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SUPREME LODGE

MESSAGE

By

BOB EPSTEIN, PDSC

Editor-In-Chief



Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Robert Epstein, but you can call me Bob. I have been in the Graphic Arts Industry for 43 years, I have been a Pythian for over 40 years. I am a Past Chancellor of Harmony Lodge, Domain of New York. I am a Past Deputy Grand Chancellor, I am a Past Assistant to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor, A Past Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor, A Past Grand Chancellor, and a Past Deputy Supreme Chancellor. I am a Knight of the Golden Spur as well as a Life Member of Harmony Lodge. I have been involved in Pythian publications for many years thru my Lodge Bulletin and the New York Pythian Knight newspaper, with a circulation of over 15,000. I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association, The Morris Smoller Social Service Foundation and the Vice President of the Associated Health Foundation. After 62 years, I recently moved from Brooklyn, NY to Covered Bridge, New Jersey where I reside with my wife Charna.

Enough about me, let me tell you about my plans for the Pythian International.

As I have said many times in the past, The Pythian International should serve two purposes. It should be a showplace for the Supreme Chancellor, The Supreme Council and the many programs of the Supreme Lodge (membership, altruistic, boy scouts and the Junior Order). It should be a means of telling our membership just what we do and who we are. The Pythian International should also have a human interest side. There should be coverage of many of the activities of our lodges and domains. The installations, the parties, the outings and those who live a long, healthy life should be recognized.

All editors will tell you it's hard to put out a publication if you do not have material to write about. I am fortunate to have the support of so many of my Pythian friends that I have an abundance of material to be published. I will try to use as much as I can in this, my inaugural 24 page issue, and promise to give all the items not used my utmost attention for future editions.

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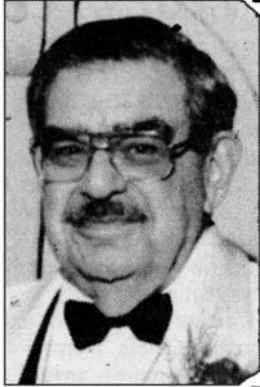
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SUPREME LODGE

NOTE BOOK

By
ALFRED A. SALTZMAN, KGS
Supreme Secretary



It is extremely gratifying to see the interest and enthusiasm that has been created by the Junior Order. Many subordinate lodges have started new chapters and several others are in the planning stages. We have prepared a new up-to-date manual for starting chapters, the ritual has been modernized, and we have officers' jewels and members' lapel pins available for distribution. PSC Bobby Crowe, SVC Dave Mead and I stand ready to assist any member who is interested in starting a new Junior Order chapter.

At the risk of having a lifetime of bad luck, we are requesting that our e-mail address not be used for superfluous messages that are supposed to be forwarded. We will not forward any jokes, cartoons, or inspirational messages. We just don't have time for that sort of activity. And we don't want to have our message center clogged with that sort of material. We would like to keep our e-mail address free of anything except official Knights of Pythias business. Would that we could also eliminate all the Spam, also!

We welcome Brother Bob Epstein as the new editor of the *PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL*. All editorial material should be sent to him at 141B Cross Slope Ct., Manalapan, NJ 07726. But please keep in mind that he should not be bothered with circulation and subscription matters. Those are handled by this office. We remind you again to send us your change of address notices so that we won't have to pay seventy cents for each returned magazine, and you won't miss receiving your copies.

A reminder: – Whenever the Rathbone Bible has to be shipped to a new location, it is the responsibility of the previous user to pay for the shipping charges. This will defray some of the expenses that are ultimately added to the Per Capita Tax.

We are happy to report that the Boy Scout Eagle Scout program has been expanded to include those scouts in Canada who qualify. Brother Dan Doctor is making the necessary arrangements and when the procedure has been finalized, it will be announced by this office.

A New Item – We now have a lapel pin that looks like the triangle Knights Lapel Pin but it has a ribbon across the bottom that says "Pythian of the Year". It is item #405PY and it costs the same as the regular Knights Lapel Pin Item #405K.

SUPREME TEMPLE

CHAT ROOM

By
LINDA BRIDGES
Supreme Secretary



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The journals of Proceedings and the 2005 directories have been mailed out. If you did not receive your journal, please contact me and I will take care of it. I just picked them up and I have already found a couple of errors. My apologies to Audrey Wetterwald for listing her as Addie Wetterwald. I have corrected the file, so it should not happen again. Sorry Audrey.

I also have corrections to the 2005 directory. Please correct Georgia Jean Byrd's email address to: gbyrd2636@sbcglobal.net
Margaret Grochocki's email address is: margaret_grochocki@yahoo.com
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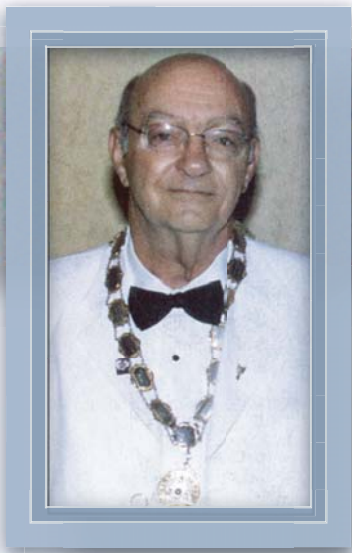
There will be more coming I am sure.

Annual Reports were delayed this year due to the changes made by the Executive Board in August. Hopefully everyone will find them easier to use. We plan to work on the subordinate temple report soon, so we would appreciate any input the Grand Secretaries have regarding this matter.

It is imperative that all Grand Jurisdictions submit a membership roster with their report. This information is needed for record keeping, not to sell names to companies.

Plans are underway for the 2006 Session in Halifax, NS. I would like to call to your attention the new regulations for passports when leaving the United States to go to Canada and leaving Canada to go to the US. A passport will not be required until 12/31/06 to travel by air, but it might be advisable to be getting one if you don't already have one. This was passed by Congress last session, but we are just getting the word. I would hate for anyone not to be able to get home.

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Texas this summer for Imperial Palace. Our own George Fox is Imperial Prince and Melanie Curtis will be installed this year as Most Gracious Maharani. Please make plans to attend. Information is in the Dokey-Nomad Herald.



SUPREME CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

REBUILDING OUR ORDER

All members, of our order, know we have been losing members for the last 20 years. We have 43 Grand Domains of which 10 have less than 125 members and six with more than 1000 members. Our total membership is about 30,000. This is our order. We must rebuild.

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I ask, each member, who is going to take your place? Who will do your job as secretary, trustee, chancellor commander, fundraiser, or member? Now ask yourself these same questions. If you want to help rebuild our order you will find someone to replace you each year that you are a member. Teach each new member it will be their duty to replace themselves each year. This is an easy way for everyone to be involved in the rebuilding process.

We need to find a way to bring new applicants quickly into the lodge as knights. Perspective members should not wait on us. It should not take three months or three weeks to get a perspective member to the rank of knight. They should be brought into the lodge as knights almost immediately, so they will be members and can take part with the working of the lodge. It has been suggested new members may be knighted with an oath and then participate or observe the rank work within one year. This in no way would change our ritual. However, this can only be done with the approval of the Supreme Lodge voting in session. I would like to see this passed for a trial period of four years. This way we would give lodges that do not have the ability to do rank work an opportunity to bring in new members. We, as a Supreme Lodge, would know after the four year trial period if knighting by an oath helps rebuild our order.

Let me update you on Pythian Care. At the present time the By Laws and the Articles of Incorporation have been tentatively approved. The By Laws will be sent to the Internal Revenue Service along with the forms to acquire the 501-C-3 status we are seeking for our charity Pythian Care. It is our hope and aim to have this done by the next Supreme Council meeting. When the approval for the 501.-C-3 has been approved the Supreme Domain will be informed.

Remember this is your order, therefore your responsibility to help rebuild our order. I know I can count on every member to support and help within their ability to do so.

Tim McLaurin
Supreme Chancellor



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Greetings:

Now that the warmth of spring has arrived, our activity level on Pythian projects has increased too. As many of you know, I enjoy visiting with Pythians and hearing about your good works projects. It seems that wherever I travel I hear about new ways in which Pythians are helping out in their communities. So that we can increase our visibility, I hope that everyone is remembering to wear Pythian identifiers — a vest, a jacket or cap with the Pythian logo or name — so that people who are not yet members will be able to tell that it is Pythians who are helping out in your community. Then turn in your articles, both for promotion - and - reporting of your Pythian Projects, to your Pythian publications, as well as local newspapers, TV and radio stations so that people will hear of our good works and want to join with us.

