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Dear Sisters

We have started a new year and look forward to the Supreme convention in Halifax this August. Annual reports will be going out this month, and I need them back on time in order to get ready for the convention. Supreme Representatives need to look for my information letter to them regarding committee appointments, credentials needed and general information. I will be including a copy of the list of banquets and events in my letter. ALL events and banquets will be sent to the Ticket Master Eugene Mattinson. His address is: 15 Millstream Drive, Charters Settlement, NB, Canada E3C 1W9. You can order everything online if you want to. His email is: [glherm@nb.sympatico.ca](mailto:glherm@nb.sympatico.ca). You can also buy your tickets monthly if you wish to help you with the cost of everything. The delegates can attend the Saturday function and also Monday afternoon, as we are dismissing early on Monday for this event. The convention committee is planning some really nice events for your enjoyment. Please buy your tickets early. Information regarding hotel reservations is included in this issue of the the Pythian International. Please make your reservation as soon as possible.

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**Page 1** – SC Norman T. McLaurin’s correct e-mail address is NTMC@nc.rr.com.

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SUPREME LODGE

## MESSAGE

By

**BOB EPSTEIN, PDSC**

Editor-In-Chief



My Pythian Brothers and Sisters;

As editor of the Pythian International Magazine, I have had the rare experience to see and hear about every aspect of the order in all parts of the world.

I have learned about the untold millions that are donated by our members every year to charities that range from hospitals to crime prevention programs.

I have learned that some people send in their pictures just to see them in the magazine. As I have said many times, this magazine is for newsworthy stories or programs.

I especially have learned that if you publish a production schedule, you had better figure out a way to follow it. I must apologize in this area as I have clearly not followed my own schedule.

The activities and complexities of our order are important and should be reported in the proper manner. I have tried to show just how involved are members are and how important they are to their various areas.

Getting out the message to all our members has been a most important project to me. I will continue to work on this until we truly have a Pythian International Magazine sent to every member of the Supreme Domain. I will be preparing a program which will help make this a reality.

Starting with the next issue of the PI, I will be spotlighting one domain at a time. I am requesting that your Grand Secretary or Public Relations Chairman forward to me information about your domain (charities, activities, donations, or any other newsworthy items) that other Pythians in other parts of the country would like to hear about.

A special thanks to the editorial committee headed by PSC Ed Altman, for tying to keep me focused on preparing a PI Magazine which our brothers look forward to receiving and Supreme Secretary Al Saltzman for his work on upgrading our mailing procedures.

Fraternally,

*Bob Epstein*

Sir Bob Epstein, Editor

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# SUPREME CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

## *Values of Membership*

You should consider yourself a teammate. When you become a member of the Order Knights of Pythias, you are being drafted onto a team that promotes Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Friendship among the members to each other, Charity is over all to each other, and Benevolence is an investment in our communities where we live.

Without every team position filled, team performance suffers. That is why the Knights of Pythias, Inc. is committed to helping our membership thrive. Our programs are designed to promote a healthy growing membership because if subordinate lodges are successful the Order and the community as a whole wins.

For men interested in becoming members, and for many of you who have been members for years and may not even be aware of exactly how your membership pays your lodge and community big dividends. Listed below will be several values of being a member of the Knights of Pythias.

### ***Associating with other men of high moral character:***

Our Order points the way to a higher and better standard of manhood. It helps develop and maintain character and reputation. We look for the good, the brighter, the better side of man. We build friendships which will last your lifetime. Provide exposure to other men within our Order that may help you by their wisdom, experience and advice for living a better and more productive life.

### ***Training and Education:***

Our Order has a ritual which every subordinate lodge uses to bring new candidates into the order. There are three ranks of our Order; Page, Esquire and Knight. Each rank teaches a lesson for your daily life. We realize the frailties, and weaknesses of man, and from the lessons taught, we learn to overcome our own. These lessons once learned provide our members with an education enabling the membership to live and enjoy a better and more fulfilling life. These lessons teach us to be better men, husbands, fathers and members of our communities.

### ***Helping to shape the future and our community:***

By our principles; Friendship, Charity and Benevolence we have the opportunity to bring together all men in the spirit of fraternity. The larger our subordinate lodges become the better we will be able to serve the communities in which we have lodges. We can serve our communities by always striving to improve our quality of life and our overall image. Our Order's image should be one that proves to the community we are there to help those less fortunate than us. With the proper image, we will be able to attract new candidates for membership. New candidates means growth and through growth we will be able to provide more services to our communities with our benevolent works. This will enable us to help shape the future of our communities by providing a better quality of life.

For men interested in becoming members, I hope the above information will give you an oversight of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias. We welcome all men to join our Order. These are some of the things you must observe. (A) Be a male 18 years of age (B) Believe in a Supreme Being (C) Believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in government in which he lives. (D) Must not have been rejected by any subordinate lodge as an applicant for ranks of knighthood within the six months preceding his application.

Every subordinate lodge in order to open for business must have the Book of Law (The Holy Bible) on the altar, present the flag of their country, and in the United States, give the Pledge of Allegiance.

In a nutshell the Order Knights of Pythias, Inc. is a fraternal order that believes in the betterment of mankind through Friendship and Charity toward each other and the improvement of the quality of life in their communities by their Benevolence.

*Norman T. McLaurin,  
Supreme Chancellor*



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# SUPREME CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all Pythians, Family and Friends!

As we work together to plan our Pythian good works projects for the future, let's look for activities which will serve the needs of our own members, as well as the people in our communities. When developing projects look at the strengths and weaknesses in your local group. If you find that you need more talent for your projects invite members of your community to partner with you in your efforts. Invite both women and men so we can help each part of our Pythian organization to grow. Let's all work together in harmony for the service of all people to make this a better world – one filled with peace and joy.

**To keep everyone up-to-date – and – “help spread the word” here are some updates:**

**Membership** – Increased membership in the Pythian Order will surely come with the public's awareness of our positive contributions to society – along with “sticking our necks out” and asking others to join us. 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.” **Grand Temple Membership Chairs:** Thank you to those who have sent in your reports. For those who have not turned in your report for the 2004-06 term please do it this week. If your Grand Temple did not appoint a Membership Chair, your Grand Chief needs to provide your membership report to Alma Wilson by March 1st (or call her to make arrangements). Membership packets are available. Please contact Alma or me.

**Fundraising** – We need to find new sources of income to supplement our membership dues. For decades our very low annual membership dues kept pace with administrative expenses because we had large numbers of members. In more recent years our dues income has declined along with our membership and no longer keeps up with the cost of doing Pythian business. In addition we lack the resources to provide “benefits” to our members. There are many ways to supplement our income, such as periodic fundraisers, “planned giving,” or an increase in our dues. Can you think of other fundraising ideas? When we meet at 2006 Supreme Convention, hopefully your representatives will adopt some good ideas for a more profitable future. Please consider a financial donation by your Subordinate or Grand Temple to Supreme Temple. With a small effort on everyone's part, we can improve our financial picture.

