TX — Date, Location and exact time yet to be announced.

REBUILDING OUR ORDER

In order for the Knights of Pythias to start a rebuilding process, we must understand our current position and what caused us to get in this position.

We became complacent in our recruiting, fund raising and community service which allowed us to slip into obscurity. This began during the depression and when we sold our life insurance company.

To allow us to rebuild Our Order, first we need to determine "WHERE WE WANT TO GO." Establish goals to gain "NAME RECOGNITION and COMMUNITY AWARENESS," thus providing us an opportunity to RETAIN our present membership, REINSTATE former members and RECRUIT prospective members.

Next, we need to create a roadmap to know "HOW TO OBTAIN OUR GOALS." We need to develop a sound eight to ten year plan that will allow us to meet our stated goals. This must be done by writing down specific, actionable items, such as having two fund raising events each year, developing a relationship with local centers of influence and developing a membership committee within each subordinate lodge. Write down the number of members that you want reinstated and recruited and post these goals where every member can see them.

Lastly, we need to determine our resources. Our nations are defended by the world's best militaries. Our schools are free and are some of the best in the world. Our charities provide help for



NORMAN T. "TIM" McLAURIN, KGS
Supreme Chancellor

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEW JERSEY 137th GRAND CONVENTION AND TERM

New Jersey — The 137th Grand Lodge Convention convened at Kutsher's Resort, Monticello, New York, Oct. 15-17, with Grand Chancellor Henry B. Kuzin presiding over the business sessions. The Convention enjoyed the presence of Sir Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, Supreme Secretary.

The Domain officers were advanced with Sir Murry Greene installed as Grand Chancellor and Sir Leon Ben-Ezra as Grand Outer Guard. Convention highlights included conferring the Degree of the Golden Spur upon PGC Marvin I. Diner and DGC Sir Mel Sher was presented with a plaque as "Volunteer of the Year".

Reviewing highlights of the past term, included the Grand Chancellor's Dinner, homecomings, the tricky tray fundraiser, district meetings, the Florida breakfast, coats for kids program, dedication of the Knights of Pythias Cystic Fibrosis Children's Center relocated to Saint Barnabas Hospital Medical Center at Livingston, the annual presentation and reception at the Deborah Hospital, Special Olympics New Jersey summer games, the poster contest and public speaking contests, the Norman and Gertrude Wolf community service award, Eagle Scout recognition under the Knights Scout Connection, the ASK membership program with PC Eli Cohen of Battleground Centennial #100 receiving the certificate for bringing in five or more new members.

Additional activities were Founder's month proclamations, two membership forums, summer picnic and the 9-1-1



SIR MURRY GREENE
New Jersey Grand Chancellor

emergency cell phone program.

Sanford M. Shor Lodge #22/158 moved to a new castle hall at the Livingston Community Senior Center with a special dedication ceremony. Among others, PDSC Sir George Dorison and PDSC Sir Dan Feigan, both of whom were extremely active, passed away during the term. The tricky tray was a tremendously successful event, and the cell phone program generated a lot of public relations including being featured on a USPO video and a presentation at the rotunda of the main New York City post office.

Newly installed Grand Chancellor Sir Murry Greene anticipates a year focusing on change and modernization within the themes and traditions of our order.

everyone. However, our castle halls do not utilize these valuable resources. CAN WE NOT OVERCOME OUR OWN FRAILTIES AND WEAKNESSES? As our militaries, schools and charities embrace and welcome all mankind, so we must learn to welcome and embrace all mankind in order for us to increase our membership. Once we realize this fact, our accomplishments are limited only by the number of citizens within our nation.

Our nations enjoy the freedoms won and defended by our militaries. Our children are taught and enriched by our schools. Our charities provide help to all mankind. As our militaries, schools and charities integrated the talents of all people; the KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS can also profit and grow by utilizing the blended talents of all people. Therefore, we should seek out all men which believe in a Supreme Being, of good moral character, and who do not live for self alone. If we do this, we can't help but become a better fraternal order.

We as an order must be as diversified as the citizens that make up our nations. Our nations are made up of immigrants from all nations. To be a fraternal order with the principles of FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY, and BENEVOLENCE and with the desire to improve mankind, we too should have a diversity of membership.



From left, PDGC Jerry Kalinsky, newly created Knight of the Golden Spur; PGC Sir Joseph Freiman and Chancellor Commander Irving Silverman.

GOLDEN SPUR AWARD TO JERRY KALINSKY

Florida — Kings Knights Lodge #221 of Tamarac/Coral Springs, held an open meeting in the fall at the local Italian-American clubhouse, enjoying the presence of more than 100 members and guests gathered to pay honor to PDGC Jerry Kalinsky with conferring the Degree of the Golden Spur upon him.

This marked the first Golden Spur Award since inception of the lodge in 1995. The honor was presented to Jerry not only for his work in the lodge, but for his unselfish efforts on behalf of the Knights of Pythias in the state and his many humanitarian endeavors.

Brother Jerry was the designated Chancellor Commander when Kings Knights lodge was formed in 1995. In 1996 and 1997 he was named "Pythian of the Year"; in 1998 he was appointed Deputy of the 10th Pythian District.

Among his many involvements include, the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, collecting and distributing toys to children in the hospital; active, along with his wife, Hanna, with the Ronald McDonald House in the pop-tab program and other activities. Jerry has been effective in soliciting many donations of hats, shirts, souvenirs from the Florida Panthers, Baltimore Orioles and Florida Marlins, which he passes on to children in hospitals.

Brother Kalinsky is also very active in raising funds for the Florida Pythian Youth Foundation, Inc; for the Tamarac Bulldogs in their bowling program for mentally and physically challenged young adults. Jerry holds the rank of Major in the "Citizen Observer Patrol".

DURING A FALL OCCASION, Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies, right, made presentation of Past Chancellor credentials to Harvey Kessler, during the South Florida Lodge #195, 49th annual social activity, held at the Hollybrook County Club in Pembroke Pines. It was reported that the food and music was awesome.



From left, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, Grand Chief Verna Jozovich, Past Grand Chief Rosemary Gravely.

Montana Jurisdiction Small But Mighty

Montana — The 103rd sessions of the Grand Temple convened at Anaconda in September with Esperanza Temple #10, as hostess, enjoying the attendance of Kathlene Lacy; PSC Wenonah Jones of the Montana Jurisdiction as well as welcome to PSR's Robert Falcon and Roy Anderson.

With three temples in the jurisdiction the few Sisters in number are mighty with their work and dedications to the Order, as excellent reports were given of all altruistic work that had been accomplished. Grand Chief for the past two years, Rosemary Gravely, has proven herself to be worthy of this high office. Grand Representatives Betty Lou Waltee and Shirley Lawrence gave excellent reports on the August supreme sessions in Tucson, Arizona.

Grand Chief Verna Jozovich and Officers were duly installed into office by Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, assisted by Lois Kleman and Carol Dagenais. PSR Mary Evelyn Semmens was enjoying her 70th year as an active Pythian Sister, at age 87 years, as well as being elected Grand Guard. 2005 activities will include district meeting in May at Anaconda and the grand temple at Butte in Sept.

WOLSKI, KIESSLING RECIEVE VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

Ohio — PGC Stan Wolski and AST Ron Kiessler, KGS, were presented the Presidents Volunteer Service Award at the annual Great Lakes Science Center Volunteers Night last December. This Award recognizes their dedication to volunteer service and signifies that they have served their community and country with distinction. Through their volunteer efforts, they are demonstrating values that make our nation strong and they are helping to build a culture of citizenship, service and responsibility in America.

By volunteering, they have joined a remarkable team that includes millions of Americans whose everyday acts of kindness and decency make our country a better place. Americans of all ages can get involved and make a difference in their communities.

Congratulations again Stan and Ron on receiving the President's Volunteer Service Award; and thanks for demonstrating the best of the Pythian spirit. It is observed that Brothers, you could help make that team even stronger by encouraging your friends, family members to serve, and if you are not, you can also volunteer!



CONFER HIGHEST HONOR

New Jersey — The Grand Lodge conferred the Degree of the Golden Spur on a surprised PGC Marvin I. Diner, a member of Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163, during events of the fall sessions of the Grand Lodge, held at Kutshers Resort, Monticello, New York. Diner has been a member since 1982, serving in numerous positions in Subordinate, Grand and the Charity' Foundation.

Diner served the New Jersey Domain as Grand Chancellor for the 1998-1999 term. Recently he has been convention co-chairman and his leadership with the gala annual Tricky Tray fund raising event for the past five years has created a legendary success with its large attendance. Leadership has contributed his managerial and executive skills, attentive to monetary and budget concerns, and dedicated to charity in his lodge, the domain and his community.

Brother Diner has been active in Fair Lawn where he and his family live and the

AGLOW MEETING WILL BE HELD IN LAS VEGAS, APRIL 2

Nevada — The Association of Grand Lodge Officers West (AGLOW), comprised of past and present Grand Lodge Officers, will convene at the Four Queens Hotel & Casino, 202 Fremont St., Las Vegas, at 9 a.m., Saturday, April 2nd. Room Reservations, phone: (800) 6346045.

PGC Ed Alonzo, president, observes that AGLOW was formed by PSC Darrell L. Henry, KGS, in 1987 with intention of organizing Grand Lodge Officers from the ten Western Domains. The purpose was to discuss among themselves the successes and difficulties in their respective domains.

For further meeting information details please contact Brother Alonzo, PGC, president, 4002 Redfield Ave., N. Las Vegas, NV 89032.



PGC MARVIN I. DINER
Degree of the Golden Spur

broader Bergen County area with a variety of organizations and causes for more than 20 years, among them being America's Walk for Diabetes, a board member of Care Plus formerly Bergen Pines/Bergen Regional, a mental health facility, DIAL, Golden Guys and Gals, his congregation and community association.