“Make A Difference Day” - Please reserve the date of October 22, 2005 for a Pythian workday. Supreme Temple's Promotion Committee, chaired by SPGC Georgia Jean Byrd, has identified *“Make A Difference Day”* as a time where we can get our organization's name out into the public. Please register one or more of your Pythian projects on the Make A Difference Day website (www.makeadifferenceday.com) and hold your activity on October 22nd to help us put the name of the Pythian Sisters on the map! (See separate article in this issue of the PI.)

Harmony and Cooperation ~ Just as we reach out to others in a spirit of harmony and cooperation, I ask that you do the same with our Pythian Sisters and Brothers. I know that we're all busy and it seems that each of us has too much to do, however please remember that we're all volunteers. We're all doing the best that we can with the time and talents that we have. If you think that someone isn't doing something the way that you think it should be done, rather than being critical, please reach out and offer to help. Please try to be helpful just like you are when you are helping those outside of our Order. Also, we need to try to remember to “Ask” rather than “Tell.” As one of my Pythian Brothers commented some years back, if we ASK for something, we're most likely going to be told “Yes” however if we “tell” someone to do something for us, we're likely to be met with some resistance. Harmony and cooperation are very important. We don't need to lose any more members because of hurt feelings.

“Step up” instead of “stepping back.” I recognize that sometimes we get tired and it's just easier to say “no” and just sit there on the couch. However there are also times when we know that we have the talent to do a job but no one has asked us yet. I ask you now, if there's a job that you could do to take the weight off someone else's shoulders, please volunteer to help. “Step up” to make the Pythian Sisters look better. “Step up” to ask someone to be a member. We have every right to be proud to be a Pythian, so help us grow the Pythian Order so we can have the “good old days” back again! I think that's what we all want!!

Membership — *“Behold the Turtle. She only makes progress when she sticks her neck out.”* Speaking of “stepping up,” don't forget to do as our Membership Chairman Alma Wilson has asked and “stick your neck out” and ask people to join our order. We all know from personal experience how much belonging to the Pythian Sisters has enriched our lives. Allow others to have that same gift too and ask them to join with us for membership and in our good works.

Imperial Convention 2005 - We are now preparing for the 2005 Imperial Convention in Irving (Dallas), Texas. Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters extend our invitation for everyone to join us on Saturday, July 30th for Pythian Sister's Day - and - our Banquet where we will honor Most Gracious Maharani Jacquie Girard and her husband, Jerry Girard, Maharajah. (See announcement in this issue of the FI.)

As some of you know, the Girards and I belong to the same Nomad Santha, Rose City in Hillsboro, Oregon. In August 2004 when Jacquie was installed as Maharani we recognized the great honor it was for one of our members to have attained this high rank. One year later, in Tucson, I was installed as your Supreme Chief. To Jacquie and me, that signaled the beginning of one year in common as your Pythian leaders. It has been a special time for us to work together and to collaborate on ideas for the benefit of the Order. It is hard to believe that our year together is about to come to a close. We wish Jacquie well as she presides over this year's Nomad's convention. We also extend our best wishes to the Imperial Officers and members for successful and harmonious sessions.

I look forward to seeing all of you at Imperial in Texas, if not at a Grand Session before then. With Pythian Love and Friendship,

Kathlene

Schneider Children's Hospital



From left to right: Chairman of the Charity Committee Past Chancellor and Life Member Louis Goodman, PDGC Sir Dr. Daniel D. Epstein, Dr. Mayer Sagy, Chairman of the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Nurse Randee Bloch, Chief Nurse in the Pediatric Unit, PACDGC Arnold Edelkind, the Pythian of the Year for the Pythagoras Club – 52nd Pythian District and PCDGC Sir Stanley Rubin.

With out a doubt, when all three of our Pythian ideals are in balance our great fraternity achieves the plaudits it so richly deserves. Though membership, may in some areas be on a decline the amounts of charity distributed throughout our great Order has most assuredly been on a steady rise.

Most recently when Queensview Lodge #433, a vibrant member of the Pythagoras Club in New York's 52nd PC Association heard that the Schneider Children's Hospital was in need of a medical device call a "BIS MONITOR" which measures the minute brain wave activity of infants and children, they quickly responded and supplied this vital machine enabling physicians to correctly prescribe sedation medication. Thus making patients as comfortable as possible.

NY-Nassau University Hospital



Alliance-East Meadow Lodge No. 774 Knights of Pythias were once again privileged to participate in spreading some joy and happiness to the children hospitalized in the Nassau University Hospital. It was a very rewarding experience to see the reaction from the children as we distributed the toys to them in the pediatric and other wards of the hospital as part of our altruistic endeavors. We were honored to have legislator Dennis Dunne Sr. and State Assemblyman Joseph Saladino join with us as they have for many years with their involvement in the Pythian Order. We extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the John Theissen Children's Foundation and the United States Marine Corp and Ret. Major Chuck Kilbride for providing the toys and making these programs possible.

CHARITIES IN THE DOMAIN OF MAINE

Many charitable organizations benefit from the efforts of Maine Pythians. Each year the Grand Chancellor names his favorite charity and plans a program of funding. Often the Grand Lodge pledges funds to the chosen program.

In 2005, Grand Chancellor Michael Barker chose "Operation Lift Off" as his charity. For several years Arcana Lodge #102 in Thomaston has raised \$2,500 to grant a wish to a terminally ill child. This year the Grand Lodge of Maine has joined their effort by pledging \$1,000 and Grand Chancellor Barker has formulated a bottle and can redemption program to raise more funds.

"Operation Lift Off" is an all volunteer organization who donate their time and efforts without compensation.

In 2004, Grand Chancellor Danny Bennett selected Camp Carefree, a summer camp for diabetic kids operated by the American Diabetes Association. The Grand Lodge donated \$1,000 to that cause and other funds were raised as well.

Present the Grand Lodge of Maine is supporting Cabot Lodge #117 in Andover as they assist "Paddle for Pine Tree Camp" with a eight and one half mile canoe/kayak trip on the Androscoggin River. Participants seek pledges for Pine Tree camp for handicapped persons.

In the past Maine has supported "Make a Wish", "Maine Special Olympics" and "Maine Handicapped Skiing"

TROPHY FINDS NEW HOME



From left, DGC Raymond Cretteli and PC Milt Tisdale of Gold Range Lodge.

BRITISH COLUMBIA – During the recent District #5 Convention, which convened in Vernon, on consideration that only Gold Range Lodge #26 of Revelstoke have their own Castle Hall and the other three District Lodges do not have storage space to handle the trophy if it is awarded to them, it was decided that Gold Range Lodge would take permanent care of the item in the future.

The trophy, an attractive flag stand has been awarded annually for close to fifty years, to a District #5 Lodge that registered the best in average convention attendance by its members. Donated by PSR J. G. Robison, a member of Coldstream Lodge #18, Vernon, it was made from a tree that had been on his orchard property.

Special Olympics

A SPECIAL OLYMPIC STORY

I received a message from our new editor, Bobby Epstein, requesting I write an article about Special Olympics for Pythian International. Having agreed to do so, my next thought became what should this article be about. After all, most all lodges that are still involved in the Special Olympics as a charity submit articles of the great things that are happening in their Domains. Not a week went by before I realized what I should write about.

This past week I had to undergo surgery again. As I walked back to be prepped for surgery, the young lady escorting me took notice of the shirt I was wearing. It was the Knights of Pythias/Special Olympics shirt so many of us have. She immediately recognized the Special Olympics logo and proceeded to tell me that her husband was in fact a coach for a Special Olympics soccer team. He and the team were leaving the next day for state finals. The nurse began questioning me, why was I involved? Who is the other organization whose logo is on the shirt? As we arrive to my prep area, I have answered her questions as best I can in such a short time, and she leaves to get the next patient. After a few minutes, the prep nurse comes in to prepare me for surgery. After giving me the information I needed for surgery, she tells me that she heard I was involved with Special Olympics, and, asked some of the same questions her associate had asked. The

prep nurse then tells me that she has a niece who is very involved with Special Olympics, because she has Down Syndrome. "If you have no family with afflictions, why are you and your organization so involved" she asked? Again, with but a couple of minutes, I try to explain why I personally am involved (I love you Brett) and who these wonderful people called Knights of Pythias, really are.

The IV needle is in now, and I get a little groggy. I am wheeled into the operating room and remember only two things from there. First, "move over to the other bed" (from the gurney) and then one of the doctors saying, "I understand you are involved with Special Olympics, in what manner?"

Don't know if I ever answered that masked man. But what I do know is that the Special Olympics organization continues to grow in recognition for the wonderful things they do. I don't know if I would have had the opportunity to talk with any of these professionals about our Knights of Pythias organization had the original nurse not noticed the Special Olympics logo on my shirt. I do know that the special citizens who belong to the organization are truly special people. Their courage, vitality, and general outlook on life truly make them very special. It's that something in their smile, or, could it be that twinkle in their eye.