**Altruistic / Public Relations / Publicity / Scrapbooks at Supreme 2006** – In order to continue our momentum, we are continuing the same activity theme which SPSC Georgia Jean Byrd established during her term. That is: Local community service projects which are needed in your community – and – for which the Pythian Sisters can gain positive recognition. Please **“turn up the volume”** on Publicity to help us improve our image in the community and help us gain members. Please keep a list of your community service activities and articles which you get published. **\*\* Pythian Sister Temples, please put your Altruistic efforts and articles into a notebook and bring or send it to 2006 Supreme Convention.\*\*** Let's share our ideas and get recognition for all of our hard work! If you need assistance on altruistic work, please contact our Altruistic Chairmen Christine Bickley in US and Avril Howald in Canada.

**Pythian International** – Support our International magazine by subscribing to the PI – and – by sending articles and photos to the PI Editor. Let's help make the PI a great membership tool by keeping it filled with positive material! It's a great opportunity to share ideas with one another on good works projects, to celebrate good news, such as presentation of checks for our altruistic causes, and “milestone” accomplishments. To get help with subscriptions or articles, contact your PI Chairmen Joan Way in Canada or Marilyn Rogow in the US.

**Supreme Convention 2006** – Make plans NOW to attend this “once in a lifetime” event in beautiful and historic Halifax, Nova Scotia. If you're a Grand Secretary, Supreme Representative or Committee Chairman, please watch the mail – and – send your reports promptly. Don't be shy about signing up for tours and special events because we changed the traditional convention schedule so more people can attend the special events the Supreme Convention Committee arranged for our enjoyment. We'll be traveling to Nova Scotia at the height of their tourist season, so it's important to register with the hotel EARLY and send in registrations for meals and tours. If you need a copy of the convention information, check the Convention Committee's new website at: [www.knightsofpythias.ca](http://www.knightsofpythias.ca) Please send your reports and registrations now – and – bring your Altruistic Notebooks with you for judging at Supreme.

**I look forward to seeing each of you as I continue my travels around the Pythian Grand Sessions this Spring and early Summer. Please continue your good works – and – don't forget – BE PROUD TO BE A PYTHIAN and invite others to join us so being a Pythian can enrich their lives too!**

With Pythian Love and Friendship,

*Kathlene*

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# Know Your Grand Chancellor

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**Joe Kelly**  
*Grand Chancellor*

## FLORIDA

Tamarac, Florida: Kings Knights Lodge #221 celebrates their 10th anniversary with a catered dinner and a show. Over 350 people attended this affair including the Grand Chancellor of the State of Florida Norman Bergstein and his lovely wife. The function was held at the Clubhouse of Kings Point in Tamarac. Proceeds were being donated to the various charities of the lodge. Congratulations to the lodge and keep up the good work.



Right to left: Bernie Perkins, Mel Eisner, Max Cohn, Gil Tabakin, Larry Hochfeld, Stew Richman, Arnold Mandelup, Alan Oshins, Charles Jacob.

## NEW JERSEY



Larry Rosenthal, a sergeant first class, in the New Jersey National Guard will soon be leaving his family in Hamilton for duty in Afghanistan. With him are his wife, Mindy, and children David, 19 and Becky, 24. Larry Rosenthal is a past Deputy Grand Chancellor from Fortitude Lodge #160

## NORTH CAROLINA



Wayne Barr, third from left, presents a \$1,500 check to Sheriff Earl "Moose" Butler for the Shopping with the Sheriff Program which was conducted on December 10 at the Ramsey Street Wal-Mart. The Knights of Pythias holds a benefit pancake breakfast annually, with proceeds going to the Shopping with the Sheriff Program. Pictured from left are Senior SGT Robert Dickey, SGT Gene Daniels, Barr, Butler, Bill Spade, DET Duane Eaton, John Lynch and Bill Cannon

# VIRGINIA *Make A Difference Day Project*

By

**NANCY MEAD**

*Grand Press Correspondent*



The Supreme Temple Promotional Committee had requested that all subordinate Temples participate in a *Make a Difference Day Project*. The Sisters of Virginia Temple #1 located in Fredericksburg, VA. wanted to comply, but most of our active members are well up in age and have health problems as well. What could we do to make a difference? Planning a big project with long lasting results seemed overly ambitious, but maybe we could just brighten the day of a few others in our area. Most of us had friends or relatives who had had to be confined in nursing homes recently. We knew that patients in nursing homes often could use some company and some cheering up. So we decided to try to make the day a bit cheerier for some of the residents of Hughes Nursing Home.

The Temple purchased over 30 soft cuddly Teddy bears. Sister Geraldine Bourne made a different frilly, adorable set of clothes for each bear. The Social Director at the home had compiled a list of names and room numbers of the residents who would enjoy receiving one of these darling bears. Four Sisters traveled to the Home and distributed the bears to these residents. It was a most rewarding afternoon. Residents showered hugs and kisses on their new cuddly bear friends and smiles and thanks upon us. And best of all was the feeling that we Sisters had made a difference.



*Bears get a final sprucing up from Sisters Marie Green, Geraldine Bourne, and Ester Ritner in Home Lobby. They also affix a tag indicating that the bears were a gift from*



*Nursing home resident receiving a bear.*

## NEW JERSEY

The Domain of New Jersey presented Deborah Hospital, Brown Mills, \$15,000 at this year's annual October luncheon and reception. Charity Foundation secretary PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner and outgoing GC Sir Murry Greene made the presentation to Ellen Krivchenia, Director of the N.J. Region, Deborah Hospital Foundation. Krivchenia spoke about Deborah's focus on educating and treating women, heart health, its sleep clinic and sleep disorders. The N.J. Domain has contributed to Deborah since 1957.



Deborah Hospital Reg. Dir. Ellen F. Krivchenia, Claire Molotsky, Deborah Foundation and Heart and Lung Center Chair, PGC Sir Murry Greene, PGC David N. Bellask, PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner

## FLORIDA

The Knights of Pythias is an international organization whose Credo is Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Dedication to the family and service to the Community and Country. This was demonstrated at the Grand Chancellor's official visitation to Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge on Tuesday, September 27, 2005 when the Chancellor Commander of the Lodge Hy Weber presented GC Bergstein with a check for \$250.00 and the Royal Vizier Sal Bummolo of the only Dramatic Order of Khorasson Temple in Florida, Kismet Temple #66 presented the GC with a check for \$150.00 for assistance to Florida's Pythians and communities, who were victims of previous horrendous hurricanes



L to R: Grand Treasurer of Knights of Pythias Elliott Bornstein, Chancellor Commander of Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge Hy Weber, Grand Chancellor of Florida Norman Bergstein and the Grand Vizier of Kismet Temple #66 Sal Bummolo.