His late wife, Anne, who could not physically attend to share the joy and pride, remains a great source of strength and inspiration to Marvin, children: Leslie and Jeffrey, and those who recall her. In a brief chat with a professional active in the Fair Lawn mental health field, when the Knights of Pythias was mentioned, as an interesting note, Marvin was one of two members she associated with the Order because of his community service.

PGC Joel D. Fierstien, KGS, a close associate with Diner observed that Marvin is a Knight who by his dedicated endeavors in the Order and to humanity brings dignity and honor to those around him and the Knights of Pythias . . . Congratulations to Marvin, best wishes, good health, and may he always be an inspiration.

From left, Bruce Foley, commissioner; Joseph Saladino, assemblyman; PDGC Herb Gold, Pythian public relations; Mary Ryan, program director; Pythians Sol Goldstein and Jerry Maron; John Venditto, supervisor.

CONTRIBUTES EQUIPMENT TO HELP HANDICAPPED

New York — Members of Alliance-East-Meadow Lodge #774, were privileged to contribute needed equipment to the Town of Oyster Bay's Group Activities Program for the Handicapped as part of altruistic endeavors in the community.

Special Thanks has been extended to Supervisor John Venditto, himself a Pythian with many years of involvement in the Pythian Order; to Commissioner Bruce Foley of Community and Youth Services; to Assemblyman Joseph Saladino and Mary Ryan, Director of the Group Activities Program, for taking part in the presentation. Alliance-East Meadow Lodge looks forward to continuous involvement with these most worthwhile programs by the Town of Oyster Bay.

CLARK LODGE PRESENTS SPECIAL OLYMPIC COINS

Ohio — Chancellor Commander Ed Brandais, Vice Chancellor Les Brandais and AST Ron Kiessler, KGS, presented awards at the Special Stars annual Christmas Party, with 150 Special Olympics Athletes in attendance. Six Honor An Athlete Coins were presented to Special Stars bowlers. Clark Lodge has presented more than 50 such coins over the past years.

Special Stars Secretary Carol Ratino writes . . . "Thank you members of Clark Lodge #764, once again for your generously awarding our "Special Stars" the beautiful 'Silver Dollar Special Olympic Medals'. As you've seen our children are also excited and proud to receive them.

MEMBERS THANKED IN QUEBEC

It's not too often that someone says to you, "Thank You". We get criticized for things that go wrong, but seldom get praised for things that go right.

Quebec Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran made a decision to change this particular pattern as there are so many of the Pythian Brethren who have sacrificed so much in the name of our Order and for the sake of the beloved Montreal community.

Last October 9th, about 100 Pythians and their guests assembled at a popular Montreal Restaurant to officially "kick off" the Pythian Annual Appeal Campaign. The goal was set to collect \$30,000 and distribute funds to the needy Montreal charities. In one evening about \$4,000 was collected, a great start for the campaign.

While many Pythians were assembled, it was the honour of Grand Chancellor Safran to present awards to Past Chancellor William "Bill" Berish and his wife, Sara, an award to thank him for years of devoted service, acting as Fellowship Chairman. Brother Bill has been sending out birthday and anniversary wishes to members for many years. A wonderful job that hardly ever received the thanks it deserved.

During the evening, plaques with great thanks were given to dedicated and hard working Pythians, as pictured. These Brethren are the driving force behind the Pythian Annual Appeal. We wish them many, many more years of health and happiness to continue their excellent job.

There are many "unsung heroes" in the Order, and at a Grand Lodge meeting, Grand Vice Chancellor Terence Goldman and Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran, were proud to recognize the achievements of PGC Moe Greenstein and PGC Louis A. Schwartz. On behalf of the entire Domain of Quebec, these Brothers were duly thanked for their services.



SAFRAN



Past Chancellor William "Bill" Berish and his wife, Sara.



PGC Moe Greenstein, left, and PGC Louis A. Schwartz.

WORDS OF THE WISE

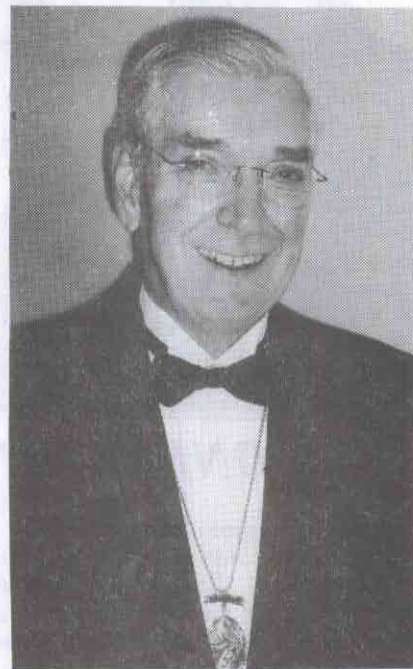
*THE BEST WAY TO
CHEER YOURSELF UP
IS TO TRY TO
CHEER SOMEBODY
ELSE UP*

— Mark Twain



From left, PGC Issie Nadler, PGC Ivor Schwartz, SR Michael Kutz, PGC Hy Sternfeld, PSR Ernie Klein

MICHIGAN RECALLS ROACH TO GRAND CHANCELLOR SERVICE



WILLIAM R. ROACH, PDSC
Michigan Grand Chancellor

During the 131st fall sessions of the Michigan Grand Lodge, at Lansing, William (Bill) Roach was again elected to the Grand Chancellor leadership role. Brother Bill first served as Grand Chancellor in the 1980-81 term. During the 23 years between these terms, he served 13 years as Grand Secretary as well as serving two terms as Deputy Supreme Chancellor.

Brother Roach has attended six Supreme Lodge Conventions and served as Supreme Lodge Representative at the Portland, Oregon, and the Albany, New York sessions.

With concern in that the Michigan Grand Lodge Convention attendance has been declining steadily these past several years, he hopes to encourage the subordinate lodges to send some new representatives to the conventions, as there is definite need for more participation at the sessions. Brother Roach is promoting the new charity of "Pythian Care" as presented by Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin.

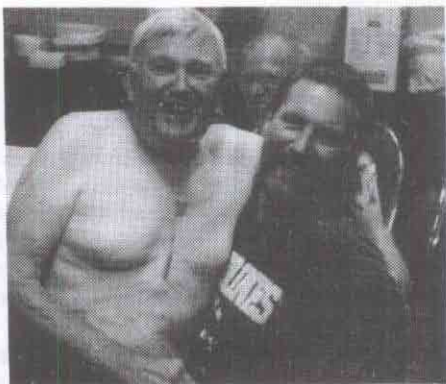
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Please report promptly and file with the Supreme Lodge office, 59 Coddington St., Quincy, MA 02169. It is important to give name and number of the Lodge or Temple.

Wilson Families Give Dedicated Leadership In Domain Of Illinois

With the installation of Harry Wilson to the Illinois Grand Chancellor leadership role, it marked a special occasion for Sir John D. "Jack" Wilson, PSR, to have witnessed his three sons that have reached the Grand Chancellor office. PGCs John and Glenn Wilson were the Illinois Supreme Lodge Representatives at the Tucson, Arizona, Supreme Lodge sessions, last August.

Together with their mother, Sister Zelma Wilson, they have had enjoyment with travel to the Rathbone Memorial in Utica, NY. Brother Harry recalls with sadness that when his Uncle Bill Wilson was Grand Chancellor, he had traveled with him to every lodge in Illinois and had the Lord not taken Bill from us in 2003, they would have had the opportunity to once again travel together.



PGC Hayden Woolum, KGS, left, appearing in red chili pepper shorts as he answered a challenge by Grand Chancellor Dale Gray, right, who offered a \$50 pledge to the Kidney Foundation.

ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Ohio — This one went the distance for the Kidney Foundation during the grand sessions in Sandusky, as Grand Chancellor Dale Gray offered to make a donation to his own charity if PGC Hayden Woolum, KGS, would sport handsome black silky boxer shorts covered with red hot chili peppers in the hospitality room. Gray had been teasing Hayden for some time but it took the guise of a donation to a good cause to get him to strut his stuff. Not only did he help out with the Kidney Foundation but he lifted the spirits of all who witnessed the event of unknown heights.

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NEW YORK FALL FOLLIES AND A WINTER WONDERLAND

by CAROL GRAY
Grand Press Correspondent

I am happy to congratulate Grand Secretary Aida Leone, Grand Temple # 15, on her selection as Secretary-Treasurer of The International Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers' Association. We in the Jurisdiction of New York can assure the Association that you will do a superb job, just as you are doing for us.

By the time we sat down to our Thanksgiving Dinners, New York's Pythian Sisters could count October's smashing send-offs as fond memories. Keystone-Sutter Temple led the charge with a send-off for Grand Chief Janet Levy on October 4th at their new location. Joan of Arc followed with a send-off for Grand Press Correspondent Carol Gray on October 12th. The program was clever and the collation delicious and abundant. A week later, Howard Beach's Cross Bay Temple hosted a send-off for District Deputy Grand Chief Phyllis Platts of District # 1. Officers did a great job marching, and SR Toby Skier and the Templettes provided the entertainment. Neptune Temple gave the final send-off on October 27th for District Deputy Grand Chief Adrian Forrest of the Boro of Brooklyn. The formal work, as usual, was great. Tables were done in Halloween orange and black, and we howled with laughter at their program featuring wacky witches and goblins.

Buckley's Restaurant in Brooklyn was once again the site of the Past District Deputies League's annual luncheon on Saturday, October 9th. Several new members were inducted. The Boro of Brooklyn, this year's hosts, provided the entertainment. We all enjoyed the food and the delightful company.