As I have stated for the past eight years, Special Olympics is and will continue to be a great hands on opportunity for those who wish to be a part of it. Have you received your warm and fuzzy feeling?

Fraternally,
Stephen B. Vickness, PSC

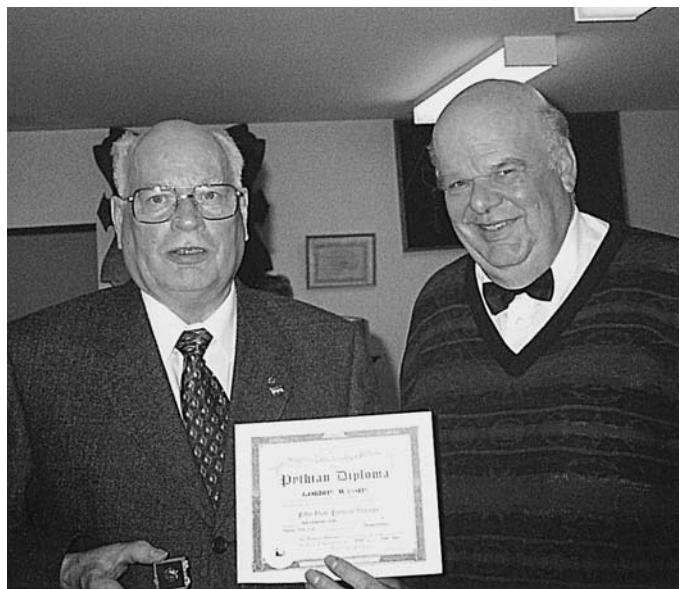
CLARK COUNTY LODGE HONORS TWO MEMBERS



Supreme Outer Guard Sir Gerald Deitch and Grand Chancellor Barry Heifetz from the Domain of Nevada receive a proclamation.

March 26, 2005 marks the date of Clark County's annual dinner and awards for Past Chancellor Commander Arnie Maitres and Grand Chancellor Barry Heifetz, which was held at Carluccio's Italian restaurant at the Liberaci Plaza in Las Vegas. There were forty one guests in attendance who were honored by the presence of Supreme Outer Guard Sir Jerry Deitch and other officers and members of Nevada Grand Lodge as well as many brothers from Clark County Lodge #96. GC Heifetz was presented with a proclamation from Governor Kenny Guinn by Sir Deitch and Past Grand Chancellor Donald Feldman presented a proclamation from Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman. PC Arnie Maitres received an award plaque for his year of service to our lodge. This past year has been a fruitful one for Clark County Lodge #96 as we have been very active in the area of community service and charitable contributions.

MARITIME PROVINCE, CANADA



Westmorland Lodge #3 of Moncton, New Brunswick honored P.C. Gordon Wasson on becoming a 50 year member of The Domain of the Maritime Provinces. Making the presentation before a packed castle hall was PSR Brian McGuire. The evening was concluded by entertainment by sisters of all the temples in the Domain



BOY SCOUT C

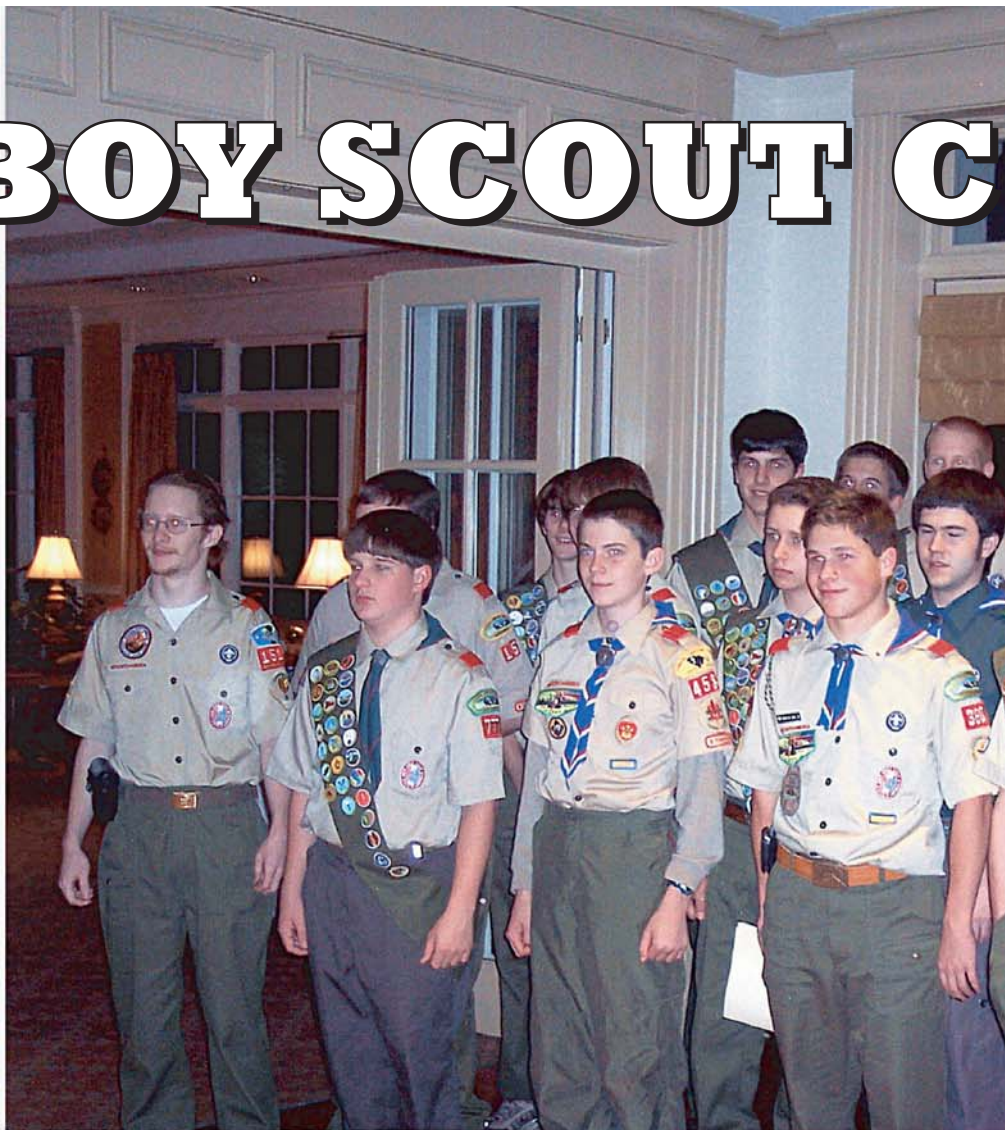
It's always impressive to sit through an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. They are similar in content but there is always a huge surge of patriotism and feeling of exhilaration in these events. You are witness to a young man reaching the pinnacle of Scouting. His parents, friends, fellow Scouts and Scout Leaders are all there to pay respect to him for his formidable achievements.

The history of our Order, compares the days of chivalry and how a youth progressed from Page to Esquire to Knighthood. The Founder of Boy Scouting, Lord Robert Baden-Powell, compared chivalric Knights to today's Scouts and tied in how the Pythian Order believes in knightly deeds and supports Boy Scouting because we stand for similar principles. Both organizations have received their Charters by Acts of the Congress of the United States.

The Eagle Recognition "speech" can be acquired simply by requesting it from Phil Greenwald whose email address is: pythianpcgaol.com.

Then you too can have the pleasure of presenting well deserved recognition to the cream of the crop of today's Boy Scouts, Eagle Scouts!! It's an unforgettable experience. Just call your local Boy Scout Council Office and ask about Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. The Supreme Secretary's Office will mail you the Certificate and Patch. Let the leaders and members of the Scouting movement know that we stand beside them and support them in their training of the future leaders of this nation and of the world.

Phil Greenwald
PST/Chairman Supreme Lodge
Boy Scout Connection
Committee



Center Photo

The Coastal Carolina Council Boy Scouts of America held their Eagles Scouts Banquet. Mikell Murray of the Boy Scouts of America passed out the Eagle Scouts Recognition and Certificates along with the Knights of Pythias Certificates and Patches. Each Eagle Scout that received the Certificate and Patch from the Knights of Pythias were thankful and thought the Patch was "awesome".



Committee Member Herman Feldman, PDGC, Presented a certificate from the Boy Scout Connection Committee to Eagle Scout Grant Chambers. In the above photo from left to right are Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Brunell, Father Donald Chambers, Brother Matthew Chambers, PDGC Herman Feldman, Eagle Scout Grant Chambers, and Mother Mary Chambers.