## TEXAS



Past Grand Chief Barbara Wood shows the Texas Pythian Trailer filled with supplies for storm ravaged Mississippi. Barbara is the Administrator of the Pythian Retirement Home in Greenville Texas.



## SUPREME TEMPLE WAY & MEANS

As Chairman of the Supreme Temple Ways & Means, I am asking you to support this project in several ways.

1. Pansy Pins – these pins sell for \$5.00 each and can be obtained by writing me or seeing the Supreme Chief during her visits in your State or Province. If you want me to send them to you, please ask for at least 10 pins to help with the cost of postage.

2. We are also selling tickets for a 50/25/25 drawing which will be held at Supreme Temple session in Halifax, Nova Scotia in August 2006. There will be two winners that will divide half of the money collected and the other 50% will go into our Supreme Temple Ways & Means. Money should be in US funds.

3. There will be a bazaar/craft room at our Supreme Temple Sessions in 2006. Any items with the Pythian Sister emblem on them seem to sell the best. These items can either be sent with your Supreme Representative, anyone attending the sessions or to Al Saltzman, Supreme Secretary.

You can also send boxes directly to the hotel within one week of the convention and mark the boxes "Supreme Temple Bazaar" The address of the hotel is Lord Nelson Hotel, 1515 S. Park Street, Halifax, NS NB3J 3N9. If sent directly to the hotel, a broker needs to be used, such as UPS.

4. We are also selling Auto Emblems which can be affixed to your automobile/truck bumper that have the Pythian Sister emblem and the words "Pythian Sisters serving others since 1888". These emblems cost \$5.00 U.S. and \$6.00 Canadian (send US Funds) and can be ordered through me. Please request emblems in lots of 10 to help keep postage down. The emblem is on blue background with gold letters.

Thanks for your help & looking forward to seeing everyone in Halifax.

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# SPECIAL OLYMPICS

## BRITISH COLUMBIA



Marv Wilson, left and Alma Wilson, right had the pleasure to participate in the Penticton, British Columbia, Special Olympics annual volunteer appreciation dinner featuring, Athlete Awards when Penticton Lodge #49 passed on honors of Eunice Shriver Honor An Athlete Special Olympic Coins, recognizing the chapter male and female athletes of the year.

Sharon Serwa, 2nd from the left, over the years won silver and gold medallions in events at Regina, Saskatchewan and participated at events in New York City. She is active with 5-pin bowling, snow-shoeing, swimming and t-ball. Chad Conlon, 2nd from the right is active with 10-pin bowling, softball, and features interests with ice curling. He was a team player, in 2001, when their team won the Western Canadian Special Olympics curling championship.

The athletes were especially chosen for outstanding levels of dedication, determination, true sportsmanship with help to their teammates, attitude, achievement and personal growth.



The presenters and the receivers of the Honor An Athlete Coins

## OHIO



VC Les Brandais MofW Clarence Hahner and AST Ron Kiessling, KGS, presented awards at the Special Stars (Special Olympics) annual Christmas Party on December 11th, 2005, with over 150 in attendance. 6 Special Olympics Program Honor An Athlete Coins were presented to Special Stars bowlers. Clark Lodge has presented over 60 of these coins since they have been doing this.

Receiving the Honor An Athlete Coins at this event were David Bestor, Robert Demitro, Zach Evans, Joan Filina, Gary Filina and Robert Knight. We congratulate them for their achievement. Sister Jeanette Kiessling was the photographer at the event.



MofW Clarence Hahner (on the right) presenting an Honor An Athlete Coin.

# New Members

## NEW JESERSY



New N.J. Members, January, Fair Lawn, NJ – Left to right – Robert Leshno, Robert Ringle, Gerald Levine, William Goldman, Ken Spokony, William Baig, Harvey Winters, Joe Staum, Barry Kurtz, Al Gelstein, Peter Kortright, Patrick McCarthy, Michael Friedman, Joseph Tedeschi, Membership Chair PC Jeff Zerowin and Grand Chancellor Lou Katz. Not shown are Marty Etlar and Robert Nusbaum

## Pennsylvania

Rathbone Bible Class: Making good on his promise to travel to any lodge in the state knighting four or more candidates, Supreme Vice Chancellor David E. Mead came to Hyde Park-Fairview Lodge No. 306, Dunmore, PA. Sir Knight Mead had the Rathbone Bible with him and presented a program on its history and value to the fraternity. The candidates took their obligation on the Bible and all present renewed their obligations on the Bible. Supreme Treasurer Donald H. Grant, PGC and Deputy Supreme Chancellor Rick Boates, PGC were also in attendance. Hyde Park-Fairview Lodge continues to forge ahead with its membership campaign and perhaps another visit from S.K. Mead



William Bookwalter, John P. Zickler, S.V.C. David Mead, David Sykes, Edward M. Stout and Glenn Kraft, C.C.

## Indiana

Lafayette Lodge #51 held a Rathbone Bible class on December 10th. Over twenty lodge brothers, visitors from around the state, and DSC Hempfield from OH were attendance. *The three new Knights were Wayne Good, Robert Kochert, and his son Steve Kochert.* Bill Fitzgerald assumed the obligations at his home. The Kocherts were special additions to the lodge as they just assumed the duties of farming the Knights Farm south of Lafayette. We are proud to have all four gentlemen as new brother Knights.

## Indiana

Lafayette Lodge #51 of Lafayette, IN completed their 9th annual food drive to assist the local food bank, Food Finders. The food bank's supplies were extremely low due to contributions to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The lodge partnered with a local business, Eli Lilly, Tippecanoe Labs to collect over 6,200 lbs of food.

The Knights have partnered with Eli Lilly for the last 8 years to collect over 36,000 lbs of food. A portion of the food collected was to assist the 250 refugees from Hurricane Katrina being sheltered in Lafayette. Between the food drive, The American Red Cross, and The Salvation Army, the lodge contributed \$1,500 toward the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

# HURRICANE STORIES

## TEXAS

*Reported by SC McLauren*

After I made contact with you, I called the Mississippi Lodge to see if they needed any help. I was pleased to hear they were all O.K. with exception of some damage to the Lodge building. They did not need any assistance right then. Contact was made with Monroe, Louisiana Lodge member. Again, they were alright, no help needed.

At this time, I had already got the ball rolling here with donations starting to stack up. I contacted Dewayne Wood, Grand Chancellor of Texas, and we layed out plans to travel to Louisiana with various supplies for the evacuees.