On Monday, October 11th, Several Sisters received a tour of the Shorefront Geriatric Home in Brooklyn. Grand Chief Janet Levy presented the home with a substantial check on behalf of our organization, then the Sisters headed to a local diner and had lunch together. Another important October event was Mid-Island and Grand Temple # 15's joint gift of \$2,500 to the Leukemia-Lymphoma Society.

On Wednesday October 20th, the Brooklyn Past Chiefs' Association hosted an honor night for Grand Chief Janet Levy, the Grand Council, and the District Deputies.

October's finale was the Senior Citizens Luncheon on the 30th at the Beach Club in Rockaway Parkway. What a Saturday! We danced, we sang, we ate, we gave away many fine raffle prizes, and most

importantly, we gave a \$7,000 check to the Home for the Aged in Riverdale.

November was fashion show month for Neptune Temple at Buckley's on the 1st, and for Mid-Island later in the month. Charities including Hospice, LAM and Glaucoma received Neptune's proceeds, while Mid-Island gave theirs to an Asthma Hospital in Denver.

On November 4th, many Sisters attended Rex Solomon Lodge's Annual Lady of the Knight Award presented to First Lady Sylvia Hoffman, wife of Grand Chancellor Lawrence Hoffman. It was an enjoyable night at Temple Emanuel on Rockaway Parkway in Brooklyn. Although it wasn't part of a fashion show, many Sisters were "dressed to the nines."

Joan of Arc Sisters attended a fundraising Sunday matinee of the Fats Waller musical Ain't Misbehaving in Nyack on November 28th.

Neptune Temple had a busy December with their chicken dinner/ holiday auction on the 8th, and their Atlantic City bus trip on the 11th. Excelsior Sisters enjoyed a "Dine Around" or Dine Out Night on December 13th at the Arch Diner among their many fun activities. Crossbay members had a card party fundraiser the following night. Later in the month, like many other temples, Crossbay Pythian Sisters held a holiday party meeting. Joan of Arc initiated District Deputy Stephen Herbst as a "sister," and the temple celebrated paid up memberships with a yummy desert party.

Hope the entire Pythian family had a happy holiday season! January was installation month for subordinate temples. Mid-Island started the ball rolling. Keystone-Sutter followed next, then Neptune Temple, Crossbay Temple, Joan of Arc Temple, and Excelsior Temple. Snow may be falling, but our spirits are rising in this season of bright lights and warm candles. Hearts and date books are overflowing. We eagerly await the first tulips swaying in the winds of spring. Meanwhile, for those Sisters who can't wait, you can join the "snowbirds" in Florida for the February 16th Luncheon at Diamonte's.

Grand Temple's presentation of a substantial check to a representative of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at Mid-Island's Installation was a joyful occasion for us all. If we are to continue with the joys of generous giving as a fraternal organization, we must never forget ---MEMBERS raise money. Each of us must be ambassadors for membership recruitment and retention.

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GREETINGS FROM HAWAII



A very interesting and pleasant surprise came about during events of the Supreme lodge and Supreme Sessions at Tucson, Arizona, last August, as Brother Frank J. Adolphi, Chancellor Commander of Mystic Lodge #2, Honolulu, Hawaii, made an appearance as he presented flowers to the Supreme Temple, during the joint official opening ceremonies.

During ceremonies of Supreme Lodge Officer Installations, Brother Adolphi presented each of the new-term officers with an attractive neck Lei. Pictured as Brother Adolphi, left, made presentation to Supreme Prelate Dan Cowan, conveying greetings and good-will gestures on behalf of the Brothers in Hawaii.

CHANGES TO 2005 DIRECTORY

Pages 2 & 51 Correct address for PSC Darrell Henry is 7185 SW Hyland Park Court.

Page 25 New telephone number for Charles E. Suter is 775-972-1293.

Page 51 J. B. Walker's term on Foundation expires in 2010.



PRESENTATION OF TEDDY BEARS

Washington/Alaska — Rhododendron Temple #30 of SeaTac, donated 15 Teddy Bears to the SeaTac Fire Department to help children at times of accidents, misfortune. Megan, granddaughter of PGC Ethel Benham, is pictured with two of the City's Fire Fighters.

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PDGC J. Wain Cummings, left, Chancellor Commander of Myrtle Lodge #21, receiving an award from Florida Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies, for his valuable work, commending him for "display of the true meaning of the principles of the Pythian Order",

Florida Pythians Honor Disaster Relief Volunteers

Deltona, Florida — Hurricane Relief Volunteers from the area received certificates of appreciation during the annual visit of leaders of the Florida Grand Lodge when Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies commended J. Wain Cummings, Pythian relief Coordinator for Seminole County, for the valuable work he did in helping neighbors and members of the community during the hurricane disruptions.

The event was held at the Mark Miller Gallery of the Deltona Arts and Historic Society, which is the meeting place for Myrtle Lodge #21. Among others who were recognized and given certificates of appreciation were Pythian members and non-members. In addition to the awards, the delegation brought commitments for financial disaster assistance from Supreme Lodge, Grand Lodge and other Subordinate Lodges. A December communication reported that PC Delbert Matson received a special disaster relief award from supreme lodge.

DGC Michael Huber circulated a progress report of hurricane activity once his power was restored and manner of help within the community, PDGC J. Wain Cummings, had the eye of Charley pass directly over his home and spent several days on power from a gasoline generator. He reported that the greatest task in the neighborhood was cutting and clearing fallen trees. He and spouse, Opal, made arrangements for chain saw time along with delivering ice and bottled water to people in the neighborhood.

Brother Cummings prepared a 10-day Diary of experiences in helping neighbors during Hurricane Charlie. He used up three chain saws, had people helping him remove trees, rubbish and all kinds of debris from property. This was neighbor helping neighbor . . . Pythians helping Pythians.

Members in the area count their blessings that they were able to help rather than having to call for help. As they returned to more routine lives with another reason that they are proud to be Pythians, and better known in the neighborhoods and communities,

SHARING PYTHIAN PRIDE

Dear Sisters, Brothers, Family and Friends:

I bring you greetings and best wishes for the New Year from the Supreme Temple Family!

Reflections and Blessings – As one year comes to a close and a new year begins, we take time to reflect upon our accomplishments and think about the blessings in our lives. I count my relationship with the Pythian Sisters among those blessings. Being affiliated with the Pythian Order has truly shaped my life; making me the person I am today.

First, as a Sunshine Girl where I was introduced to the Pythian Principles of responsibility and caring; as well as learning how to become a young lady; Later on, when I joined the Pythian Sisters, I enjoyed the fellowship of women whose core principle was to be in service to others; Now I realize that I feel most at home when I am among other members of the Pythian Order as well as our family and friends.

Helping Hands Make Happy Hearts –

I enjoy the fellowship of women and men who feel as I do: that we gain so much by helping others. I enjoy working together in the spirit of Pythianism to help others who are less fortunate. That is why I chose as my theme: "Helping Hands Make Happy Hearts." I feel that Pythian Sisters are like angels, quietly doing our work to help others. By helping those who are less fortunate, we make them happy by satisfying their needs. It also makes us happy when we are working towards a good cause. Helping hands make happy hearts on both ends of the chain.

Pythian Community Service Projects -

As we look forward to the "clean slate" of a new year, and plan our Pythian Projects, let us think about our communities and the people who need our help. There is much work to be done, however let's have some fun along the way. Let's call upon members we haven't seen in awhile and ask them to help us so they will become involved again. If you have members who say they can't get out to a meeting because of lack of transportation, consider forming a "Transportation Committee" to pick up those members and return them home after a meeting or work project. You'll be glad that you did – as you'll gain those members back along with their insight and gratitude. If you need help in planning or promoting your altruistic projects, please call upon the Supreme Temple Altruistic Chairmen for assistance – Caroline Bickley in the US, Phone: 803-897-2807 and Avril Howald in Canada. Phone: 807-625-9772.

Publicity / Public Relations - Since one of our most important tasks is to inform others of the good works that we do, please

shape your Pythian Projects around your community's needs. Once you decide upon your projects for the year, it will give your Press Correspondents something to tell your local newspapers, radio and TV stations. Communicate your future projects as well as reporting upon them when they're done. Take photos and submit them with the articles. Work with your local Chamber of Commerce so that they will be aware of what you are doing so that they can share that information with others in your community. If you need assistance with your articles, contact Supreme Temple P.I Chairmen: Marilyn Rogow in the US, Phone: 954-726-9662 and Joan Way in Canada. Phone: 780-447-5066

Pythian Sisters Good Works Notebook -

Please continue to make lists of your Temple's good works – and – keep copies of the articles that you get published. Put this information into a scrapbook and bring it to Supreme 2006 for others to enjoy – and – participate in our biennial award contest.

Membership – Increased membership

will follow with the public's awareness of our contributions to society – along with our "sticking our necks out" and asking women to join our organization. Be proud to be a Pythian and take to heart Supreme Temple Membership Chairman Alma Wilson's membership campaign: "Behold the Turtle: She Only Makes Progress When She Sticks Her Neck Out." Hopefully your SRs distributed that material in your State/Province. If you need another copy of that material, contact Sister Alma or myself. Phone: 250-492-6520

Proud to be a Pythian - As we close out

2004, I hope that you too count your relationship with the Pythians as a blessing and that you feel proud of our accomplishments. As we move into 2005, let's work together in harmony – Sisters, Knights, Sunshine Girls, Nomads and Dokies - moving the Pythians forward together in a positive way in our communities. Let's think of those in need and plan Pythian activities to meet those needs. Wear Pythian identifiers (jackets or vests with our emblem) and let others know of our good works. When others hear of all the good that we do, they will believe as we do in the value of being a Pythian. Then ask them to join us, so they can be proud Pythians too!

Best Wishes to All - I wish you, your families and friends all the best in the current year. I look forward to seeing you when we meet again.