DSC Sir Joel Bergenfeld presented from Supreme Lodge to Eagle Scout Grant Chambers at the Old Tennent Church Organization for Troop 180. 70 foot fence (split-rail) around the sign and planted

CONNECTION



Can you imagine what it must have been like when DSC Arthur Ginsberg and PST Phil Greenwald attended the Court of Honor for Troop 225 of Crestline, California where nine (9) Scouts of that Troop all received their Eagle Scout badges in one gigantic event? It was, to use an overworked word of today's youth, awesome !!! Not only did these nine young men achieve the Eagle Scout rank at the same time, they helped each other all the way. In the accompanying photograph you can see, left to right in the bottom row: Jerry Wilson, Nolan Santacruz, Nick Gaskin, David Panowicz and Aaron Santacruz; in the top row: Austin Peterson, Travis Wilson, Martin Baker and Danny Elwess. Several of these youngsters had garnered more than twice the number of Merit Badges (21) required for Eagle Rank.



presenting the Eagle Scout packet to Eagle Scout Jared Matthew Gierisch in Manalapan, NJ., the Chartered Jared for his Eagle Project built a pond and a town park. Designed and built for the park - put in a flower bed for the flowers.

PACDGC Hy Turret presented a certificate of recognition to Eagle Scout Mason Keith Hill of Boy Scout Troop #202, Gulfstream Council, B.S.A.. This presentation was made at the Palm Beach Baptist Church. In the Picture above from left to right: Scoutmaster Tony White, Chairman PACDGC Hy Turret, Parents of Eagle Judy & Wayne Knight, Eagle Scout Mason Keith Hill.

ALASKAN K-9 UNIT



Officers Tony Henry, Dog Gismo accepting check. John Spalding presenting M.E.S. Iris Crotheses, Police Chief Walt Monagan and Pythian Sisters Ginger Pinion, P.C. and Elizabeth Schefers.

Local media was present when Pythian Sisters presented a \$50,000 check to Anchorage Police Chief Walt Monegan in support of the Anchorage Police Department Canine Unit. Over the years, the Pythian Sisters has contributed more than \$100,000 to the department's canine unit. Police Chief Walt Monegan said of the Pythian Sisters, "Without their support, we simply would not have the quality canine unit serving our city that we now have. The Anchorage Police Department and the entire community owe the Pythian Sisters a huge thank you for their generous donations."

Albany City



PACDGC Jack Brand puts the final touches on our booth in Crossgate Mall. Brother Brand is co chairman of this project with PACDGC Sir Martin Seaman.

For eight years, the Brothers from Albany City Lodge have sold Giant Story Coloring Books as their means to obtain funds for their various Pythian Charities. This year was no exception. The major fund raiser begins the weekend after Thanksgiving and concludes three days before Christmas. The Brothers sell these Giant Story Coloring Books at the various malls on the week ends and during the week they are sold at the Empire State Plaza and various Brother's places of business. This year ninety five cases of coloring books, which amount to 2,280 individual books, were sold. This year, the project raised \$5,138 for our Pythian Charities. By selling a quality product, at a reasonable price that cannot be purchased in any store, the Lodge has raised \$25,000 over the years for Charity. Any Brother or lodge would like further information on this fund raiser, please contact Brother Seaman at 73 Delafield Drive, Albany, New York 12205.

NEW HAMPSHIRE – On a snowy Saturday in early January, Trinity Temple #17, Plaistow, served the residents of the Pine Park Senior Housing a Braised Beef dinner. Over one half of the residents braved the weather to enjoy a complete meal right down to the Brownie Sundaes. The cooks were PSR Nancy Jackman, PSR Eleanor Peabody and PSC Joyce Wright with others helping to serve. Favors at each

Ohio Poster Winner



CC Ed Brandais (on the left) presenting 1st Place Poster Contest award to Andrew Loosci of Lakewood, Ohio

The 90th Annual Banquet for Clark Lodge #764 was held at the Holiday Inn/Cleveland Airport on Sunday, April 10th. CC Ed Brandais presented the Poster Contest Awards to first place winner Andrew Loosci and 2nd place contestant Andrew Sykaluk.

BRITISH COLUMBIA



Archie Stroh, left and Tony Kuhn, right:

PYTHIAN SUPPORT WILL HELP SPECIAL KIDS

British Columbia – PDDGC Tony Kuhn, right, presenting Coldstream Lodge #18, Vernon, was proud to present a financial contribution of \$5,000 to Archie Stroh, serving as Corporate and Major Gifts Chairperson for the North Okanagan Neurological Association (NONA), which has a strong and positive history of assisting children with developmental challenges to meet their full potential, through a series of programs that provide learning opportunities, counselling, respite care and other important support services to the children and their families. Trying to meet growing pains, the funds will assist in the campaign underway for construction of a new more cost effective facility. Geared as "The Treehouse Project" – branching out for special kids; the new facility will allow attention and treatment to the up to 150 children currently on waiting lists.

placesetting were made by MEC Marilyn Willard. After the meal, many stayed to visit with each other and the sisters. This was another of several special occasions planned for the seniors over the past 3 years. This is one of our Community Service projects, but, as we have become acquainted with the residents, it seems more like having invited friends for dinner. We all look forward to the next "special occasion."

You Don't Have To Be A Woman To Join the Pythian Sisters



VIRGINIA Supreme Chancellor Norman (Tim) McClarin is surrounded by a bevy of "Beauties" at the "Womanless" Beauty Pageant which raised \$3,500 for Cystic Fibrosis Research in March.

He was ably assisted in his Judging duties by the Executive Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Virginia Karen Dennis and her husband Mike Dennis.

Cystic Fibrosis has been a charity of the Grand Domain of Virginia since 1954 at which time the Knights built and distributed therapy tables to children with Cystic Fibrosis. Since that time, the average age of a CF child has risen from 3 years to 33 years. Current research indicates that the average age will soon be raised to 66.

The MC for the event was Jeff Hux, a Knight from Beach Lodge 169 who has performed these duties exceptionally well for many years.

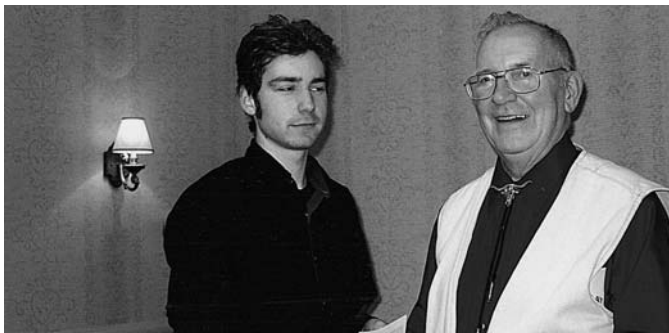
The evenings entertainment consisted of Competitions in Evening Gowns, Lingerie, Talent and a Final Question.

The "Queen" for 2005 was "Briana" (Brian Mills GMA from Atlantic Lodge 24 in Portsmouth).

Other contestants were PC Bobby Guynn, PGC Tommy Davidson, DSC Wayne Joyner, SR Earl Harrell, MAA Lyle Joyner, PC Mike Bergin, and PC Billy Mick.

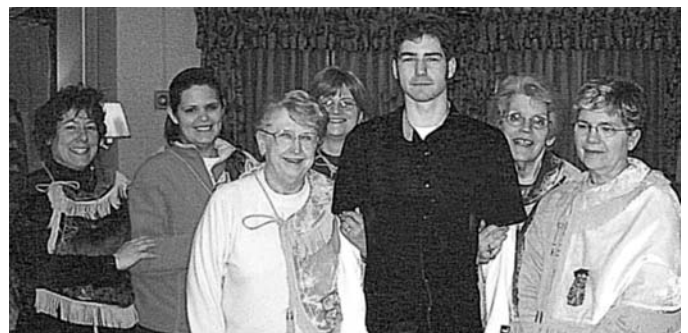
This event is staged by the Knights throughout the domain as one of several fund raisers to support research in finding a cure for Cystic Fibrosis.

You can join the Knights and Sisters at the same time.



AST Ron Kiessling, KGS (on the right) presenting his Grandson Kory Krueger his membership receipt.