I got the players and staff at the Texas Bingo Hall to help sort and collect and store items. When the time came to load, I had several people offering to help load. O.K. with me since I was having problems with my knee I had injured in a fall. We loaded over 2,000 pounds of food, water, clothes, personal hygiene articles, baby cribs, high chairs and two wheel chairs and lots of toys. From Marble Falls, I traveled to Greenville Texas and picked up the Grand Chancellor and morre items donated by the residents of the Pythian Retirement Home. On to Bossier City, LA. where we contacted a motel that was housing evacuees. They were very glad and happy with what we brought. The food items went across the street to a non denominational church that had been fixing meals for the people. That trip took us two days round trip (588 miles). When I returned to Marble Falls, I was surprised to find a lot more items had showed up at the Bingo Hall. Look Mom another load!!!

After checking with several centers, it was decided I would take this load to Jasper, Texas where they were hit hard by hurricane Rita. A couple of pictures give an idea how full the Grand Lodge Trailer was loaded. I left my house around 8 PM and drove straight thru to Jasper, seeing all kinds of damage to homes, vehicles, businesses and the forests. It was really sad to see all the damages.

Upon arriving in Jasper, I was directed to a command center for all fire/rescue/law enforcement units. After checking in with them, I was directed to a Black church, full of local residents that had been forced from their homes by wind/water/and other serious damages. The pastor was surprised and very gratefull for the items I had in the trailer. They need it all. Even the toys were snatched up by the kids in a hurry. Pastor Lewis gave his blessing on me, the Bingo people, and our lodges for their love and assistance. What really got me was the old folks hugs and the small kids smiles and handshakes.

I explained to them that is what our order is all about and it was my pleasure to help out when needed.

Hope you are having a good year, and I will see you in Halifax.

*Cecil Holifield, Jr., S.R. Texas*

## NEW YORK

*Reported by Julian Martin SR*

Dear Brother Julian

It was good to hear from our brothers in New York yesterday. I hope none of the brothes from your lodges are being affected by the flooding that is going on in the northeast.

As I stated in our phone conversation yesterday, Laurel took a major hit from Katrina, even though we are about 100 miles inland. We had many tornadoes that spurned off of the eye of the storm as it passed through Jones County and 120/130 MPH wind gusts from Katrina plus the damage done by the tornadoes. Some areas were out of power for two to three weeks and some still do not have telephone service or cable TV yet!

As I discussed with you yesterday, our Castle Hall had a couple of large trees fall on it and did significant damage. It was not insured.

Thank you for the concern for our well-being! I have been overwhelmed by the help and support that has come in to our area from all over this great nation. People from all over have come with saws, etc., to help with the cleanup. Massive supplies such as canned food and bottled water have been sent in and have been distributed by local churches and civic groups. We will be forever grateful of the love, care and support that have been evidenced from this massive tragedy.

Again, thanks to you and the brethren from New York for your care and concern.

Sincerely,  
Stan Herrinton, Grand Secretary, Domain of MS

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Bro. Stan Herrington  
Grand Secretary, Domain of MS  
Knights of Pythias

Dear Bro. Stan:

Sheepshead Bay Lodge is please to present to your Domain the enclosed check. Use it to repair the building in which your lodge meets or for any other Katrina-related and Pythian necessity.

We wish you good luck and God's speed in your Pythian endeavors.

Yours in Friendship,  
Julian Martin, SR NY

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Dear Brother Julian:

I received your check to be applied to the repair of the building that our Pythian Lodge meets in. Our lodge wants to thank you and our Pythian Brothers for this very generous donation that you have collected and shared with us. As I stated before, we have been overwhelmed by the love and support that has been shown to the people of Mississippi and Louisiana from all over this great nation.

May God richly bless you folks for your truly showing what Pythianism is all about, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence!!

We wish the very best for you and our Pythian Brothers there in New York.

Yours in F, C, and B,

Stan Herrington, Grand Secretary  
Domain of Mississippi



*Dear Brothers:*

*In the ranks of Knighthood we are taught lessons for life. One lesson we are taught is: In comin here, you assume no obligation in conflict with your duty to home and loved ones, and you can best honor us by your care of those who by the ties of home have claims upon you. We have been so honored by **Supreme Master at Arms Dan Magner**.*

*A true Pythian Brother, Dan Magner has resigned his position as our Supreme Master at Arms. This resignation is due to health and personal reasons. Dan's letter of resignation included best of luck to all in the future and he stated he would be praying for God's guidance for our Order. It is with much sadness, I accepted SMA Dan's decision.*

*To fill the vacancy of SMA, I asked SIG Edwin Wright to resign so he could fill the vacancy of SMA. Edwin has and I appoint Edwin Wright to fill the vacancy of SMA. To fill the vacancy of SIG, I asked SOG Gerald Deitch to resign so he could fill the vacancy of SIG. Gerald has an I appoint Gerald Deitch to fill the vacancy of SIG. This now leaves a vacancy of SOG. I asked Dr. Kenneth P. Moder of the Grand Domain of Indiana to fill the vacancy of SOG. Kenneth has accepted. All appointments are to take effect immediately this, 17 day of January 2006.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Norman T. McLaurin, SC*



## *Proud Past – Challenging Present –*

# A FUTURE THAT'S IN OUR HANDS



I'm sure most of you know that the Knights of Pythias was founded after the Civil War, at a time there had been much dissention and turmoil in our country. There was a great need then for an order that stressed friendship, benevolence, and charity. For many decades, Pythianism flourished. We were once 900 thousand strong with seventy-five hundred lodges throughout the US and Canada. Our order has a proud past.

Today things have changed. Lives seem busier, jobs and family responsibilities seem more demanding, and more choices for entertainment are available. Yet today, just as in the past, there is a great need for an Order such as ours. The often self-centered and isolated lifestyles of many of today's young men certainly could be improved by our emphasis on friendship, charity, and benevolence. So how can we possibly let our Order continue to decline? We must act now to turn things around. We must make changes!

This is the challenge that faces us today. It's easy to say, "What is the Supreme Lodge going to do about it?" and pass the responsibility on to Supreme Lodge Officers. But the Supreme Officers on their own have very little power. They get their authority from the Supreme Lodge body. Therefore I strongly urge each Knight to consider whom they are sending to represent them at this summer's Supreme Convention. Hopefully each Grand Domain will

send men with the courage to promote new ideas and the wisdom and understanding of our Order to know which things should never be changed. If your Domain has its convention in the fall and you have already voted upon your Supreme Representative, give him your input. If your Grand Convention is in the spring or early summer, work to select representatives who will truly be able to promote the kind of change Our Order so desperately needs.

The Supreme Lodge has the important job of proving leadership and direction; however, there are important challenges facing all Pythians, all Domains, and all lodges.

