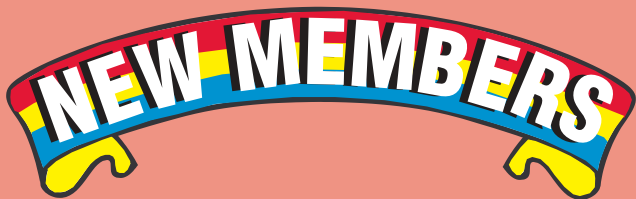




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## MESSAGE

By

**BOB EPSTEIN, PDSC**

Editor-In-Chief



This issue marks the end of my first year as Editor of the Pythian International. I have tried to show thru photos and stories that contrary to popular opinion, the Pythian Order is alive and well and living in our 40 States and Canada.

I have focused on activities that I think will spark other members to become active and work harder to bring in more members to build on the charitable work we do. I look forward to working for many more years with my contributors all over the Supreme Domain and I am eager to meet many of you in Halifax.

Fraternally,

*Bob Epstein*

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## NEW YORK

Rochester Jay Lodge is the principal sponsor of the Cystic Fibrosis Association's *Great Strides* Walkathon on Sunday, May 21st at Genesee Valley Park. Hundreds of people came together to celebrate life as they take *Great Strides* toward a cure for CF, the number one genetic killer of children in our country today.

Last year, the walk raised over \$35,000 for CF research and to fund CF care centers such as the one at Strong Memorial Hospital.

Our lodge is the sponsor of the "Survivor's Party" after the walk.

## INDIANA



Lafayette Lodge #51 taking a rest from working on their Adopt-A-Spot in Lafayette. Pictured are Ned Delaney, PC; Ken Moder, SOG, and John Hardesty, PGC. Not pictured because he was taking the picture is Larry Powell, PC.

## MASSACHUSETTS



GC David B. Prager (left) looks on as GVC Irving Weiss (center) presents a check to Hospital Director (and Brother) Richard Solomon (right).

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts made a donation of a piece of rehabilitation equipment (in the form of a check for \$3,300.00) to the New England Sinai Hospital. It's annual donation that's made on the morning of our Voting Members Clinic, a vehicle by which the voting members to the Grand Lodge Convention are made aware of what impending legislation means should it be adapted

## QUEBEC



PGC Louis A. Schwartz presents a copy of an article about PC Bill Berish to Brother Bill. Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran and PGC Ivor Schwartz watch and applaud Brother Bill.

There is not too much to get excited about during these cold Quebec days, so the idea of a Mid Winter Celebration was thought up by the Chancellor Commanders of two Quebec Lodges, Sportsman's Lodge and Syracuse Lodge. The idea was a very popular one, and in subsequent years, the attendance to this brunch grew and grew, and this year we weren't able to hold the many Brethren and guests at our Castle Hall.

The idea of celebrating the longer winter days, the idea that winter will soon be ending, celebrating life, and the idea of celebrating our friendship of one another was a continuing theme throughout the years.

Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran and Past Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz promised more food and music and less speeches, but the event could not be held without special recognition of some great Pythians.

Charitable donations were made as well as a special award was presented to the family of our late Brother PSR Ernie Klein.

Also in recognition was our brother PC Bill Berish. We celebrated with Bill his 91st birthday. Recently, we was subject of an article in a Montreal newspaper, recognizing his volunteering efforts. Ninety one years old (young!!) won't slow down Brother Bill, as he is still actively involved in Montreal's "Meals on Wheels" project. Age is only a number, and Bill won't slow down while there is need of his volunteer service.

Fun, Food and Friendship was the prelude to the beginning of the spring season, which will climax this August when the Domain is planning another great party to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Domain of Quebec.



# SUPREME CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

## *A View of our Order*

Having served as a Supreme Lodge Officer for almost ten years and as the Supreme Chancellor for the last twenty months, has provided an opportunity to observe the strengths and weakness of our Order. Our strengths are the many ways lodges and Grand Lodges have programs that provide help to their members and communities. Some programs provide medical equipment, food, heating oil and other financial needs. There are several Domains which provide scholarships to member's children, grandchildren and members of their communities so they may further their education. California, Florida, Pennsylvania, Texas, Quebec and New York all have 501-C-3 charities, with New York having three 501-C-3 charities. This gives our Order some name recognition because of the help provided to these charities adopted by these Domains. All of the above strengths come from truly dedicated and hard working members that are willing to donate time, effort and talents to our Order which they love.