AST Ron Kiessling, KGS presented his grandson Kory Krueger with his membership receipt. Kory joined the order in November 2004 and received his Knight Rank at Founders day in February. Ron was proud of his grandson and remembered when his father-in-law got him to join the order in 1971. Ron's been very active in the order, serving



Kory Krueger (tall male in the middle) initiated in the Sisters.

as Deputy Supreme Chancellor, Grand Chancellor, Grand Trustee, Chancellor Commander, Lodge Secretary, Lodge Finance Secretary, Lodge Treasurer, Lodge Trustee and many different committees at Grand Lodge. his Grand Son has also joined the Sisters and will join the DOKK's at Spring Ceremonial in Fremont, Ohio

NEW JERSEY FORMS NEW PYTHIAN SISTERS TEMPLE



Members of the New Jersey Pythian Sisters journeyed to Brooklyn, New York for the Neptune Temple Installation. Photo at right shows Murray Green, NJ Grand Chancellor and Marty Birnbaum, NJ GMA being introduced at Neptune. The photo at left shows Sr. Anne Gropper, NY, GC Dory Birnbaum, NJ, GC Janet Levy, NY and Gladys Martin, PSR NY.



WHAT

DOMAIN OF BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPPORTS

Special Olympics Canadian Games
Special Hearing Equipment Program

DOMAIN OF WASHINGTON / ALASKA SUPPORTS

Orchid Special Olympics
Alzimers Awareness Project
Castle Rock Food Bank Project
Anchorage Police Dog Program

DOMAIN OF WYOMING SUPPORT

Cheyenne Safe House Project

DOMAIN OF NEVADA SUPPORTS

Northern Nevada Special Olympics
Girls Scout Food Bank

DOMAIN OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS

Sequoia youth summer camp
bike safty helmet program
California Special Olympics

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DOMAIN OF NEW MEXICO SUPPORTS

Healing House Domestic Violence Project

DOMAIN OF ARIZONA SUPPORTS

Arizona University Hospital
Cancer Research Foundation

CHILDREN'S WELFARE FOUNDATION OF CALIFORNIA SUPPORTS

Riverside Community Regional Medical Center
Orange County Children's Hospital
Valley Children's Hospital, Fresno & Tehachip
Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys
Oakland Children's Hospital
Children's Hopital, Los Angeles
St. Joseph Hospital, Stockton
Braille Institute, Orange County
St. John's Hospital, Santa Monica
Memorial Children's Hospital, Long Beach
San Diego, Children's Hospital

ASSOCIATED HEALTH FOUNDATION OF NEW YORK

Deborah Heart & Lung Hospital
Brookdale Medical Center
Long Island Jewish Medical Center
Calvary Hospital
Hebrew Hospital Home
Metropolitan Jewish Geriatric Center
I. Schachne Institute For Rehabilitation
Sephardic Geriatric Foundation
Pacemaker Fund at Montefiore Hospital

A TRUE BAND OF BROTHERS



SPRINGFIELD KNIGHT HEADS FOR IRAQ!!!

In November, one of Springfield's young Knight's was called to action for his country. Spec. E4 Keith Arnold. His tour of duty consists of special training in Attaberry, Indiana, then onto Kuwait for a couple of weeks and then directly into the heart of Iraq, Baghdad. He is 24 years old and graduated from Springfield South High and went directly into the Army for a three year tour, then into the National Guard for three more years. The Army recalled him to action in November. His mother Kim, proudly tells everyone about her twin boys, yes ladies they came in a pair and are both are single. Dad, Kenny, a 15 year member of Ingomar Lodge #610, brought both his boy's Kurtis and Keith, there brother-in-law Dicky, into Ingomar Lodge #610, over the past five years. Keith works for Honda and enjoys collecting hot wheels cars since his youth. He has become quite the Walmart shopper his Mom says, chuckling. Brother Keith has lived in Springfield all his life, his parents say he and his brother both love driving there monster trucks and getting dirty still, but they also share a love for bowling. The Arnold's, father and son's, have participated in the Springfield Pythian Bowling League as well as the Ohio State Pythian Bowling Tournament for the past three years. Brother Keith is stepping into a situation in Iraq that is very unsteady. All of the Knight's and Sister's of Springfield, join with the Arnold family in support of Brother Keith, for an uneventful tour of duty and his safe return as soon as possible for this young man. God Speed to you Brother for a safe return!



PYTHIAN RETURNS HOME FROM IRAQ; HIS BROTHER LEAVES

YORKTOWN, NEW YORK – On February 15, 2004 Yorktown Lodge No. 859 proudly honored a returning hero from his tour of duty in Iraq. Private Ari Baron joined Yorktown Lodge in 1999 and in the following year he entered the Army. At the outset of hostilities, Ari was sent to Iraq in the Corp of Engineers – basically disarming munitions left from the war.

Upon his return to the lodge, he was honored for his service to our country. At a Sunday breakfast party, Ari was escorted by many members of his family including his uncle Fred Kantor who is also a member of Yorktown Lodge. In all, three generations of his family members including Ari's Grandfather Jerry Kanter and his uncle Fred. Also in attendance was his mother, aunt and many other members of the family including his brother Daniyel. Daniyel arrived in his Marine Corp. uniform. After the honors were completed Daniyel approached the Chancellor Commander and indicated he wanted to be initiated into the Lodge, but he was leaving for duty overseas with two weeks.

Arrangements were made to have Daniyel initiated at a Three In One Rank hosted by FDR Lodge of Brooklyn, New York. The rank was well attended by 75 members and 11 initiates. Daniyel attended in his Marine Corp. uniform ans was in many ways the center of attention during the entire Rank.

This was a very special moment for many New York Pythians it watch a young member of the military anxiously become a member of our order. Many members took time after the Rank to shake his hand and wish him well.

MASSING OF THE COLORS



L to R: 1st Row: Ronald Mitchum; Michael Smith; Art Datnoff, P.G.C.; Joe McGee, P.G.C.; James C. Clifford
2nd Row: Haskell Brabham; Todd Schofield, P.C.; Rev. Hugh J. Bickley, P.G.O.G.; Charles Schofield, G.O.G.; Johnnie Morris, P.G.C.; Michael J. Broom, C.C.; Lawrence Schoff, D.G.C.; O.B. Sharp, Prelate.

On Sunday, April 17, 2005 Myrtle Lodge No. 3 participated in "The Columbia Chapter, Military Order of World Wars" 12th Annual "Massing of the Colors" at the Scottish Rite Temple in Columbia, South Carolina. The event had (43) forty-three participating Flag Teams that came from all branches of the Military services, active and retired, the American Legion, Military Order of Purple Hearts, National Sojourners, Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, D.A.V., College and High School ROTC programs, Fraternal & Civic Organizations, Columbia Police Department, Rainbow Girls, Boy Scouts, a 6-year old Cub Scout Troop, etc. There were over 150 flags presented and posted with every branch of our armed forces being represented and honored.

The Knights of Pythias in South Carolina can take exceptional pride in the fact that so many of those participating were members and particularly that several of our members started this Program here in South Carolina. Lt. Col. Wayne C. Smith, Jr., P.G.C. and long time Secretary of Myrtle Lodge No. 3 was The Commander of the Columbia Chapter, Military Order of World Wars in 1993, wanted to help instill pride and Patriotism in Americanism, and instituted this program, which caught on and is now observed in other parts of the state. Col. Arthur R. Datnoff, P.G.C. was also instrumental in beginning this program and has acted as Master of Ceremonies since its inception.



Pythian Sisters



BRITISH COLUMBIA



From left, PDDGC Ethel Broccolo, PSR Helen Smith

TEMPLE HONORS TWO OF ITS MEMBERS – During a spring occasion of Calanthe Temple #26, Penticon, members gathered at a restaurant for a buffet supper, prior to the business meeting, marking the opportunity to pay special recognition to PDDGC Ethel Broccolo, on achieving an award for sponsorship of new members; she has been serving as temple secretary for many years with special attendance dedications. PSR Helen Smith was recognized with credentials on occasion of marking 50-years of active and dedicated membership. While her husband, the late PSR Ted Smith had served with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters in several British Columbia lodges and Temples with various interests of leadership along with fundraising, over the many years.

NEW YORK/FLORIDA



L to R: Sr. Ann Grouper, GC Janet Levy, PC Rhea Feldman and PGC Marilyn Rogow. When the Pythian Sisters of New York visit the Pythian Sisters of Florida (most relocated New Yorkers), the building rocks. Once a year, the sisters "touch base" with each other to catch up on what's happening. Over 100 sisters and brothers traded tales of new births, accomplishments of kids, grandkids and great-grandkids...complete with pictures. The cacophony of laughter was a sample of the ambience of the afternoon. Grand Chief Janet Levy of New York greeted her "subjects" with remarks about the state of the Temples in New York. It was a wonderful afternoon, anticipated and appreciated by everyone.

BRITISH COLUMBIA



Four new members, initiated during District #3 Convention, at Vernon, B.C., April 2nd, 05. Seated from left, DDGC Vivian Davis, Tomi Ouchie, grand guard, standing, from left, Bernice Swallow, Winnona Klassen, Jean Sinclair, Deborah Bouwnmeester.