KATHLENE LACY
Supreme Chief

All Pythians, their families and friends are cordially invited to attend the **Reception / Banquet** honoring **Kathlene Dawn Lacy** Supreme Chief on the evening of **Saturday, April 16th** at the Double Tree Hotel – Lloyd Center Portland, Oregon
Choice of: Mesquite Grilled Salmon or Pork Tenderloin

Cost: \$42.50 per person. Please select meal choice and mail payment to: Irene Clink, PSR, 570 N 10th Avenue #66, Cornelius, Oregon 97113.

Phone: 503-357-8429.

Please RSVP by April 5th.

For Hotel Guest Room Reservations call by April 1st, Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center 1-800-996-0510.

Mention "Kathlene's Reception" for special room rates of \$89.00 plus tax for "Premium Standard" room for one or two persons. \$15.00 extra per person if more than two persons in a room.

WORDS OF THE WISE

The best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time.

— Abraham Lincoln

Missouri Holds Grand Sessions



CHARTER PRESENTATION as seven members of King City Temple #28, King City, Missouri, attended the Grand Temple sessions in Sedalia, Oct. 7-9, at which time the Temple received its Charter. Holding the Charter is Janet Hunsucker, most excellent chief; surrounded by Ellen Huffman, secretary; Venita Brushwood, past chief; Alice Carter, guard; Eva Lucas, past chief; Melissa Allan, junior and Elnora J. Gorman, PSC.



SPECIAL AWARD . . . Audrey Wheat Compton, supreme senior, displays an attractive plaque award presented to her by PSC Elnora Gorman, for her work in the institution of King City Temple #28, in January, 2003. The plaque reads "With Appreciation to



ELLEN HOFFMAN, King City Temple #28, presided over the Missouri Grand Temple Sessions in Sedalia, last Oct. 7-9. Ellen has been a member for 49 years and is the only remaining Sunshine Girl initiated in the Jurisdiction. Ellen's parents were both members of the Pythian Order.

Audrey Wheat Compton for your Outstanding Service in Helping Institute King City Temple #28, Pythian Sisters, Jan. 11, 2003. Presented by Elnora J. Gorman.

PYTHIAN CHARITY WORK

Indiana — Damon Temple #95 presented an electric scooter to Judy Waiters in the fall. Judy, 48, suffered a massive heart attack and while recovering from it she suffered a stroke, making walking difficult. Judy is a sister to Janice Waiters who is a member of Damon Temple.

- Muncie Temple #28 participated in the September Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk 04. They raised \$763 from pledges, community donations and holding a raffle. Three Sisters and three other family members walked the three-mile course.



Grand Treasurer JoAnn Gotcher, Grand Chief Ruby Stefano and Grand Master at Arms Burt Goldberg, performing the ritual of pancake breakfast during closing of fall sessions at the Pythian Youth Camp in Sequia National Forest in Northern California.

RECEPTION HELD FOR CALIFORNIA GRAND OFFICERS



California — A luncheon reception for Grand Chief Ruby Stefano and Grand Chancellor Barry Jaffe, at the Odyssey, Los Angeles, enjoyed the presence of 70 Knights and Sisters, with a meal choice of prime rib or salmon. Grand Chief Ruby was presented a lovely purse with emblem of butterfly from Eleanor Roosevelt Temple #18.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE GRAND CHIEF

On occasion of a fall visit to Lomita Temple, National City, Sister Stefano was accompanied by Mickey Harris, Sally Kaminsky, Lois Galen, Bev Spies Goldberg, Barbara Brown and Anita Sigma. All enjoyed a potluck dinner. Lomita Temple exemplified the reobligation ceremony with impressive floor work.

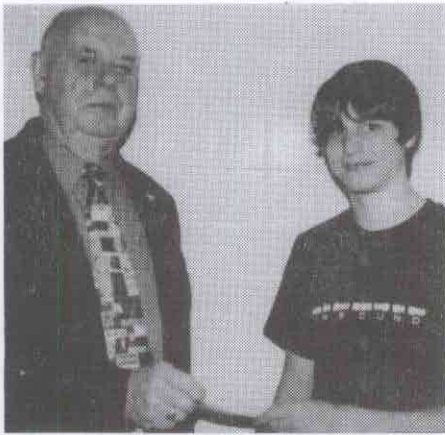
Several members accompanied the Grand Chief on visitation to Palo Alto Temple. Following a lunch and meeting they traveled to visit Stockton Damon Temple. They met with the Sisters in an Italian Restaurant and were treated to a lovely musical program provided by Marlene Wagman's daughter and granddaughter.

With a visit to Riverside Temple, all enjoyed a delicious dinner; several husbands accompanied the Pythian Sisters when the men were able to attend the lodge meeting, on the same evening as the temple meeting.

MAINE LODGE SUPPORTS OPERATION LIFT OFF

Maine — Arcana Lodge #102 of Thomaston, has been busy raising money for Operation Lift Off, a wish-granting organization. Operation Lift Off is a 100% volunteer group. No salaries are paid and all work is done by people, who donate their time and expenses to fulfill the wishes of terminally-ill children.

Chancellor Commander Wally Brewer and Treasurer Doyle Simmons presented Operation Lift Off with a \$2,500 check to help send a boy to Disney World in Florida. The money was raised through a raffle. Arcana Lodge is continuing the fund raising efforts for Operation Lift Off as they sponsored a December supper in Friendship along with a money lotto raffle. More information about Operation Lift Off may be obtained by writing to PO Box 29, Carmel, Maine 04419.



Senior Michael Hall of White Oak High School is presented a check for \$100, by Judge Arthur Fort, PGC.

POSTER CONTEST PRIZES

Texas — Michael Hall, a senior at White Oak High School, won first place in the local contest, with a prize of \$100. He later won first place in the state contest, claiming a prize of \$300, followed by a prize of \$100 for the national contest when his poster was judged honorable mention. Theme of the poster contest was "Defensive Driving — Avoid Road Rage".

With forwarding the check, Supreme Secretary Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS, wrote: "We thank you for your participation in the national contest which we sponsor for several reasons. Not only does it offer a challenge to all high school students but it also gives some deserving students some monetary assistance towards their higher education. The themes of the contests make the students more aware of the serious problems that humanity faces.

Nevada — PGC John Wesley and GVC Bill Cowell, along with Grand Manager Yolanda Cowell, assisted Girl Scout Cadet Troop #392 in achieving their Silver Award. The girls delivered bags to over 200 homes in their community. On November 6th the girls picked up the bags with 696 pounds of food. They donated the food to the Nevada Food Bank. Their leader Yolanda Cowell has worked with these girls for six years. John Wesley and Bill



From left, John Wesley, PGC; Rachael, Amy; Grand Manager Yolanda Cowell; Megan, Tiffany and GVC Bill Cowell.

JAMES R. CROSS SERVING INDIANA WITH HONOR AND HIS PLEASURE

Indiana — Shortly after his Grand Chancellor installation, at Lafayette, in July, Brother Cross observed that he was finding that the life of a Grand Chancellor was often on the road with extensive related travel. A trip to Sandusky, Ohio, to the Grand Lodge Convention, was enjoyed with meeting Brothers and Sisters in Ohio.

This was followed with a trip to Rome City for the reception of Grand Chief Rochelle Olds, enjoying a large attendance with lots of food and fun. A trip to Morocco featured a three-rank initiation day with welcome to King Clark of Morocco #492 and Norman Williams of Lake Country #215. Accompanied by GVC Shorty Messer they rode a Pythian float in a parade at Seymour.

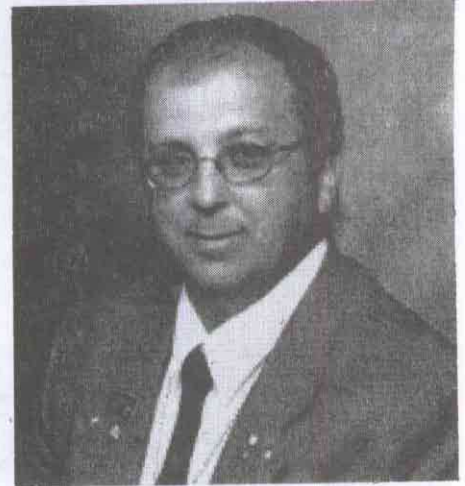
Sept. 18th found Bro. Cross and his family working a donation booth in front of the Marsh Supermarket for his charity for the prevention of child abuse in Indiana. A successful District Convention, with good fellowship and a productive council meeting took place as Brother Cross shared a message with urging members to bring concerns to council meetings . . . if problems and concerns are not brought to attention of council then how can we help each other to find solutions? A trip to Corbin, Kentucky, gave opportunity to attend the Kentucky grand sessions with pleasure of fellowship with SVC David Mead of Virginia and the many visitors from Ohio.

Crescens Lodge #33 has initiated new members of, Richard Neal, Reg Patton and Johnny Choina.

RATHBONE INITIATION CLASS

Thorntown Lodge #124, Thornton, held a Three-Rank Initiation Class, Dec. 4th,

Cowell worked with the troop for over six hours in picking up and delivering the food. All appreciate that when you work with the community it becomes a better place to live.



JAMES R. CROSS
Indiana Grand Chancellor

Brother Cross is an employee of the State, working at the Board of Animal Health as a meat inspector. Prior to this he was employed in the maintenance department of New Castle State Developmental Center where he spent several years providing a safe out door environment for the population that they served. Brother Cross holds active membership with the D.O.O.K. and the Masonic Lodge. Hobbies include farming and antique tractors.

His wife, Linda and daughter, Maranda, in the 4th grade, gives support, allowing for travel when he needs to serve the Pythian Brotherhood and he is blessed by their willingness to support him in this endeavor.