Our weakness are many and must be addressed by us for our Order to survive. MEMBERSHIP: In order to attract new members, we must find a way that will make new members want to give to us some of their most valuable possession TIME. New applicants must be given the rank work without being asked to wait for weeks to become members. We must find a way to involve the 80% of our lodges incapable of putting on rank work now either because of lack of membership or lack of equipment. This 80% is not asking for new members because they are unable to do rank work. We must overcome our own frailties and invite all men to become members.

BENEVOLENCE: We have never had a Supreme Lodge charity using our name. We have always adopted a name brand charity and worked for them. Are we afraid to promote ourselves? A new charity, using our name, would be an unknown; however, it would promote us and give us much needed name recognition. It will also require work to raise monies which involves time, effort and persistence by all of us to produce the desired results. Some members have expressed concern over accountability. As a 501-C-3 the charity would be accountable to the Federal Government. Since we as an Order are a 501-C-8 are accountable to the Federal Government accountability for a new charity as a 501-C-3 should not be problem to the Order. SUPREME CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES: We need to either adhere to the Supreme Constitution and Statutes as they are written or change the Supreme Constitution and Statutes so our laws will better serve the Order. If some of our laws are out dated or are inadequate for today, the Supreme Lodge in session should amend or change these laws. FUNDS: As our membership declines so do our funds derived from per-capita tax. We have three choices: (1) increase per-capita tax (2) reduce expenses (3) move the funding need to promote the Supreme Chancellor's program (Supreme Chancellor's travel and Promotion usually about \$40,000.) from the Supreme Lodge budget to receive funding from the Foundation Trustees budget which already funds the Supreme Chancellor's program. This new funding option would require the monies to come from the Income Fund of the Foundation.

FRIENDSHIP: The cornerstone of our Order is FRIENDSHIP. As Knights this is the first lesson we are taught. It appears our cornerstone is cracking. Some members throughout the Supreme Domain it appears are taking the path of Dionysus and are seeking boundless ambition and power, turning their backs upon friends and friendship. "You should so learn the lesson of friendship that, in its exercise, you may correct a fault as well as commend a virtue. If you have not so learned this lesson, I ask you to turn again to that Grecian scene, and again, and again, until its sacred memories are your own, and you shall know, as never before, the full, the Pythian, meaning of friendship."

In August the Supreme Lodge Convention will take place in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. This will be the first time both the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Temple have ever met jointly in Canada. The Maritime Provinces and Maine have worked very hard so that this will be one of the best Supreme Conventions ever. Let us, as Knights, remember we will be there to attend to the business of the Supreme Lodge. It is our duty to work together, while avoiding anger and dissension and in the spirit of fraternity, to do our best for the Order.

*Tim McLaurin*  
Supreme Chancellor

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# NEW JERSEY



Danielle Silverman, 2006 Poster Child

This year marks our 23rd Annual Cystic Fibrosis Campaign. The Knights of Pythias have raised large sums of money to combat Cystic Fibrosis through the hard work and devotion of our brothers, families and friends.

Danielle Silverman, will be our NJ Knights of Pythias Cystic Fibrosis Poster Child for the second year. She is now 3 years old. Danielle was diagnosed at age four months as having CF. She takes digestive enzymes every day and endures chest physiotherapy (CPT) twice daily to breakup and clear mucus buildup. Danielle is a very happy and beautiful girl. Her condition is stable. She is living a fairly normal toddler life. Danielle enjoys gymnastics and dancing classes. Daneille also enjoys playing with he big sister Carolyn. Danielle's family is very active in fundraising for CF. The family lives in Morris County, NJ.

Cystic Fibrosis is a genetic disease that affects the lungs and the pancreas, two of the body's most vital organs which, when impaired, will lead to the stunting of growth and natural development. The lung impact causes normal secretions to become thick and sticky, thereby causing enormous strain upon the respiratory system. Pancreatic problems affect nutrition.