TEXAS



Four generations take part in installation of officers of Eleanor Temple #36 in Fort Worth, Texas. Mother, Jamie Carter, Grand Guard, Grandmother Pricilla Fox, PC and Great Grand Mother Vontilla Watson, PC served as installing officers during the installation of Daughter Tanya Self as Most Excellent Chief. Also taking part in the installation was Carol Self, Mother-in-law to Tanya. This is a very active Pythian family, and Eleanor Temple is very proud to have them. Pictured: Vontilla Watson, Pricilla Fox, Tanya Self, Jamie Carter.

NEW MEXICO



The Sunshine Temple No. 12 of the Pythias Sisters donated personal items to the Healing House Domestic Violence Shelter in Deming. From left are Pat Watson, Pat Anchieta and Corrine Coble.

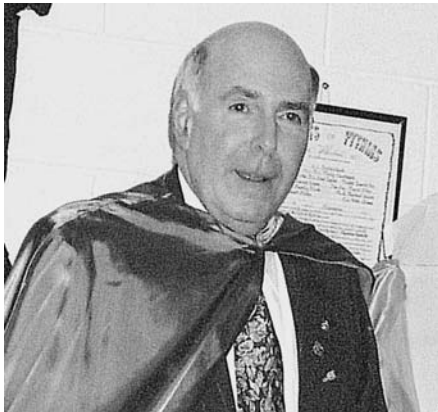
NEW YORK



Grand Chief Janet Levy visited the Joan of Arc Temple and helped celebrate the Temple's 74th year anniversary of founding. Also present at the celebration were from left to right: ASR Susan Grill, Grand Treasurer Ruth Fromm, Estelle Schles, Grand PC Carol Gray, Joan of Arc Treasurer Rita Aboulafia, Grand Senior Barbara Kleinman.

NEW KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN SPUR

MASSACHUSETTS



SIR ALAN ZAMANSKY, PSR

Damon Lodge #12 conferred the Degree of the Golden Spur on a surprised PSR Alan Zamansky. Brother Zamansky has been a member of the Knights of Pythias since 1981, serving in numerous positions.

Elected Grand Chancellor in May 1997, Brother Zamansky went on to serve a second term as our Grand Chancellor for the term 1998-1999. Two and one half months before the end of Bro. Zamansky's first term as Grand Chancellor our Grand Vice Chancellor resigned his position. Without hesitation he picked up the gauntlet and accepted the challenge; put together a planning committee; made calls seeking chairmen and committee members; planned a calendar for the coming year; ran for and won election to the position of Grand Chancellor, and had a second, consecutive, successful term as Grand Chancellor, something that hadn't been done in Massachusetts since the late 1800's. He served Massachusetts as one of its Supreme Representatives at the Supreme Lodge Convention in Albany, NY in August 1998.

For the past ten years, he has chaired the Pythian Special Olympics, held each June at the Handi Kids Camp in Bridgewater, MA for close to 250 Special Needs Clients.

NEW YORK



SIR ARTHUR KOLB, PDGC

On May 16, Harmony Lodge of Brooklyn, NY bestowed the rank of Knight of the Golden Spur on PDGC Arthur Kolb. Arte has been a member of the order for 50 years. He has played an active roll in Grand Lodge Committees for many years. He chaired and ran in the first NY Pythian 5K run for charity, he has run in every NY Marathon since 1980. Most recently, Arte has devoted all his energy to the Special Olympics. He chaired the Million Dollar Duck Race on the East River and helped raise thousands of dollars for the annual Special Olympics Games held on Long Island. He also was instrumental in putting together all the volunteers who helped at the games. Although now residing in New Jersey and Florida, Arthur was honored during the ceremony by Neal, President and CEO of New York Special Olympics, who announced that Arthur through his efforts had helped raised over \$123,000 for Special Olympics. Arte still finds time to promote all the charities he has worked for throughout the years, and will be an active part of Pythianism for many years.

NEW JERSEY



SIR SAUL ROCHMAN, PGC

The Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163 conferred the Degree of the Golden Spur on PGC Saul Rochman, Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163, at its Castle Hall, Fair Lawn, NJ. Rochman has been a Knight since 1978, serving in numerous positions in Cardozo, the Grand Lodge, and its charity foundation. He was Grand Chancellor for the 2001-2002 term. His leadership has allowed the Domain to keep its annual Hand of Friendship Day spring carnival that has hosted thousands of people the past few years. He initiated the Grand Lodge summer picnic as grand chancellor. He has been a tremendous leader who has contributed his skills and enthusiasm in Cardozo, the Domain, and his community. He has been active in Fair Lawn where he and his family live and the broader Bergen County area over the same 20-year period with the police reserve, his temple men's club, girls softball, and DIAL and ARC which serve people with special needs. He was instrumental in helping install cable-tv in Fair Lawn.

PGC Saul Rochman is a Knight who by his dedicated, extraordinary endeavors in the Order and to humanity, brings dignity and honor to those around him and the Knights of Pythias. Congratulations to Saul, Geri, his proud and loving wife, and Lisa, Mindy, and Michael, best wishes, good health, and may he always be an inspiration.

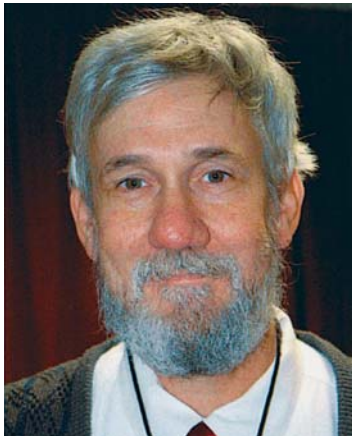
QUEBEC RITURAL TEAM



(L to R) PSR Harry Shucker, PSR Cecil A. Labow, PGC John Derrick members of the Grand Lodge Installation Team

KNOW YOUR GRAND CHANCELLOR

OREGON



CHARLIE VANDOMELEN
Grand Chancellor – Oregon

VIRGINIA



MIKE THORNTON
Grand Chancellor – Virginia

MAINE



MICHAEL S. BARKER
Grand Chancellor – Maine

HOFFMAN AND LEVIN SEE RED

On May 23, 2005 ten Past Grand Chancellors, who received the coveted Red Jogging Jacket previously, were joined with Second Pythian District members and many distinguished visitors from every corner of the New York Domain to dine in friendship, and they saluted two new recipients of the Red Jogging Jacket: GC Larry Hoffman

and PDSC Sol Levin. It was a rousing Monday night with 112 Pythians assembled. The camaraderie was heart warming and the overall mood was jovial. This annual event will continue in the following years, with assurance from the Second District that it will seek a new restaurant for culinary reasons.



An array of recipients of the Red Jogging Jacket; (l to r standing) PDSC Howard Greif, PGC Morton Hirsh, DSC Joel Bergenfeld, PGC Kenny Danker, PDSC Sol Levin, PDSC Robert Epstein, PGC Jordan Levy, PDSC David Peltzer, PGC Alan Krell, SR Julian Martin, and PGC Lloyd Merson; (sitting) GC Larry Hoffman. Missing from photo are PGC Joe Freiman who lives in Florida and Past Supreme Chancellor Harris Breit who lives in Arizona.

OUR PYTHIAN ELDER STATESMEN

QUEBEC



PC BILL BERISH
90 Years Old – 70 Years A Pythian

NEW JERSEY



PDGC SID SCHNEIDER
94 Years Old – 72 Years A Pythian

NEW YORK



PC ALBERT BERLINER
100 Years Old – 82 Years A Pythian

OUR FUTURE – JUNIOR ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS



Bobby Crowe
Chairman, Junior Order

As we prepare and look to the future of our Great Order, one avenue available to us is thru the Junior Order Knights of Pythias, an official auxiliary of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias for YOUTH. The Junior Order was created and designed for young boys, ages 10 thru 17, as a place to learn Pythian principals, meet other young people, participate in positive activities and develop a foundation for a life of service and

leadership as they mature and enter the social world as adults. In the Junior Order these young men learn skills in leadership, citizenship and friendship and prepares them to conduct a business meeting with respect and decorum. Additionally, the Junior member, on reaching age 18, with his Pythian background and training can become a valued member of the local lodge.

Membership in the Junior Order is open to all boys, ages 10 thru 17, by application, ballot and rank work same as for the Knight Lodge. A new Junior Order Chapter can be started with 9 boys, an Adult Advisor and a sponsoring lodge. Why don't your lodge consider sponsoring a Junior Order Chapter, these young boys will be our future.