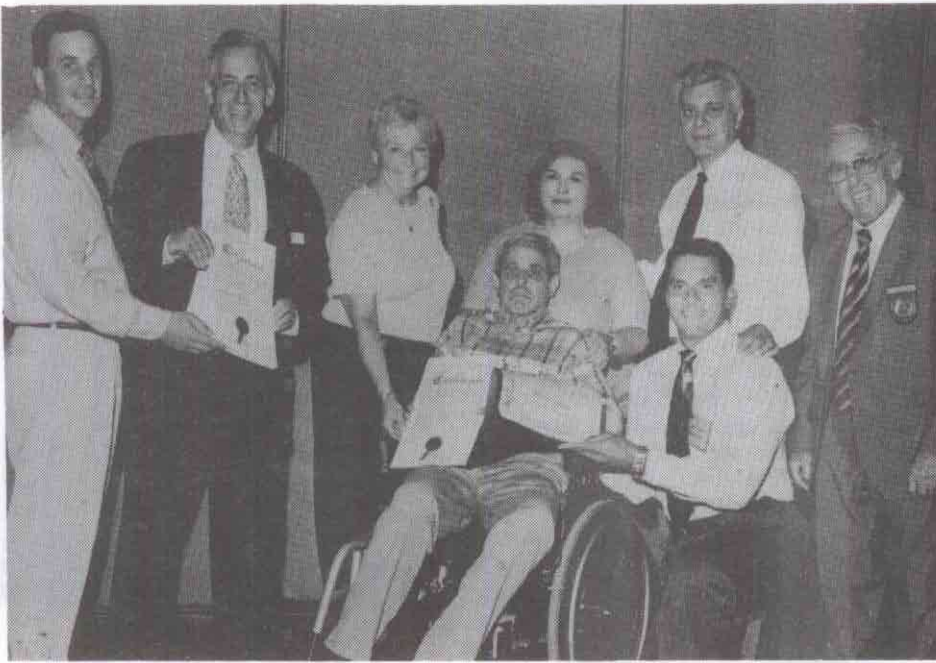
Brother Cross considers himself a common man who is being honored to be the Grand Chancellor of the State of Indiana. The duty is time consuming but a memorable chance of a life time. He will always cherish the memories that he has had and will make over the term of office.

with welcome to Adam Shepherd, Chris Jordan, Barry Gillan, Matt Shepherd, David Dye, Herschel Fall and Ed Smith. Two new members, Ralph Eitel and Henry Overbey, as part of the class, were initiated for Welcome Lodge #37.

Dr. Kenneth Moder, grand secretary, was able to secure the Rathbone Bible for this Three Rank Class, making the event a great honor to be obligated upon the Bible that had been donated by the Founder of the Order.

The Grand Chancellor, Grand Council charity for the term is for support to the Prevent Child Abuse Coalition in each of the Counties. Brother Cross also urged for support of Roof-Sit Kampout for Kids.

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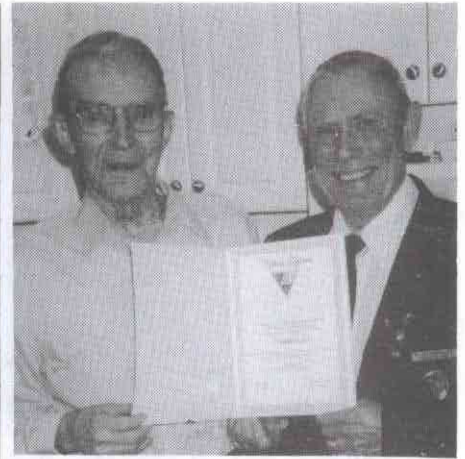
PYTHIANS ATTEND CANINE COMPANIONS GRADUATION CEREMONIES

New York — The Knights of Pythias were proud to be invited to a Graduation Ceremony, sponsored by the Canine Companions for Independence, when Pythian Stewart Altman and several others were recognized for completing their training course and given canine companions to take home and assist them in their daily needs.

PDGC Herb Gold, public relations, reports that it was quite an experience to see the outstanding work of the

Standing, from left, Joseph Muscarella, councilman; Ronald A. Knell, director of Canine Companions for Independence; Rose Walker, councilwoman; Laurie Altman; John Venditto, supervisor, Town of Oyster Bay; PDGC Herb Gold, public relations. Front, Stu Altman, knight member; John Saladino, assemblyman.

organization for those less fortunate. Special thanks was extended to Supervisor John Venditto and Assemblyman Joseph Saladino and other Town of Oyster Bay officials for taking time to be apart of the event and the many other Pythian events they attend every year.



60 YEARS OF MEMBERSHIP

British Columbia — DDGC Reg Greenwood, right, had the pleasure to pass on a Certificate Award to Past Chancellor Doug Parker on occasion of Parker marking 60 years of active membership with Gold Range Lodge #26 of Revelstoke. Greenwood visiting lodges, members in the 5th district called in to visit Parker who now resides in Kelowna as he and his wife had to relocate for sake of medical treatment convenience.

WELCOME NEW ARRIVAL

Indiana — Welcome to this world Toni Alexi, who was born Sept. 14 at 5:28 p.m. She weighed 6 lbs, 4 ozs, was 19" long. The proud parents are Jeff Brock and Amanda Mace of Seymour. Proud grandparents are Grand Master at Arms Tim and Grand Senior E. Diane Mace. Proud great grandma is PGC Cathleen Trueblood.



LODGE, TEMPLE CELEBRATE JOINT EVENTS

British Columbia — Calanthe Temple #26 Most Excellent Chief Alma Wilson and Penticton Lodge #49 Chancellor Commander Matthew Beaugrand displayed an attractive Anniversary Cake that members and guests shared as part of a joint celebration on marking the 80th anniversary of the temple and the 92nd anniversary of the lodge. While the anniversaries were in November, members took the Christmas season to hold a supper with programs of remembrance along with the joy of the festive season, including a visit by Santa.

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Mid-Island Temple Pythian Sisters pictured during "The Walk for Lymphoma".

PYTHIAN SISTERS LIGHT THE NIGHT

New York — For the past five years, the sisters of Mid-Island Temple #234 have walked the "Walk For Lymphoma." They are working for a cure for this dread disease which claimed the life of one of Mid-Island Temple's organizers, PGC Sonya (Sonny) Tobin. Walk, collect funds, contribute, organize . . . nothing is too difficult for these dedicated sisters. You will find them in the forefront of many worthy causes. Cancer Research, Special Olympics, Pythian Diabetes Research Foundation and others, all feel the tender touch of these women . . . Mid-Island Temple Pythian Sisters.

HALLOWEEN AND PYTHIAN APPRECIATION — WHAT A MIX!

New York — It was the days before Halloween that Sheephead Bay Lodge held its annual Grand Council Appreciation Dinner for the 7th consecutive year, this past Oct. 26. Pythians gathered at the 3-Star Restaurant in Brooklyn, as Knights from two states and ten New York counties revealed in the hilarious installation that took place, many seeing the ceremony for the first time. Grand Chancellor Larry Hoffman was elevated from serfdom to Royal Prince of Downtown Syracuse.

Grand Council members willingly (or otherwise) assumed ceremonial roles, such as Noble Cardinal, Court Jester, Exchequer of the Royal Stash and other titles best not mentioned here. The spirit of Halloween prevailed. Of course, strange hats, badges, pumpkin-besprinkled leis, rubber noses, and even trash bags modified their usual stoic attire.

As a pre-Halloween event, the evening went off fantastically well and was topped by an excellent meal and camaraderie. One nameless Grand Lodge Officer wore part of his costume to work the next day. That action may have been an initiation of a winning new-membership idea.

Julian Martin MC'd the evening's program aided by Roy Triguero and Jerry Scheines, all Brothers of Sheephead Bay Lodge. As you read this, planning for the following year' Grand Council Appreciation Dinner is in progress.



TOP: Grand Chancellor Hoffman, left, prepares to grasp the Swords of Reign (table forks) as PGC Jordan Levy, right, reads the ceremonial enacting clause raising GC Hoffman from lowly serf to a GC of Princedom with a domain in downtown Syracuse. RIGHT: SR Julian Martin delivers the Devil's response to the Prelate invocation; then spent the evening explaining that the horns were not real.



BENEFIT FOR HANDI-KIDS

Massachusetts — Peter Woodland Lodge #72 of Lynn, had another successful Dinner/Dance to benefit the Handi-Kids project, with the program raising over \$2,000. The annual Golf Tournament to benefit Shaughnessy-Kaplan Rehab Hospital in Salem will take place May 9th at the Gannon Golf Course in Lynn. For further information, please contact Dick Cronin at 781-599-1336.

Supreme Temple

CHAT ROOM

By

Linda Bridges

Supreme Secretary



Dear Sisters,

It is that time of year again when annual reports are mailed out. I would ask that each secretary to please check your figures carefully. It is easy to make an error, and this causes me more work. Also, please make everything legible. A lot of this information goes into my reports. A complete list of membership is due with each report, so don't forget to inform your subordinate secretaries.

New directories are in the works as well as the by-laws and journals of proceedings.

I hope you all have had an enjoyable holiday season. This is the time of year for family and friends, and I am especially thankful this year for all of my Pythian Family. In the past six months Texas has lost three long time members. Harriet Steinberg, PSR, was from Eleanor #36, and she became a dear friend to me. Edna Warren, PSR, was a charter member of my home temple, Lone Star #13 in Wichita Falls Texas. Edna traveled every mile with Addie Sadberry when she was Grand Chief of Texas, and later when I started traveling, she was always ready to go. These ladies will be missed.

Last but not least I lost a dear friend, Roy Kelley in November. He and his wife Virginia have been my constant support system since I became Supreme Secretary. I could ask them to do anything, and they would do it willingly. He traveled to Tucson to escort me this past summer, and it is a sweet memory of good times together.