The Grand Lodge KOP asks our brothers, family and friends to PLEASE volunteer to collect donations and help us support the children afflicted with this terrible disease. Our goal is for every lodge to increase the amount of money they collected last year. This experience is very gratifying. Danielle's family hopes to make this another successful year in our crusade to find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis for all children.

## Texas



Ex-students of the Texas Pythian Children's Home

Ex-students gathered for a reunion at the Baker Community Center and thanks go to Vernell Hutcheson for all the help. LaJuana Horstmann Wehunt, daughter of past Administrator bought pictures and slides to share with everyone. This was great fun. This was a day of fun, old stories, good food and fond memories. Anyone wanting more information about the next reunion, please contact Hazel Blake Karg, 1201 Vivienne St., Weatherford, TX 76086 or email Wanda McLin Riley at wandariley@comcast.net. We would love to have more at the next reunion, which will be the First Saturday in November, 2006



# HAWAIIAN ISLANDS



## “SHARING OF GIFT’S” HAWAIIAN STYLE

By Ben Sanchez, Jr., V.C.

In the year 2005/2006, the Knights of Pythias Mystic Lodge #2 shares it's celebration with the community by donating complete dinners for two homeless shelters located on the island of Oahu.

Despite the pouring rain, the “Helping the Less Fortunate” committee and volunteers were on time and served the dinners to more than 300 people at the Summer Homeless Shelter. The parties we fed were very appreciative and thankful for our unselfish service. There were individuals who claimed that they had not eaten for a couple of days.

The hard work and camaraderie of the following committees and volunteers were praised and appreciated by many.

The committee members are: Ben Sanchez, Jr., Chair, Josephus Cowing, and Melvin Britain. The volunteers are Lewis Walter, DDSC, Cletus Ching and his wife Sylvia, Frank Adolfi, P.C. and Allen Lee Skinner. During the dinner, Frank Adolfi, P.C. distributed toothbrush and toothpaste that was donated by his employer, “The Kings Dental”.

The committee and volunteers presented several gift baskets to Ms. Ann Martin, Shelter Manager, for the abused family shelter and also presented several gift baskets for the Homeless Family Shelter recipients to Ms. Barbara Stevenson, Development Director of IHS.

The volunteers for this gift basket distribution project were Abraham Bahalea, V.C., Henry Pkini, P.C., Cletus Ching, Sec., Josephus Cowing, Committee, Melvin Britain, committee, Ben Sanchez, Jr., Chair.

It was a great service to the community and gratifying experience.

## Hawaiian Thoughts

### OUR LIFE

By: Ben Sanchez, Jr. V.C.  
Mystic Lodge #2

*Our life has its own destiny  
Encounter many challenges during its journey  
Trial from supreme being  
Trespases from others  
Problem from within,  
But adherence of the kingdom wisdom  
Will conquer and overcome these challenges  
Productive and bountiful life will arise  
And a fruitful blessing will shower from above  
Amen*

# Making Donations

## TENNESSEE



Tennessee Grand Lodge Council Officers gathered to make their charitable donation plans. From Left to Right: Paul Collins, Aubrey Cole, Greg Pelfrey, Tim Pelfrey, Floyd Dillon, Jim Pelfrey, Bobby Crowe, Pat Wells and GC Alex Patton

## FLORIDA



Kings Knights Lodge members, planning their summer donations. From Left to Right: PDGC Jack Jacoby, Secretary Mel Eisner, Grand Chancellor Florida Norman Bergstein, PDGC Sir Jerry Kalinsky, PDGC Al Benson, PDGC Bernie Eisner and PC Marvin Scharfman.

## NEW YORK



The sisters of Cross Bay Temple present throughout the year toys to the Children of the Bernard Fineson Developmental Center. The sisters went all out in gathering 8 large containers of toys and gifts to try to make the days of the residents at the home more enjoyable.