The International Board of Governors met at the Supreme Chancellors reception in Cary, North Carolina on March 19, 2005. It was reported that a new Junior Order Handbook, and an updated Junior Order Constitution/Statutes and Ceremonial Book has been printed and in stock. New J.O. officer jewels have been provided to each Chapter and a new revised promotional brochure is being printed. These items are available in the Supreme Secretary Office.

A few weeks ago I was pleasantly surprised at a Dokey dinner meeting in an area restaurant when a stranger approached our group, since he saw one of our brothers wearing a Knights of Pythias jacket, inquiring about the Pythian Order. He informs us that over 40 years ago, our Pythian Lodge in Chattanooga sponsored him in the K of P Public Speaking Contest in Washington, D.C. and it was an experience that he had never forgot. He now lives in an area where there is no Pythian Lodge and had wondered if we still existed. He stated that opportunity over 40 years ago provided by the Pythians definitely impacted his life and vocation as a Minister and it was an experience he would never forget as a young boy and said he wanted to thank the Pythians for what they had done for him and for all their good work. Stories like this is what we need more of and I think it goes without saying you never know what kind of an impact you may have on a youngster. The Junior Order Knights of Pythias provides us this opportunity to make an impression on some boy, I urge you to take advantage of this opportunity. It can work today as it did 40 years ago.

Fraternally,
Bobby Crowe, PSC
Chairman, Junior Order Board of Governors

Virginia Junior Order and Sunshine Girls



Junior Order and Sunshine Girls serve food at charity event. Seen here (r-l) are Clifton Carney, Allen Yung, Mollory Durham, Michael Reed, Rochelle Tighe.

Virginia is indeed blessed to be one of the few (if not the only) state to have both active units of both the Junior order and Sunshine Girls. These groups are not only good sources of

future members of the Knights and Sisters. They also attempt to instill high moral values in our young people involved, and they have provided valuable assistance at many projects sponsored by Temples and Lodges in their area. Of course, all of this couldn't be happening without a great deal of hard work and tenacity on the part of their adult Pythian Sponsors.

Charity Lodge #10 in Norfolk is the proud sponsor of Junior Order Chapter #24. The group, called the Crows, is guided by Brother Ken Syputl. During the past year the boys have actively worked on several charity projects. They raffled for a radio for C. F. and a level for U.C.P. They also soled candy to raise money for C.F. and Pythian Care. The boys helped deliver and provide canned goods for Christmas baskets.



Junior Order members helped out at the motorcycle rally fundraiser.

The young men have assisted in many Lodge projects. They carried the flags at the Virginia Grand Convention and the gala open joint installation ceremony of Charity Lodge #10 and Norfolk Temple #3. The boys also served the food at several Pythian functions. They assisted at the motorcycle rally charity event and helped raise money for the Pythian brother with brain cancer.

Virginia has two Sunshine Girls Councils: Norfolk Millennium Council #1 (under the direction of Advisors Barbara Bozeman and Marie Phillips) and Portsmouth sunshine Council #2 (advised by Katie Mills and Sue Anne Howell). These girls have willingly helped out in various Temple projects. They performed beautifully in the Grand Temple installation ceremonies. They helped serve food at several functions and have donated to several charities. Like the Junior Order, the Sunshine Girls have been a definite asset to the Temples which have sponsored them.

NEW MEMBERS WORLDWIDE

QUEBEC



Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran believed that winter shouldn't be such a "down time". Granted many members are "snowbirds" who escape the dreaded Quebec winter by going down South, but this shouldn't mean Pythian activities should come to a standstill. Au contraire. Winter months are a time for celebration, and what better way to celebrate than to hold a great evening to install four new Pythian Brethren. Welcome to these Brethren (front row) Peter Joffre, Irwin Frank, Paul Pinette, Arthur Singer (member for the last 5 years) and Nathan Pearlman.

NEBRASKA



Hastings Lodge #28 had a three-in-one initiation on December 12, 2004 at its lodge hall in Hastings, Nebraska. The new members are as follows from the left: Tim BanBoening, Don Robertson, Eldon Bierman and Chris Crecelius. The next scheduled initiation is for April 26, 2005 where there are 27 Neophytes on the list to be welcomed

NEW YORK



Genesis Lodge #64 Knights of Pythias recently launched its Membership Campaign with a Membership Incentive Breakfast on Sunday, March 6, 2005 at Temple Emanuel of Canarsie. There was orientation to acquaint all to the benefits of membership and also to explain the various activities such as Sports, Entertainment, Weekends away, etc. Past Grand Chancellor Sir Jordan Levy enlightened all as to the various Grand Lodge activities in addition to the various charitable committees.

FRANCE



Presentation of Charter for Michael Glawson Lodge #441. From left to right: DGC Pierre Meste, founder; Philippe Hiolle, PC and Steve Glise, DSC/MO. (Pierre Meste lives in Labège, France; Philippe in New York, NY.

TEXAS



A special event was held April 14, 15 and 16, 2005 in Marble Falls, Texas. The event was attended by David Mead, Supreme Vice Chancellor and his wife, Nancy, and Linda Bridges and Addie Sadberry, both Supreme Sisters. The Knights went to Long Horn Cavern State Park and performed a 3 in 1 rank work session on 5 new candidates on the Rathbone Bible. It is the first time in Texas history that Rank work was done underground and possibly in the history of the order. The cavern has had a long history and provided these new knights an initiation that will not soon be forgotten. After the Rank work was done, Supreme Vice Chancellor, David Mead re-obligated all knights present on the Rathbone Bible. It was an event that all present will never forget and hopefully demonstrates how we can get the Pythian order out to the public to keep our order growing.

T H E S U N S H F L O R I D A N E S T A T E



Presenting the \$2500 Pythias grant to Deltona Arts & Historical Center (DAHC), left to right, Supreme Rep. Sir Martin Deringer, Florida Grand Secretary Chalres Bumkin, Grand Chancellor Irving Margulies, DAHC Treasurer Virginia Day, DAHC President Lloyd Marcus III and Grand Treasurer Sir Paul Schack.



David Jaspren presented PDGC Sir Jerry Kalinsky a check of \$500 from Sam's Club in Coral Springs, FL for the Pythian Youth Foundation. The Pythian Youth Foundation (PYF) asked Jerry to present a plaque to Sam's Club for their outstanding donation. The plaque now is prominently displayed in Sam's Club, Atlantic Boulevard store in Coral Springs, Florida.



Presenting the Pythian Youth Foundation (PYF) check. Left-to-right: Youth and Welfare Chairman Lester Shapiro, PYF President Norman Klein, Florida Grand Chief Myrna Goldenstein, Gary Owens for Boggy Creek, Florida Grand Chnancellor Irving Margulies. Camp Boggy Creek, near Eustis, is a permanent, year-round facility where young people between the ages of 7-16 with chronic and life-threatening illnesses can come at no charge to them or their families.



Left to right: Director Gene Gizzi, Pythians James Rader, III, Delbert Matson, Cummings presenting to Lloyd Marcus, III, and Florida Grand Lodge representative Michael Huber.

F L O R I D A



Left to right: Opal Cummings declares community solidarity for Pythian Sisters DeLand Temple #30, Kim Rathburn, Youth Explosion for Christ, Gus J. Dowels, "We're All Neighbors In Deltona" recipient, James Corbin, Winn-Dixie Marketplace, Volusia County Sheriff Ben Johnson, Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk, Zenaida Denizac, Hispanic Association, and Stacia Wolcheski, Deltona Women's Club.



Left to right: Davey Gibbs, driver of Goodyear Series Car-47, Deltona Mayor John Masiarczyk holding the multi-cultural festival poster, Lloyd Marcus, DAHC, Wain Cummings, Chancellor Commander of Myrtle Lodge #21 Knights of Pythias, Jason Corbin, Winn-Dixie manager (D.G.C. Michael Huber snapped the photo.)



Lakeworth Lodge #211 Membership Achievement Awards Ceremony. PDGC Murray Engel, Membership, Brother Herskowitz, PGC Sir Erwin Westle, Harold Wane, Jay Garfield, DGC Norman Steinberg



Recognizing excellence. The 80th anniversary of the Pythian Sisters, DeLand Temple #30, received various honors. Doris Burian, far left, received her 50-year pin, and Opal Cummings from Sanford and Michael Huber from Deltona were also honored.

MASSACHUSETTS

On June 4th, 2005 The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts sponsored their annual Pythian Olympics. The event was held at the Handi Kids Complex in Bridgewater, MA. Handi Kids is a year round facility founded by the Knights of Pythias to provide a recreational facility for physically and mentally challenged people.