I am reminded of the time our Grand Lodge Secretary George Fox was announcing the names of the deceased members at Grand Temple and he commented that these were no longer just names but dear friends. I understand that fully now. We celebrated Roy's life on a cold November overcast day, and as the closing prayer was said at the gravesite the sun came out and Roy gave us a final hug. I know God has a workshop for him in heaven and he is busy and happy and not sick. I fully expect that we will all have birdhouses waiting for us when we get there.

I wanted to share this with you to encourage each and everyone of us to cherish our friends and family. Don't wait to spend time with them, or tell them you love them.

All for now — Linda

THANKED FOR 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

Nova Scotia — On marking 60 years of active and dedicated service, Sister Pearl Casey received her membership Bar last November. She joined Star Temple #8, Springhill, on Nov. 20, 1944. Served as Maritime Provinces Grand Chief in 1989-1990 pro-tem and again in 1990-1991. Sister Pearl also served as District #2 DDGC.



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Grand Chancellor Van Wey Urges Members to Renew Their Pythian Commitment

■ Golden Spur Honors Conferred Upon PSR/PIP Donald Baker

Ohio — The 134th Convention of the Grand Lodge was concluded on Sept. 11, at Sandusky, held in connection with the annual sessions of the Ohio Grand Temple. Each of the sessions were conducted in an efficient and businesslike manner.

Special guests included Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, SR/PIP Buddy Huber, Grand Chancellor Jim Cross and Grand Secretary Ken Moder of Indiana. A convention highlight was the conferring of the degree of the Golden Spur upon Donald Baker, who has honors of Past Supreme Representative along with Past Imperial Regent of the Nomads of Avrudaka. The impressive ceremony was carried out at the Friendship Banquet, in full form, by a team from Red Star Lodge #205.

Grand Chief Tinapple has goals to further membership and to promote the Pythian Order. She is urging for support by members and temples towards her Altruistic Project of "Adventures for Wish Kids". Her motto is "Cherish Yesterday, Dream of Tomorrow, Live Today". Pythian Sisters will give assistance to Special Olympics.

Grand Chancellor Tom Van Wey observes: "My motto for this term is Renew Your Pythian Commitment. When each of us joined this Order, we committed ourselves to certain Obligations and certainties that we would live by until the end of time; this was not only to the Lodge and the Order but also to one another as Brothers in this great fraternity.

"Over the years we have become lax in our commitments either by not attending lodge or by allowing ourselves to be in arrears of our dues and by not carrying out the Principles of the Order: Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

"When learning the Lessons of the Ranks, we were charged with certain duties toward one another that had been tossed by the wayside, and we do not exercise these teachings and principals as we should, we tend to live for self alone by thinking that if I can't be in charge when I'm at Lodge then I won't be there period.

"The Ritual of the Order has many lessons that each of us can use in our daily life. I recently learned the Chancellor Commander part in the Rank of Page. If you have not done so read it, as well as the rest of the Ritual to see what I am talking about.

"We must return to the Ritual and our obligations and recommit ourselves if we are to succeed. Take time to reflect on these teachings and recommit yourself to being a dedicated Brother and a Pythian".

As a result of an agreement with the grand line officers, the grand lodge charity for the next five years will be "Special Wish", a program will continue to gather beverage tabs and other supplies for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Ohio.

MARK 90TH BIRTHDAY

New Brunswick — on occasion of PDDGC Audrey Loftus, seated, of Sunset Temple #26, Moncton, marking her 90th birthday, special greetings were extended by Maritimes Grand Chief Arlene Hayward, Nov. 21. Sister Audrey served as District #6 DDGC in the 1969-1970 term.



Ohio Grand Chancellor Tom Van Wey and Grand Chief Patty Tinapple as they were greeted during an October reception at Springfield. The evening was not just for the Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief, but about family as well as escorts included three sons.

90TH BIRTHDAY FOR PSC WALLY JOHNSON

Alberta — A 90th Birthday Party took place, in Calgary, last Dec. 4, marking the occasion for PSC Wally Johnson. Included among the 65 in attendance were her daughter Arlene and Al Kennedy; sons, Roger and Douglas; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren and one brother. Family members traveled from California; Kelowna, British Columbia and various parts of Alberta. Close friends and Pythian Sisters also helped to celebrate the occasion.



Sister Johnson served as Supreme Chief in the 1980-1982 term; is a 60-year charter member of Victory Temple #1, Calgary, Alberta; a member of the Nomads of Avrudaka; has life membership with Shaganappi Ladies Golf Club and Mountain View Bowling Club.

Congratulation cards were read from the Prime Minister of Canada; Premier of Alberta; Mayor of the City of Calgary and several Members of the Legislative Assembly.

THANKS TO NARRAGANSETT TEMPLE, BUXTON'S TRADITION LIVES ON

Maine — This past November, members of Narragansett Temple #111 of Buxton, on hearing that the annual Thanksgiving dinner would probably not be held due to the sponsor having closed a business on Route 112, Sister Joann Groder took the idea to the Pythian Sisters to take on the project and did so with much success.

After months of planning and donations from across the community, they opened their hall facilities on Route 22, to a crowd of hungry visitors. The meal lasted from noon to 3 p.m.

Among those who came were teenagers from the Day One residential substance abuse rehabilitation center in Hollis. The Pythian Sisters are one of the center's sponsors

The impressive spread of food included more than 100 lbs of potatoes, 50 lbs of onions, more than 30 lbs of sweet potatoes, 11 turkeys and a table boasted at least five kinds of pies, a tall can of whipped cream.

The Temple has been an active part of the community since 1889. In the 70's the first hall burned to the ground and through hard work, they are proud of the present facility.

Olympic Medal, Pythian Medallion Part Of Presentation In Greece

by PHILIP C. GREENWALD
Supreme Lodge Chairman of Law

We all know that Damon and Pythias were Greek citizens of the City State of Syracuse. Two friends who valued their friendship and good name more than they valued life itself. Well, the Olympics of August, 2004 held in Athens, Greece, brought out the best of the world's athletes and also brought out the best in a simple taxi cab driver named Ioannis Zavos.

Mr. Zavos, 68 years of age, has recently been honored by the Supreme Lodge for his honesty, friendship and readiness to "do the right thing" without expectation of reward.

It all started one night when Mr. Zavos provided his cab service to an Olympic Silver Medal winner. The Medallist, Diederik Simon, of the eight-man rowing team from the Netherlands, left his recently won silver medal (velvet award pouch and all) on the back seat of Mr. Zavos taxicab.

Discovering the medal, Mr. Zavos at first jumped for joy; this was surely meant to be a special "windfall" for a man who doesn't earn \$300.00 per week while supporting a wife and child in an apartment he's rented for more than 35 years. He took it home and proudly displayed it to his family.

But reality set in almost immediately. Although he works long



Brother Constantine Tsirikos, left, presenting Knights of Pythias Medallion and Certificate to Ioannis Zavos in Athens, Greece, last November 15th.

hours and receives only small remuneration, his thought of retaining something that had been won by another was too much to bear. When, on the day after the discovery, he showed the medal to fellow taxicab drivers at work, he was offered the equivalent of \$600.00 for it. This was more than he could earn in two weeks. He steadfastly refused to sell the medal. He also refused to accept the idea (offered by another co-worker) that "the athlete will be given another silver medal."

In Ioannis' mind, "It was not my medal. What was I going to do with it, keep it in my closet? What would it mean to me? There is no sweat in that medal for me." And so, thinking only of the true owner's feelings, without any promise of personal reward, he returned the medal to the Olympic Committee in Athens. He met the athlete who (close to tears) hugged Ioannis in gratitude. When our Supreme Chancellor heard the story of the returned medal he directed that contact be made with our Brother, Constantine Tsirikos (an attorney) who resides in Athens.

Brother Constantine readily agreed to attempt to locate Ioannis Zavos for the purpose of presenting him with his own Silver Supreme Chancellor's Medallion and Certificate in recognition of his heroic deed.

This assignment was successfully completed in November, 2004. Mr. Zavos wrote a letter to our Supreme Chancellor thanking him for the honor bestowed on him. In part the letter reads, "I personally believe that every man has a right and obligation to lead his life in virtue, exactly as our ancestors did for many centuries, thus giving the example of virtuously living to their descendants.

Thus, by expressing my thanks to you, I also recognize, in my capacity as a simple person, the fact that there is another great congregation of simple persons, called "the Pythians," who, in the difficult times we live, honour themselves and their country, by being honorable and virtuous." Let us strive to so conduct ourselves, that through such selfless acts, we as a fraternal Order shall become better known throughout the world.



From left, Ruth Schultz, Mr. Duck, Phyllis Plotnick, Milton Schultz taking a bread during event of the race.

30,000 'Quacks' Raise Funds For Special Olympics

New York — The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters of the Domain of New York are very involved in the Supreme Lodge's Charity Special Olympics. Their involvement takes many forms, Fund Raising, Volunteering, Hands-On and more.

Through the efforts of Committee Chairman, PDGC Arthur Kolb, for this year's Million Dollar Duck Race, the Brothers and Sisters raised the most money by their sale of "Ducks". Each Duck has a serial number. Then, 30,000 Ducks are released in the current where they travel under Pier "7" at Fulton Street Seaport in New York City, where they are funneled to a Finish Line.

Aside from the First Place winner, there are many, many prizes. They are, gift certificates to various restaurants and stores; a year's supply of Lottery tickets from New York Lottery; Prizes from Radio Station WLJB, who entertained throughout the evening.

The Oppenheimer Fund and Newsday among others were also contributors. It was a splendid event for a splendid group of people.