- Each Grand Domain and subordinate lodge needs to create and implement proactive and realistic membership programs.
- Each knight should work to bring in one or more new members.
- Each lodge must participate in many and diverse projects so that today's men will find attending meetings worthwhile.
- All lodges should try something new. We cannot keep doing the same old things over and over again and expect different results.
- The members of each lodge must strive to make meetings productive and harmonious gatherings that live up to our principles of friendship, charity, and benevolence.

The future of our Order is in our hands. If we are able to face these challenges and do these things its future should be a bright one.

*David Mead, SVC*

## PENNSYLVANIA



Marysville, PA: Buehler Lodge No. 269 celebrated its 135th anniversary on November 2, 2005. The Lodge was chartered on November 2, 1870 and has met in the Marysville area since that date. Perry J. Rowan, Grand Chancellor of the Domain of Pennsylvania was on hand to help celebrate this milestone for the Lodge. The Lodge honored the Grand Chancellor by making a donation in his name to the local "Toys For Tots" program. During the meeting some of the more senior members recounted some of their memories of the Lodge's history and growth through the years which proved quite interesting.

The Grand Chancellor was accompanied by the following Grand Lodge Officers; Supreme Representative, PGC Linwood C. Hoover; Grand Prelate, Paul Weaver; Grand Vice Chancellor, Louis Shankroff; Grand Inner Guard, Paris D. Alunni and Grand Treasurer D.K. Phillips.

## FLORIDA



On Friday, December 16th, 2005 Sunrise Lodge #70 Domain of Florida, held a Christmas Party for 45 needy (poor) children in the Clearwater Florida area. C.C. Dr. John Moldt portrayed Santa and DDGC Harvey A. Levinsky took pictures of all the children sitting on Santa's lap, we had a couple of city officials attending this event. This is the 4th year we have done this and we intend on continuing this every year.

## OHIO

At the Special Stars annual Christmas Party over 10 pounds of pull-tabs were presented to VC Les Brandais to help Clark Lodge help the McDonald House. The lead persons in this were Joe Cassidy and Zak Taylor. Joe & Zak pushed to get the pull-tabs collected and to the Christmas Party. The Lodge thanks them and we know the McDonald House will appreciate them also. This donation will do much to provide a home-away-from-home where children and adults alike find comfort, laughter and solace.



L to R: VC Les Brandais (upper left), Joe Cassidy (lower left), AST Ron Kiessling, KGS (upper center), Zak Taylor (lower right), MoW Clarence Hahner (upper right)

### Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers

The International Association of Grand Secretaries & Grand Treasurers has put together a roster of all Grand Secretaries and Grand Treasurers within the Supreme Domain – if you have either a FAX number or e-mail address that you would be willing to share with us (that is not already in the 2006 Directory), please let me know. Also if you would like an electronic copy of this roster, please let me know. Your assistance is very much appreciated – Thanks!

Fraternally,  
Steve Glise, Vice President  
\_MoPythianGC2001@aol.com\_

## FLORIDA



### JCC has shining Knights

For the second consecutive year, the Pythian Youth Foundation of Florida has donated \$3,000 to the Special Needs Camp operated by the Jewish Community Center of the Greater Palm Beaches at its Boynton and West Palm Beach branches.

The money will enable children with autism, Asperger's syndrome, cerebral palsy and physical and cognitive impairments to attend one of a number of programs at the JCC's Special Needs Camp.

Pictured, L to R: Tammy Jacobson, JCC assistant executive director; Phil Newman, Knights of Pythias past deputy supreme chancellor; Norman Bergstein, Knights grand chancellor of Florida; Chad Peltz, JCC special needs assistant director; Irving Margulies, past president of the Pythian Youth Foundation, and JCC Special Needs Director Ann Levene celebrate the donation.

## INDIANA



Salem Lodge #96 presented a check for \$1,550 to the Salem Fire Department for their Crusade for Children. Grand Lodge presented \$300 in matching funds. Pictured is Dennis Simpson; Dale Tash; Ken Moder, Grand Secretary; Mike Mead, Fire Chief; Andy Roberts, and Floyd Fletcher.

# OUR FUTURE – JUNIOR ORDER KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS



**Bobby Crowe**  
Chairman, Junior Order

The Junior Order Knights of Pythias is the official auxiliary for our young men ages 10 thru 17 of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias. It was formed upon the Principals of FRIENDSHIP, LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP and was created and designed for these young boys and membership is open to select youths ages 10 thru 17 and is a place where these youths can learn Pythian principals, learn how to conduct a

meeting, be involved in positive community activities, develop a foundation for a life of service and leadership, they can meet other like minded people and have adult supervision.

We are looking for more Junior Order members and new Chapters. Our goal is to start at least one new Junior Order Chapter in each Domain. It requires three things to start a Junior Order Chapter, namely, 9 young men – a sponsoring lodge – and an adult advisor. Your subordinate lodge can sponsor a Junior Order Chapter.

The Junior Order Membership Program is titled: “ASK and BUDDY SYSTEM” It is very simple to work, just ASK your sons, grandsons and neighbors to join the Junior Order and bring their “Buddies” along. This way it is easy to attain the 9 applicants required to start a new Chapter. I solicit your support to increase the Junior Order membership, lets teach our young people the values of our Pythian Order and keep them off the streets. ASK + BUDDY SYSTEM = MEMBERSHIP. For further information and literature contact the Supreme Secretary Office, Junior Order membership packets are available.

Thanks,  
Bobby Crowe  
Chairman, Junior Order Board

## Pythian Sunshine Girls

This organization is the promise to our future! It's a place where young girls can be introduced to the Pythian Principals, as well as learn to become young ladies. If you have interest in starting a Sunshine Girl Council or providing support to existing Councils, please contact Supreme Chief Kathlene or Supreme Junior Sheila and we'll put you in touch with Sisters who can help you with this worthwhile endeavor.

# BOY SCOUT CONNECTION FLORIDA



Eagle Scout Douglas Shipe, Troop #405, Fort Pierce, FL receives presentation from ACDGC Hy Turret, Chairman

# FLORIDA



Eagle Scout Richard G. Maurer, Troop #298, St. Cloud, FL receives certificate from Committee Member J. Wain Cummings (Chief White Feather) Bay Lodge #12 Knights of Pythias.

# FLORIDA



Eagle Scout Albert Moench Troop 826 Kissimmee, Florida displays his certificate flanked by his mother and Scout Master.