Unlike many Special Olympics this one is quite different. The participants ranged from the very young to the very old. Each competes in areas that they feel comfortable: the softball throw, the Frisbee throw and several road races. There are no losers, everyone receives a medal if they participate or not. Following the events all are treated to a barbecue of burgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and ice cream. In this event, everyone is a winner.

Members of the Domain of Massachusetts donated their time and hearts. The event was chaired by Grand Treasurer SK Alan Zamansky along with Barry (DSC) and his wife Donna Fox Rubin and a host of Knights and their families.



WASHINGTON



P.S.R. Sarah Brazier has decided it was time to retire as Secretary in her temple, Castle #12, Castle Rock, WA. After 40 plus years, Sarah said it was time. Sarah has been a member for more than 50 years. Presenting Sarah with flowers and gifts is M.E.C. Judy Colts. The presentation took place at their annual visit by Grand Chief Ellen Bruskevith and District

MICHIGAN



Pictured above: Margie Cole, Battle Creek Temple #120, passes out chocolate bunnies to some of the residents at The Legion Villa.

The Legion Villa, located in Battle Creek, Michigan is home for approximately 25 male veterans who have no substantial income and no families. There is no funding available to the "Villa". Marjorie Cole, a member of Battle Creek Temple #120, Battle Creek, Michigan has done more than her share for Vets. She has, along with the support of the Temple, given puzzles, books, socks, candy bars, and donated prizes for Bingo, Easter Bunnies and chocolate covered cherries for Christmas. Margie was also responsible for donating 100 pair of socks to the VA Hospital in Battle Creek. Also shampoo, hand lotion, toothbrushes and soap were given to the VA and the Hospitality House in Kalamazoo Michigan. Oh behalf of all Vets and members of Temple #120, we say, **"Thank You."**

NEBRASKA

The 104th meeting of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple of Pythians was held April 2nd and 3rd, 2005 at the Village Motor Inn, Lincoln. We were welcomed by Mayor Colleen Seng.

A joint Memorial was held honoring four Knights and three Sisters. The ceremony given by Grand Outer Guard Dan Magner, Grand Chancellor Larry Ackerman, Grand Chief Shirley Korinek and Past Grand Chief Tharon Dahlgren.

Visitors for the Knights were Supreme Prelate Ben Cowen, Calif.; Steve Gliese, Missouri; and Stan Kallies, Ohio. Visiting with the Sisters was Supreme Senior Audrey Compton, Missouri. There visits were enjoyed by all.

CALIFORNIA SUMMER CAMP



School is out and for many children that means summer camp. Unfortunately, there are low-income and at-risk kids that never get the chance to partake in this rite of passage. A charitable organization called the Knights of Pythias is trying to change that, giving disadvantaged youth in the Long Beach area a chance to get out of the city and spend the summer in Sequoia National Forest.

Mel Pinkham, chairman of the camping program in the South Bay area, said that "the Pythian Youth Camp was created 50 years ago when the government gave the organization land with one requirement: to care for at-risk children by giving them a camping experience.

The Pythians raise funds, \$300 per child, to send approximately 350 children (ages nine to 12) to camp per year. According to Pinkham this money includes transportation, food, and other amenities. "It is 100 percent paid for, thru donations, for each child. Also the Memorial Children's Clinic in Long Beach has been giving children free medical examinations to go to camp."

The high elevation and snowfall in the Sequoias, 7,000 ft. and 19 inches respectively, require two weeks to prepare the camp for the summer. The camp is set up and run on a completely volunteer basis. "We have professional counselors, full-time cooks, and a full-time nurse," said Pinkham.

INDIANA COMES THRU



On Tuesday, April 12th, Lafayette Lodge #51 Knights of Pythias hosted their annual awards dinner at Christo's New City Grill on Teal Road. Over 25 knights, educators, and local organization leaders were present. The dinner was held to honor the organizations that the Knights have supported during the year and to present donations to each organization. Organizations represented were Kids First (Gail McCormick, director), Cystic Fibrosis Lafayette (Sandi Anderson, director), Food Finders Food Bank (Pam Johnson, PR), and educators from Lafayette, Tippecanoe, and West Lafayette School Systems. The program was a celebration of the triangle of support between a Fraternal Order (**F**), the community organizations (**C**), and local business (Eli Lilly and Company) (**B**). The triangle of **F, C and B** focused upon helping students and schools in our community.

Ms. Pam Johnson representing Food Finders Food Bank presented the Knights with the second annual Red Wagon Award. This is the second year the Knights working in conjunction with Eli Lilly and Company have won the award for donations of food stuffs, over 4,000 lbs, by a local business or organization. Accepting the award from Pam Johnson and sponsored by Insight Communications and Food Finders Food Bank was Mr. Ned

Delaney, lodge president and Dr. Ken Moder, Event Chairman. See picture. The joint venture between the Knights and Eli Lilly and Company has resulted in the donation of over 25,000 lbs of food in the past 6 years to Food Finders.

The Knights also present checks totaling over \$1,400 to Kids First and Cystic Fibrosis of Lafayette. Ms. Gail McCormick, director of Kids First, indicated that the funds would be used to help purchase a new sound system.

The Knights then presented rewards to 9 local elementary schools (Burnett Creek, James Cole, Mintonye, Klondike, Hershey, Wea Ridge, Cumberland, Washington, and Frontier) for their efforts to collect over 1,250 lbs of beverage tabs. The Knights collected, weigh, and recycle the tabs for the Indianapolis Ronald McDonald House. This past year the Knights have collected over 2 million tabs. The Knights have collected over 7.6 million tabs, nearly 3 tons, in the last 7 years. Ms. Anita Beeler, Tab Coordinator for the Indianapolis Ronald McDonald house (not in attendance), communicated that the tabs collected by the Knights and schools have paid for over 1 month of family stays at the House and have contributed greatly to the House's goal of 1 billion tabs.

Honoring Supreme Chief



PDSC Don Lacy, KGS, proudly escorting his daughter, Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, for presentation.

OREGON – Close to 100 members, family and guests attended an evening of celebration in honor of Supreme Chief Kathlene Lacy, at the Double Tree Hotel in Portland in mid-April. Special guests in attendance for the occasion of reception and banquet, included Supreme Chancellor Tim McLaurin.

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies, PSC Darrell L. Henry and PSR Betty Alexander jointly presided over the program with introductions as friends and family passed on compliments to Kathlene. Her father, PDSC Don Lacy, recalled of the occasion that Kathlene joined the Sunshine Girls in 1962; Supreme Chancellor McLaurin passed on his pleasure to present, observing that he and the Supreme Chief are working as partners as a support group.

It was most impressive as family members were introduced to her father, PDSC Don Lacy; brother, PGC John Lacy; Sisters, Maureen Murphy, PGR; PGC Shelley Corby, Grand Secretary and Dr. Brenda Branson, a member, who resides in Pennsylvania. As they paid compliments to Supreme Chief Kathlene, each spoke with pride of the family Pythian tradition, they also shared a spirit of their mother, the late PGC Viona Lacy as being here with them.

Sister Kathlene showed much appreciation for the varied support she has received over the years as a proud and active Oregon Pythian as she presented gifts with thanks to members she termed as her “right hand gals”.

Guests were treated to a trip to the Oregon Garden, at Silverton, where they witnessed first-hand, the work that has been carried out over the past four to five years as the Pythians of Oregon undertook a \$50,000 commitment to supply a “rain curtain” in a Pythian designated area of the extensive project.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Make A Difference Day is sponsored each year by *USA Weekend Magazine*, in partnership with the Points of Light Foundation. Last year 3,000,000 volunteers spent *Make A Difference Day* feeding, teaching, clothing and helping some 30 million people on our nation's largest single day of volunteering. As part of our Supreme Temple Promotion Committee's efforts to gain recognition for the “supreme” efforts in volunteerism that our Sisters contribute each year, I am asking you to join in this *Make A Difference Day*.

Each Promotion Committee member has been assigned several jurisdictions and they will be contacting you with further information. Whether you work alone, in groups, by subordinate temples, or, as a Grand Jurisdiction, record each hour or effort and make sure you work in the name of the Pythian Sisters.

Hundreds of local honorees will be announced and 10

national *Make A Difference Day* awards will be awarded by a panel of judges, including actor and philanthropist Paul Newman; Robert K. Goodwin, President and CEO, Points of Light Foundation; Marcia Ballard, President and CEO, *USA Weekend Magazine*; and Harry Smith, co-anchor of the *Early Show* on CBS.

Let's put the name of the Pythian Sisters on the map!
In Love and Friendship,

Georgia Jean Byrd, SPSC
Chairman, Supreme Temple Promotion Committee

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New Grand Chiefs

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OREGON



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