NEW MISSOURI LODGES CONTINUE TO ADD NEW MEMBERS

The year 2004 will go down as a very historical one in recent history for the Grand Domain of Missouri. Three new subordinate Lodges were instituted – Michael Glawson #441, January 24th in Toulouse, France; Rathbone #442, April 17th in Maumelle, Arkansas; and Lebanon #443, August 14th in Lebanon, Missouri. Syracuse #437, in Republic, Springfield, Missouri, teamed up with Rolla #231 for a 3-in-1 Rathbone Bible Class on May 22nd – one of the new members taken in by Rolla was Matt Marrone, the eventual founder and now Missouri membership chairman, of Lebanon #443!

In all, 9 new members were initiated that day – and Syracuse teamed up with Lebanon to conduct 2 more 3-in-1 rank work days in 2004! Not to be outdone, Fayette #239 took in 4 new members in a 3-in-1 rank work, along with its District #4 meeting on May 30th.

In September, Lebanon hosted a 3-in-1 which initiated 6 more candidates and in November Syracuse hosted yet another and performed the ranks on 5 more members. Rathbone #442 also took in 2 more Knights in October. With then Grand Chancellor Robert Harris Bray, and Grand Secretary Steve Glise instituting these new lodges, and with current Grand Chancellor Dr. James Gibbons' leadership, the Grand Domain of Missouri will continue to 'harvest the seeds planted'.

Currently in the works is a 4th Kansas lodge and a 2nd DOKK Temple in Missouri (Lebanon-Springfield). The Late Ron Dickinson, PSVC, had 'challenged' Missouri on his Official visit back in 2002, to break the 300 member barrier.

Now that is a reality, and PGC Bray dedicated the past year in his memory, and that of PGP, the Late Michael Butterfield.

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.

Front, from left, Leroy Loggins, GMA, Genesis Lodge #439, Wichita, Kansas; PGC Robert Bray, Fayette Lodge #239, Fayette, Missouri; Dr. James Gibbons, grand chancellor, Syracuse Lodge #437, Republic, Missouri; Harold Maness, chancellor commander, Syracuse Lodge. 2nd row, from left, Steve Glise, DSC, grand secretary, Carlos Wilson, Syracuse Lodge; Albert Folds, DDGC, Rolla Lodge #231, Lebanon, Missouri; Larry Caudle, James Mercer, Jeff Kaegel, all of Syracuse Lodge. 3rd row, Steve Taylor, Syracuse Lodge; Tom Caldwell and Matt Marrone, grand outer guard, Rolla Lodge #231, Lebanon, Missouri.

BARRY HEIFETZ LEADS NEVADA GRAND DOMAIN

Nevada's Grand Chancellor, Barry Heifetz is following the tradition of his late father, Samuel Heifetz of Regal Lodge, Brooklyn, New York and his late uncle Rudy Rodin. Barry joined John Hancock Lodge, Brooklyn, November, 1964. He was soon elected to a lodge office; he joined the entertainment committee and also their championship bowling team.

Both Barry and his wife, Roxy, were born and raised in New York City. They moved to Las Vegas in June, 1994, for the "sunshine, lollipops and rainbows", plus, Nevada's 'No State Income Tax'. He observes that, New York City is tax central.

Barry and Roxy wed in Las Vegas' Temple Beth Shalom, October, 1994. They have five children from previous marriages. While attending Brooklyn College, Barry, in 1957, originated his first of many businesses, a small print shop, sold two years later. Then, nationwide sales of mail order record albums (remember those?).

His business life spanned salesman, corporate officer, partner, owner, chief floor sweeper and bottle washer, etc. Barry became fully retired from his then personal pager (beepers) business, Dec. 31, 1992.

The Knights, Poker and Gin games, charity work and buffets take up his leisure time. Barry purchased an existing Las Vegas business, Sept. 1998 for his son, Al. It was sold in October, 2000 to Nevada Grand Prelate Larry Winter, who continues to own and very successfully operate it.

The Clark County Lodge in Southern

ACTIVE IN ORGANIZATIONS

Iowa — Grand Chief Phyllis Shuros joined the Pythian Sisters in 1980, as a member of Temple #84, Charles City, she is serving both as Grand Chief and Most Excellent Chief of her temple. She has served as a Deputy and as a Page, prior to working her way through the Grand Line Officer Chairs.



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In line of community service, Sister Shuros is a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Ruth Circle; is a life member of the VFW Auxiliary; a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a member of Women of the Moose. She is the sole survivor of a family of six brothers and two sisters; married in 1951 to Melvin G. Shuros, who passed away in 1968.

Busy plans have been completed for the hosting of grand lodge and grand temple sessions August 26-28, at the Collins Plaza Hotel Marriott in Charles City.



Nevada Grand Chief Joan Cowell and Grand Chancellor Barry Heifetz, pictured during the Joint Installation of Officers ceremonies held at the Boulder Station Casino Las Vegas last October, enjoying the presence of Mayor Oscar Goodman, who graciously went around the room personally greeting everyone, at the festive occasion.

Nevada has recently instituted through the fine efforts of Chancellor Commander Arnold Maitles, a lending library at the children's wards of Southern Nevada hospitals. Southern Nevada has also created, through the perseverance of Brother Larry Singer, a college scholarship fund. These efforts introduce and promote the benevolence of the Order.

WORDS OF THE WISE

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable, but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing.
(George Bernard Shaw).

LODGE APPRECIATES RECOGNITION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

by DR. KENNETH MODER, KGS, PGC
Indiana Grand Secretary

In Pythian lodges and temples, brothers and sisters have, over the recent years, sought ways to integrate our beliefs in the Pythian Order with community service while seeking community recognition. There are many ways in which the task may be accomplished but let me describe one that is working in Indiana.

In 1997 and 1998, Lafayette Lodge #51 began a program to help aid a local organization, Kids First, assist elementary students on such subjects as abuse, bullies, and what it is like to be a child with Cystic Fibrosis and therefore be confined to a wheelchair.

The lodge chose to collect and recycle aluminum cans. The first year we recycled 250 lbs of cans and donated \$75 to Kids First. In 1998 expanded the scope of the project to include de-tabbing the cans. The tabs would be donated to the Indianapolis Ronald McDonald House.

In the years that followed, the Tab program became a state-wide project. Lafayette Lodge instituted a program with many local elementary schools whereby the lodge donates to the student council of that school, \$1 for every pound of tabs donated. The lodge then began to hold yearly Recognition Dinners. Representatives from each school are treated to dinner and then presented with a check corresponding to the number of pounds of tabs collected.

How well has this program worked?

Since 1998, local schools have donated 5 million of the 6.2 million tabs



Ken Moder displays delivery of educational equipment needs for local schools.

(2.25 tons) donated to the Ronald McDonald House! Lodges and Temples around the state have donated the difference. This has meant more than \$2,000 have been donated to local elementary schools to purchase new books for their library, educational equipment, etc. that would not have been funded through the school corporation. Teachers, staff, parents, and students have come to recognize Lafayette Lodge for our actions.

The can project has been equally successful. Since 1997, the lodge has recycled over 19,000 lbs or 9.5 tons of cans. This volume of crushed cans is more than enough to fill a tractor trailer! The more than \$6,000 in revenue has been donated back to our community with yearly donation of over \$500 to Kids First, the Lafayette chapter of CF, the tab program, and other community fund raisers.

These activities highlight what is possible for a small lodge, <30 members, to accomplish. The "win-win" situations are

numerous. The lodge wins by helping our community, schools, and children. The schools win as do local organizations and the Ronald McDonald House that serves the state and surrounding states. The environment wins by promoting recycling. Finally, longer term the lodge wins again by establishing a track record with the community and forming a solid base of recognition with local adults and more importantly with all of our future, the young people at a most formative age.

In conclusion, while some states and provinces might not be able to replicate these programs, each lodge and temple needs to look for ways to accomplish the same goals within your community. You must begin to establish your long term plan to promote publicly the goals and aims of the Pythian Order.

MICHIGAN NEWS NOTES

Detroit Lodge #55 reports that four new Knights had been initiated just prior to the end of 2004, and enjoyed a gain of eight new members in the year . . . Scotts Lodge #103 held a Sept. event when PGC John Forney presented Life Membership credentials to Bryant Forney, Gerald Longman and Clarence Miller, with congratulations on each reaching the 50-year milestone.

Congratulations are extended to PSR Sister Eleanor Bongard who marks 70-years of membership. Formerly of Goodyear Temple in Alma, she now is a member of Battle Creek Temple. Served as Grand Chief in the 1986-87 term; her mother Mabel White was a member for 54 years and her daughter, Becky Skidmore recently received 50-year credentials from Elmwood Temple. PSC Georgia Byrd, chairman of the Scholarship Committee, is asking for reports of Scholarship recipients to bring members up to date on what they have accomplished. A first response query IS: "What are you doing now?"



FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED DURING SPECIAL LUNCHEON

Ohio — Members of Whitehouse Temple #312, respectively honor their 50-year plus members each year with a luncheon. During the recent occasion, Marcia Huff was recognized and presented with 50-year credentials. Sisters present

Seated, Odell Disher, Charlotte Leonard, Leona Hagerman, Lovella Snyder. Standing, Marcia Huff, Betty Harkless, Marilyn Conklin.

were Charlotte Leonard, 67 years; Odell Disher, 69 years; Leona Hagerman, 63 years; Lovella Snyder, 56 years; Betty Harkless, 55 years; Marilyn Conklin, 53 years. Shirley Bastin, 52 years was absent for picture.

AWARD HONORS PSR HELEN GRATHWOHL

Virginia — Helen Grathwohl of Portsmouth Temple was presented with the 2nd annual Virginia Pythian Sister of the Year Award during the Grand Sessions Joint Banquet at the Virginia Beach Resort Hotel, October 6th.



When Helen was called to the podium to accept the award she said, "I do what I do because I just love people". It's this love of her fellow man plus her outstanding positive attitude that makes Helen such an outstanding Pythian Sister.