# Canadian Pythians



## MARITIME PROVINCES



*P.D.D.G.C. Shirley Quinlan presents the New Brunswick Cerebral Palsy quilt to Warren Bulmer of Codpitts Settlement, N.B. All proceeds go the N.B. Cerebral Palsy. The quilt was drawn at the Grand Sessions of the Maritime Province Canada*



*At the Grand Sessions of Maritime Province in Fredericton N.B. Supreme Chancellor Norman Tim McLaurin presented Reverend Gerald Gray with the honor of being the Pythian of the Year. Brother Gerald joined the Knights in 1992 and in Queens #63 and joined the sisters the same year in Prince Edward #22. He was Grand Outer Guard but had to resign for health reasons. Sister Elsie, his wife, was present with him and she joined Sisters in 1977 at Martello #25 and took Dual Membership with Prince Edward #22. Sister Elsie is a Past D.D.G.C.*

### CHAT ROOM

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The cost for registration is \$25 for everyone attending. A copy of this form is included on the lower right hand column of this page of the Pythian International. Please fill out COMPLETELY and send to me at P.O. Box 598, Holliday, Texas 76366 with a check or money order made out to Supreme Temple. Canadian sisters MUST send a money order that is US Funds on a US Bank. Postal money orders are also accepted.

*Grand Secretaries* please make sure that I have your Supreme Representative credentials in my office as soon as possible. This is mandatory for your representative. Please be advised that if your annual report is not completed and sent to me, your representative cannot serve in Halifax.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and we all look forward to a Happy and prosperous New Year.

P.S. Just a reminder that my email address has changed:

Linda.bridges@gmail.com

All for now

*Linda*

### REGISTRATION CARD

*Fill out card completely*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Rank/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**FEE: \$25.00** Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Send check or money order to:**

**Linda Bridges, Sup. Sec.  
P.O. Box 598  
Holliday, TX 76366**



# New York - Coats For Kids

The Knights of Pythias distributed 1675 coats to needy children in the New York area. These coats were collected by the Plainedge School District, Joan Geagan, Coordinator. During the past ten years the Knights of Pythias have collected and distributed over 50,000 coats to those in need.



*Photo: L-R PC Herb Gold, Bro. Stu Schechter, PCDGC Ron Klare, PDGC Al Aboulafia, Councilwoman Rose Walker, Sir Lloyd Merson, PGC Chairman, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, GOG Michael Sukenick, Co-Chairman, Councilman Joseph Muscarella, PC Fred Heller, Joan Gegan, Plainedge School District Coordinator, Bro. Carter Perryman, Councilman Anthony Macagnone, Jack Geagan, PC Sid Schanzer*

## New York



*Brothers of Rochester Jay Lodge packed hundreds of baskets for Rochester's neediest families during the holiday season.*

## Tennessee

Oak Leaf #49, Rockwood, Tn. provided and delivered 40 Thanksgiving Food Boxes. Each box consisted of either a Ham or Turkey plus all the other food necessary for a full home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner. This is an annual project our lodge has been providing for some 20 past years. Some 10 brothers worked on preparing and delivering the food boxes to deserving and needy families and individuals in the Roane County area. Also we thank Sam Rayburn Lodge which is located in our County for their support and assistance. Both lodges contributed funds in addition to holding a Gospel Singing and a chili supper fundraiser. Included in the box is a note wishing the recipient a happy and healthy Thanksgiving from the KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Submitted by Bobby Crowe, PSC

# NEW KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN SPUR

## TEXAS



**SIR WILLIAM DOYLE FINLEY**

*Past Grand Chancellor*

## NEW YORK



**SIR JERRY SILVER**

*Grand Chancellor – New York*

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## *Virginia Program*

I was given a copy of Virginia's MEMBERSHIP AND NEW LODGE INSTITUTION PROGRAM. This is not my idea, but the membership committee of Virginia; however, I feel I must share this with all domains.

Virginia has identified some 350 Cities and towns in the state of Virginia that do not have Pythian Lodges; therefore, they are mailing letters to the address of the Mayors, City Managers or Board of Supervisors asking them to post the flyers in their City or Town Halls or other areas that they will be seen by many people. The flyers will give a little information on the Pythian order, with names to contact for those that are interested in receiving more information about joining the Pythian order.

As they ask *will this program work*”? They don't know; but are willing to try. ARE YOU?

Cost of the program, the cost of mailing the

letters to start with additional cost later when you get results from the mailings.

Virginia's first mailing goes to 70 of the 350 cities and towns which is Phase One. After reviewing the results, then Phase Two another 70 mailings. This will certainly give notice to the Cities and Towns which receive the letters about the Order Knights of Pythias and a person to contact.

The letter is signed by the Grand Chancellor of Virginia and gives his E-Mail address. The Flyer gives the E-mail address to the Knights web site.

Just an idea I thought other Domains may wish to try.

***Norman (Tim) McLaurin***

*Supreme Chancellor*



# Pythian Sisters



## New York



The Pythian Sisters of New York did not forget the suffering of others as they collected almost \$3,000.00 to send for the Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund through the Salvation Army. \$7,000.00 was donated to the Hebrew Home for the Aged in Riverdale, \$1,000.00 to the Shorefront Geriatric Facility (both non-sectarian homes), \$1,000.00 to the Knights of Pythias (New York) Diabetes Research Foundation, \$2,500.00 to the Honeysuckle Group Supporting New York Schneider Hospital's pediatric wing for cancer treatment, and so many other charities too numerous to mention including projects of Supreme. Making a Difference is what these sisters in the Jurisdiction of New York do best!

## Ohio



Whiteshield Temple #256 celebrated its 100th birthday. On January 17, 1905 the ladies became Whiteshield Temple #256, Rathbone Sisters and was instated by Ruth Arnold, Grand Chief of Ohio.

Of the original list of members of 105 Sisters, one of the original members, Nellie Baker is still a member in good standing. At present, the temple has 112 sisters and 39 sister knights.

Whiteshield Temple is located in District #9 and has a degree staff of 18 members. They have had 7 DDGC's and currently Helen Burgoon holds that honor. Their Past Chiefs Association is still active, which meets the first Monday of each month.

## Prairie Provinces



At the 75th session of the Grand Jurisdiction of the Prairie Provinces held in Edmonton, Alberta, Sup. Chief Kathlene Lacy was pleased to accept a very old American Flag with 49 stars to 'take back to its home'. The flag was presented by Grand Trustees PGC Rita Carlson, PGC Kathy Serediak and PGC Phyllis King.

## Prairie Provinces



At the November meeting Royal Temple #13 of the Prairie Provinces paid tribute to Remembrance Day and the Year of the Veteran by making personal and Temple donations to the Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund.

PSR Sharon Baker, on behalf of the Athabasca Legion Branch, accepted the cheque from MEC Betty Webb. Sis. Sharon has been a very active member of the Legion for 25 years and in the Pythian Order she is a Past Sup. Representative, has been Grand Temple Secretary for 15 years and has held various offices in Royal Temple. The Temple was proud to support the Poppy Campaign.