We've all heard the platitude "When life gives you a lemon — make lemonade. This is exactly what Sister Grathwohl has done. Life has frequently given her "lemons" and Helen not only overcome the problems, but has used them to help others. A few years ago, Helen was diagnosed with throat cancer. Helen's vocal cords were removed, but her determination permitted her to quickly master the skill of mechanically assisted speech. Helen became a member of the "Lost Chords Club."

This is a non-profit organization that



PGC Maxine Grevstad thanks Santa for her gift.

SANTA VISIT POPULAR

Washington/Alaska — Grand Chancellor Jim Braaten donned his Santa suit to the delight of young and old for the Christmas party hosted by Sidney Lodge #85 and Port Orchard Temple #17. The many children were delighted to sit on Santa's lap and whisper their requests in his ear.

• **MICKEY MOUSE** . . . was the theme for the surprise reception dinner for Grand Guard Janice Ranton. Her home temple, Crescent #12 hosted the function to honor the newest Grand Temple Officer. Her sister Officers carried out the theme as they entered wearing Mickey Mouse eared glasses. All had a good time.

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helps to support people who have had throat cancer such as herself. Working with this group, Helen has been able to get several manufacturers to donate the apparatus needed for the patients to speak.

The surgeon who did Helen's throat surgery will call her frequently to let her know that he has a patient who is unsure about getting the same surgery that she has had. Helen will drop what she is doing in order to talk to this patient. Some of these conversations are by telephone, but the majority is done by Helen meeting with them at the doctor's office, the patient's hospital room.

Helen recently found out that she has breast cancer, and just like the throat cancer she faced it head on. Throughout this ordeal, Helen has continued to be very dedicated to her own family, her Pythian family, her community, as well as her church, and the Lost Chords.

Helen has been a dedicated Pythian Sister for over 25 years. She is dedicated to her local Temple where she serves as Secretary, and served diligently on many Grand Temple Committees. Both at the state and local levels, Helen is always ready to work and lend her expertise at any Pythian function. She has an extremely long list of service to the Order as well as to her community and her church.

Helen listens with an open and loving heart. She assists others when at all possible. She has truly lived up to all of our principles. Not only has she lived up to them in the Pythian Order, but she has lived up to them in her community as well.

Texas Roundup Event For April 14, 15, 16

The Ranks of Page, Esquire and Knight will be conferred in a unique setting of a cavern at Long Horn State Park, one of the largest underground caverns in the state, organized by Midlethian Lodge #50 of Temple with assistance by other domain lodges. The Rathbone Bible will be a prominent part of the special event.

The Roundup will be dedicated to the memory of the late PSR Roy C. Kelly. An earlier announced Candidate Fee of \$30 has been waived. The Pythian Heartland Assoc., will be holding a quarterly executive board meeting on April 15th.

An evening event on April 15th will feature an old fashion style Texas Bar B Cue and Hoedown with music by the Texas Side Winders along with presentations of various select awards.

While reservations were called for Feb.1, for further information, please contact Cecil Holifield, chairman, 830-693-9443 or 830-596-0874. The committee e-mail is: txpythianroundup05@yahoo.com>

Supreme Lodge, Supreme Temple Convention 2006, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Keep an eye on the Pythian International and the Pythian web site for announcements and making of reservations. Plan your vacation for 2006 now! Reserve the August 10th to 17th for the Supreme Temple, Supreme Lodge convention. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada will be the site of this convention. We have booked the Lord Nelson Hotel in the heart of the city as our convention center.

Halifax, the capital of Nova Scotia, is a modern seaport city. Halifax is comprised of nearly 188 smaller communities and is home to four nationally recognized university campuses, Dalhousie, Mount Saint Vincent, Saint Mary's and TUNS.

It is not uncommon for summer temperatures to reach the high 80's or low 90's. Visitors will find the climate very humid.

The Maritimes Provinces are rich in history. We hope you will come to Halifax to see some of our history, our scenery and enjoy Maritime Hospitality. Don't forget your camera! You will be staying a short walk from Citadel Hill, an old fort that once guarded the entrance to Halifax harbour. We will be offering a tour of Pier 21; the entrance point for many immigrants to both Canada and the United States.

No trip to the Maritimes is complete unless you have a lobster supper. We will be offering fine dining in a restaurant on the wharf where you can watch the boats in the harbour.

Monday morning will be the Canadian Breakfast; it is open to everyone. It will be a great way to start the week off.



50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

British Columbia — Doug and Norma Barkley recently marked their 50th wedding anniversary with special greetings marking the occasion by families along with Pythian good wishes. The popular Pythian couple resides on Vancouver Island with Doug holding active membership with Maple Lodge #15, Duncan and Norma, active membership with Island Temple #8, Victoria. Sister Norma has Past Grand Chief Honors which she earned with service as Grand Treasurer.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE: PYTHIAN SUNSHINE GIRLS

The Pythian Sunshine Girls organization was designed for young girls between the ages of 8 and 20. This is a place where young girls have the Opportunity to meet other young people and participate in beneficial activities with women who believe in the Pythian Principles. The girls learn about respect, caring for others and learn about friendship, charity, and other Pythian Principles. We hope to lay a foundation for a life of purity, service and usefulness in all things that help to make the lives of those around them a better place in which to live.

Involvement in the Pythian Sunshine Girls organization benefits everyone who chooses to become involved. In most cases, it is a Pythian Sister Temple which sponsors a Sunshine Girl Council. The women who assist the girls in their Sunshine Councils can be Pythian Sisters, parents and other women in the community. It takes some dedication and effort to put a Sunshine Girls Council together; however the investment pays dividends for everyone. The girls blossom in this safe environment and the women mentors reap the reward of their teachings in the pride of seeing the girls develop into young ladies who are interested in community service.

If you'd like to find out if there's a Sunshine Girl Council near you where you could participate or if you'd like to obtain information about how to start a Sunshine Girls Council, please contact: Supreme Royal Princess: Scarlet Holmes, 619 Skodborg Drive, Eaton, OH 45320 Phone: 937-456-4783
E-mail: scarletwy@msn.com

MANDATORY ADDRESS MAILING FOR CANADA

Canada has instituted mandatory address requirements on incoming mail. Canada is refusing all mail that does not conform to the new requirements and has been returning truckloads of mail to the U.S. every day.

Addressing to Canada must be printed using capital letters; full first and last name to be spelled out; last line to show country name and postal zone.

Return address must include senders full first and last name; complete address of the sender, in the upper left hand corner.

Customs requirements to include complete sender and addressee information, along with documents; gift or present identity are not acceptable.

REBUILDING OUR ORDER

Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin has appointed a special committee to take a serious look at the Pythian Order and come up with suggestions based upon examples of how the Order can turn around membership numbers and increase the number of lodges.

Supreme Chancellor McLaurin wishes to tap into many Pythian and even non-Pythian minds to try to find solutions and to help start charting a roadmap back to "The Glory Years" of 700,000+ members.

Key areas are the following but not limited to:

- SUPREME LODGE: Membership, Name Recognition, National and International Presence, Communications to Grand/Subordinate Members. we open new lodges? Communications to lodge/members; how do we get new blood into Grand Lodge?
- GRAND LODGE: Membership, Name Recognition; What programs will really help lodges? How do we open new lodges? Communications to lodge/members; how do we get new blood into Grand Lodge?
- SUBORDINATE LODGE: Membership: how do we get new members and how do we keep existing members? name recognition, fund raising.

The Committee 'task', as dedicated Pythians is to attempt to find potential answers to these issues. The Committee are being creative and aggressive in asking folks for their input.

As members coordinate ideas along with personal thoughts, please try to make sure that the committee receives concrete responses and not just generalities.

Example: Name Recognition: get more press time (general). Specific: write articles to the paper about lodge activities; establish an outreach program with schools/community by doing an Adopt-A-Spot, collect aluminum tabs and donation of funds to a school, etc.

The committee would also like to ask each contributor for some information so that some demographics may be applied to the date. The following is a list of such demographic oriented questions the committee is seeking to also provide:

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| City/town where they live: | 40 years, 40-50 years,
50-60 years, more than 60 years. |
| Less than 5,000, less than 50,000,
less than 100,000, more than 100,000. | |
| Lodge they belong to: | Do they belong to any other
organization? |
| Non-Member, less than 25 members,
less than 75 members, less than 150
members, more than 150 members. | Yes/No. What group, if they wish to say: |
| Their age: | How long have you been a Pythian?
Number of years |
| Less than 20 years, 20 to 30 years, 30 to | |

Personal insight:

Committee chairman, PGC Kenneth Moder, grand secretary of Indiana, observes that he has long felt that to increase our membership in the world today, we need to have a drawing card(s) that sets Pythians apart. The draw must be appealing, so as to make a non-members wish to become a members and feel good about being a Pythian. It must have VALUE to them and remain of VALUE once they become members.

Now is the time for you to take an active part in shaping the future of the Order. No idea or suggestion will be discarded. Ask these questions at your next Lodge Convention, Grand Council Session, Temple meeting and send your replies to a committee member.

The Committee may be contacted at the e-mail addresses shown below:

- Dr. David Laske, PGC --dlaske@yahoo.com>
- William Fields, PSR --wfield@sympatico.ca>
- Kenneth Moder, PGC, GS --moderl@gte.net>

The Committee thanks you in advance for your help, insight, and suggestions.

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.

The Supreme Lodge Foundation Trustees has pledged their support to keep this monument at the highest standards to make it a place of Pythian Pride. The Rathbone Monument is for all Pythians . . . Be a proud part of this Pythian Heritage. Please contact the Supreme Lodge office for further information (617-472-8800), regarding names that may be enshrined on a wall, paver block or panel, remembering a loved one, a relative, a Pythian for a lifetime of service. Remember, contributions are tax deductible!

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