## OUR PYTHIAN ELDER STATES WOMEN

### NEVADA



**PGC MILLIE HANSEN**  
90+ YEARS, 75 Years a Pythian

### FLORIDA



**PGC RUTH GOLDBER**  
100+ YEARS, 50 Years a Pythian  
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### MARITIME PROVINCE



**PGC PEARL CASEY**  
90 YEARS, 60 Years a Pythian

By David Peltzer, PDSC



NJ Presentation to American Diabetes Association-PC Jeff Zerowin Tina Anderson of American Diabetes Association, DGCSteve Byer, Eve Feigan, CDGCJerry Weiner, donated in honor of the late PDSC Sir Dan Feigan

### NJ-CHARITABLE PRESENTATION HIGHLIGHTS ACTIVITIES FOR GROWTH

P.C. Jeff Zerowin, Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163, chaired and coordinated charitable presentations for The Domain of New Jersey this winter. The product of an innovative bike-a-thon Zerowin organized this past fall, allowed the Knights of Pythias to present almost \$20,000.00 to twelve charities in the Bergen County area. Among the recipients were the American Diabetes Association, Mended Hearts, Crohns and Colitis Foundation, D.A.R.E, ambulance corps and police departments of Fair Lawn, Glen Rock, Paramus, and Ridgewood.

The highlight event was the culmination of the work of many in the terms of Grand Chancellors Sir Murry Greene last year and presently Louis Katz. A monumental landmark because of the charity, the stellar community and public relations, and that it resulted in 14 new members from the area to date.

Additionally notable from the event was that the donations to the American Diabetes Association were in memory of the late PDSC Sir Dan Feigan, and that to Mended Hearts and its camp for children with heart problems in memory of late Life Member Reuel Dankner. P.C. Barry Winston.

Each participant in the bike-a-thon received a commemorative Pythian T-shirt with the names of sponsors. Of the numerous bike-a-thon supporters, there were 33 sponsors that contributed more than \$250.00. Each new brother also received a T-shirt and baseball cap with the Pythian logo.

With all of the positives from the perspectives of charitable donations, public relations, and membership recruitment as well as the tremendous enthusiasm and excitement, two bike-a-thons are planned for later this year, one to be held in central New Jersey and the second in south Jersey.



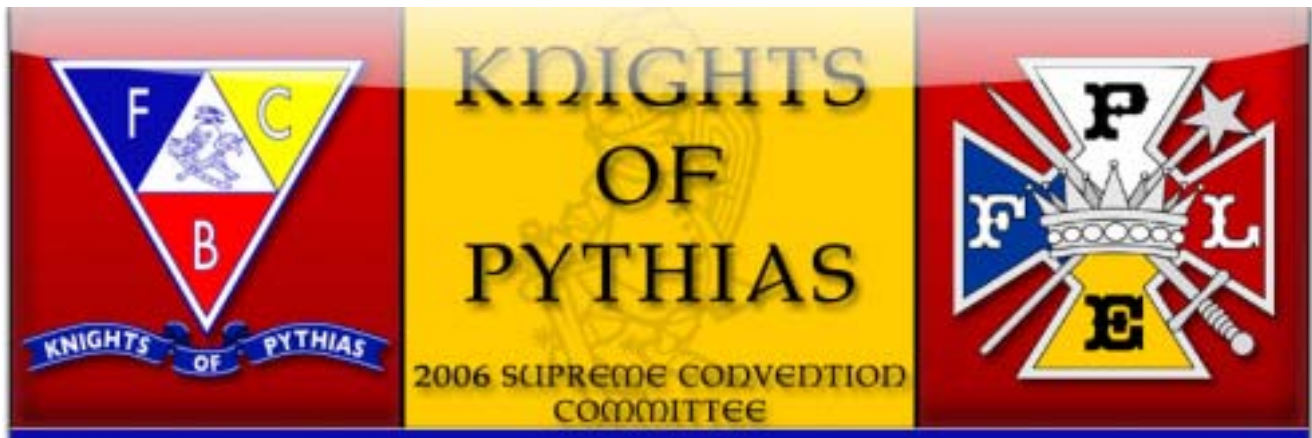
NJ Presentation to Mended Hearts #140, in memory of PC Reuel Dankner-PC Jeff Zerowin, Mended Hearts Vpresident Frank Cecco, Helene Dankner & John Manzzuchelli (daughter and son-in-law of Dankner), Gilda Liberman widow of Cardozo brother Arnold Liberman, and Bill Hurley, Treasurer of Hpe with Heart Camp

It is interesting that many of the beautiful lines of our ritual were taken directly from poetry and literature. Yet not many among us today are knowledgeable of these facts. Here is a little test following are 9 stanzas of our ritual if you know the poem or literary origin please write to me. I will publish the answers and results in the next issue.

Unfortunately in some cases that language of our ritual has been changed in an attempt to make the ritual easier to understand and thus the wording of some of the poetry will differ slightly from the original but needless to say this was the origin.

1. *"Be thou the rainbow to the storms of life,  
The evening bean that smiles the clouds away"*
2. *"As thou'rt a husband and a father, hear me."*
3. *"...ambitions ladder,  
Whereto the climber upward turns his face",*
4. *"...That golden key  
That Opes the palace of eternity."*
5. *Do Noble things – not dream them all day long –  
And so make life, death and that vast Forever,  
One rand, sweet song."*
6. *"...in God's clear light may prove  
A scar, won on some hard-fought field,  
Where you would faint and yield."*
7. *"He that hath light within his own clear breast  
May sit in the center and enjoy bright day;  
But he that hides a dark soul and foul thoughts  
Benighted walks under the midday sun"*
8. *"...Heavens ebon vault,  
Studded wit stars unutterably bright"*
9. *"Through caverns measureless to man,  
Down to a sunless sea."*

If you wish to contact me about these or other possible poetic links in our ritual please email [peltzer1@optonline.net](mailto:peltzer1@optonline.net).



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# YOUR SUPREME CONVENTION COMMITTEE 2006

*This is the  
New Web Site  
for  
Convention '06.  
Please log in.*

The Maritime Provinces truly feel honored to host this most prestigious event of our interest in Pythianism through out not ed over to our brothers and sisters in the ing in this special event has left us all **in given, so much is expected**". We st exciting Supreme Sessions in the w off our beautiful city of Halifax and v s s pitality of c another Supreme Session. It opportunity.

We are going all out, putting our best foot for Brothers as possible to join us at these sessions cost of all our events as close as possible to actu wealthy Domain; we have received generous mo brothers and sisters in Maine.

Our goal is to be able to sit down and say at the Halifax **"Of all the money that we've had, we**

Please come and support your supreme officers a your life. We want and need your company. Se

**THE SUPREME PLANNING COMMITTEE  
FOR 2006 IN HALIFAX, N.S. CANADA**



*L to R Back: Bill Field, Co-Chair; Brian Maguire, Co-Chair, Arnold Libby, Treasurer; Eugene Mattinson, Secretary. Front: Verna Clark, Treasurer; Mabel Lowther, Co-Chair; Vivian Warwick, Correspondence Secretary for Sisters.*

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# CONVENTION '06



## LORD NELSON HOTEL Halifax, Nova Scotia

**VISIT OUR CONVENTION WEBSITE:  
[www.knightsofpythias.ca](http://www.knightsofpythias.ca)**

Your committee for Supreme 2006 has booked this landmark hotel for the week of August 11 to August 18, 2006. This beautiful Hotel is located on the corner of Spring Garden Road and South Park Avenue across from Halifax's **Public Gardens**. Spring Garden Road referred to in this presentation is Halifax's **"MOST COLORFUL STREET"**. It abounds with shops, restaurants, bistros, and boutiques. Three are four indoor shopping malls within a two block radius of the Lord Nelson Hotel. The convention site is at the foot of **"CITADEL HILL"** to the East; the 250 year old fortress is overlooking Halifax Harbor, and is one of Canada's most interesting and prestigious national historic sites.

Six blocks to the South you are at the Waterfront at the Harbor with the historic properties, wharfs and tourist attractions. A city of 250,000 people with a history dating back to 1749 Halifax abounds with many unique venues. The restaurant, bars, pubs abound to the point where some streets of the downtown waterfront area are for pedestrians only.

Halifax boasts the second largest deep water port in the world (second to Melbourne Australia) Most of the attractions are from the **THE AGE OF SAIL** and very nautical in nature. The Museum of the Atlantic is one of the highest regarded nautical museums in the world with the largest exhibits of paintings and artifacts in North America (Titanic, etc). Alexander Keith's Brewery on the waterfront is the oldest in Canada. Metropolitan Halifax has in recent years become a world class convention city, and for the best of reasons. There are more novel things to do and see in this small city than there would be on a trip to New York. You can expect nothing but the best while staying in a truly unique convention site located in the heart of this **Historic City**.

The traditional room rate for the convention has been set at \$145.00 per night in Canadian funds. At the time I write this

article this rate would reflect an nightly rate of \$115.00 US.

Halifax has a 1.5% marketing levy to promote tourism in the city and surrounding area. The province of Nova Scotia and Canada's Federal tax is currently 15%. This goods & services tax (G.S.T.) is totally refundable to the visitors from outside Canada. Forms for rebates are available at the front desk of the Hotel.

We Pythians on the committee, as you to come, not just for the Supreme Sessions, but most of all to experience the fun and beauty of a truly great vacation spot in Canada's Ocean Playground. Make sure **you come a day early** to partake in one of the most memorable trips along the seacoast of the South Shore to Peggy's Cove and Historic Lunenburg on Saturday, August 12, 2006. (**The Lighthouse Tour**)

Registration has begun for the Supreme Sessions 2006. Individuals wishing to book their reservations can do so by contacting the Lord Nelson Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia reservation desk.

**Toll free phone: 1-800-565-2020**

**Local phone: 1-902-423-6331**

**E-mail address: [www.lordneslonhotel.com](http://www.lordneslonhotel.com)**

**Fax reservations: 902-491-6113**

**Note:** Mention Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias for the convention rate of \$145.00 Canadian, double occupancy. Each additional adult above double occupancy will be surcharged \$20.00 nightly.

This Hotel has 59 suites ranging in price form \$250.00 to \$800.00 nightly.

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# SUPREME SESSIONS 2006. HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA. ORDER FORM

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Choice	PRICE US	PRICE CDN	TOTAL Tickets	COST
Sat Aug. 12	7:45 AM	<b>Light House Tour</b> Off Premises Coach Tour, Peggy's Cove, Lunenburg. Kitchen Party, Scallop Fry, Return 5:30 pm		\$60	\$65		
Sat Aug. 12	7:00 PM	<b>Imperial Santha Banquet</b> Hoisin Glazed Breast of Chicken Baked Haddock in a Citrus & Caper Cream Sauce Cherry Amaretto Cheesecake Diabetic Dessert	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45	\$50		
Sun Aug. 13	12:00 noon	<b>Honoring The Supreme Secretary Al Saltzman</b> <b>Honoring The Supreme Treasurer Don Grant</b> Sicilian Lunch Buffet		\$25	\$28		
Sun Aug. 13	7:00 PM	<b>Supreme Convention Banquet &amp; Entertainment</b> Maple Glazed Filet of Atlantic Salmon 8oz. Prime Rib au Jus Chocolate & Pear Buchee Diabetic Dessert	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45	\$50		
Mon Aug. 14	7:00 AM	<b>Canadian Caucas Breakfast</b> Maritime Breakfast Buffet		\$20	\$22		
Mon Aug. 14	12:00 Noon	<b>Friendship Luncheon Georgian Lounge</b> Traditional Ploughman's Lunch Buffet		\$25	\$27		
Mon Aug. 14	1:45 PM	<b>City of Halifax</b> Old English Double Decker Bus Tour		\$18	\$20		
Mon Aug. 14	4:30 PM	<b>Pier 21 Welcome to Canada Nite</b> Seafood Buffet, Chowder, Salads		\$0	\$0		\$0
Tue Aug. 15	4:00 PM	<b>Maritime Luncheon</b> Taste Of Nova Scotia Lunch Buffet		\$27	\$30		
Tue Aug. 15	4:00 PM	<b>Off Property at Murphy's</b> One hour Harbour Tour Lobster Supper 1.5 lbs. Chicken Kiev (alternative)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$60	\$65		
Wed Aug. 16	6:30 PM	<b>Sisters G/GT Banquet and Officers Installation</b> Roast Turkey Dinner Diabetic Dessert	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$38	\$42		
Thu Aug. 17	6:30 PM	<b>Incoming Supreme Officers Banquet</b> Chicken Supreme Pan-Fried Haddock and Browned Butter, Lemon & Fresh Herbs Belgian Chocolate Ganache & Hazelnut Cream Cake Diabetic Dessert	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	\$45	\$50		
Open	Open	<b>Ground Transportation Round Trip</b>		\$20	\$24		
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Committee 2006. His email is ginom@nn.sympanies.ss. if you have any questions. We are sorry for the delay in getting this into to you at this late date. On behalf of the Committee we would like to wish all the Brothers and Sisters a Happy and Prosperous 2006. Looking forward to seeing you in Halifax.

In PLE&F, Mabel Lowther, Co-Chair  
In FC&B, Bill Field, Co-Chair

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