## FLORIDA



From Left to Right: Mr. Jim Ball, Guidance Counselor, Witnic Gedeon, Marisha Stubbs and PGC Iv Margulies

On Tuesday, May 23rd at the Palm Beach Gardens High School, Past Grand Chancellor for the Domain of Florida Irving Margulies presented a Citizenship Award Certificate and a \$100 check to each worthy recipient Marisha Stubbs and Witnic Gedeon. PGC Irving Margulies was accompanied by their Guidance Counselor Mr. Jim Ball, who assisted in their recommendation and the presentation. Both students will be entering College and have indicated their appreciation of the award and the check, which is always helpful.

The Citizenship Award Certificates and checks were donated by the Grand Lodge of Florida and Palm Beach Rainbow Lodge #203, in recognition of the contribution each recipient made in their school, many hours of community service and their academic achievement. In addition to these awards, the Knights of Pythias has presented Citizenship Awards this year to other Florida High School Seniors and are involved in a school "Poster Contest".

PGC Margulies says, "That is what Pythianism is all about, practicing Friendship, Charity and Benevolence in your community and government.


## BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the Domain of British Columbia, the 1st District has 15 new members with 10 new members from the other Districts which makes a total of 25 new members this year. For our Domain, it is the second year that we have a gain in Membership and that is exciting. Four of our Lodges receive the Supreme Chancellor's membership award and we still have a couple of members in the wings.

**SUPREME TEMPLE**

# CHAT ROOM


By  
**LINDA BRIDGES**  
Supreme Secretary



**SUPREME LODGE**

# NOTE BOOK

By  
**ALFRED A. SALTZMAN, KGS**  
Supreme Secretary



**NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:** Linda.bridges@gmail.com

Dear Sisters,

By the time you get this, the packets for the delegates will have been mailed out. Information will be sent to the Grand Secretaries as well. Be sure and read it carefully for information about registration, credentials and mileage and per diem. The names and addresses of the chairperson for each committee along with instructions will be in the packet. **THERE IS NOT A NEED FOR A PASSPORT THIS YEAR.** The date that you must have a passport for Canada is 12-31-06. Please use the registration card that was in the last issue of the PI and also in this issue to register for Supreme Temple. I highly encourage everyone to preregister. It makes it easier for everyone concerned.

We are having a problem with the postal service again. I had a mailout of supplies that was not delivered for 3 weeks, so I have had to get delivery confirmation on all packages I send out. This will cost you a little more, but it will be worth it should the same thing happen with another mailout. The charge is sixty cents.

I sincerely hope that everyone has secured their room in Halifax. The rooms are filling up fast. It is also important to pay for your banquets and trips as soon as you can. **DO NOT FORGET TO BUY THE GROUND TRANSPORTATION.** There is not a shuttle at the hotel, so you will need the ground transportation. This is a very good price that the convention committee has secured for us.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Canada. They are planning a wonderful convention for us.

All for now,

Linda  
*Linda*

**REGISTRATION CARD FOR  
PYTHIAN SISTERS**



In compliance with the Order of the Supreme Tribunal in case No. 372, the action taken on Document No. 53 at the Supreme Convention in Tucson in August 2004 has been declared NULL and VOID. A new page 52 of the Supreme Statutes has been published and is available through the Grand Secretaries.

**A REMINDER!** – This office WILL NOT quote prices to anyone other than Grand Secretaries or Secretaries under the control of the Supreme Lodge. Nor will it accept merchandise orders from anyone other than those same Brothers.

We have replenished our supply of imprinted Get-Well Cards and Sympathy Cards. Further information can be had from the Grand Secretaries.

Grand Secretaries are urged to send in the rosters of newly elected officers immediately after the Grand Lodge convention so that we can have a more accurate supreme Directory this year.

We have been advised by our jewelry manufacturer that prices may be increased on gold-filled items because of the recent increase in the price of Gold. We will try to hold our prices as close to normal as possible.

Subscriptions to the PYTHIAN INTERNATIONAL from lodges which are 100% subscribed will not be renewed until this office receives a roster of the lodge's members and a check for the full amount of the subscription.

The Supreme Lodge office will be closed from August 9th through August 18th because of the Supreme Convention. It will re-open for business on Monday, August 21st. See you in Halifax!!

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# New York



Members of Alliance-East Meadow Lodge #774 were accompanied by legislator Dennis Dunne, Sr., for our annual altruistic visitation to the L.I.J. Schneider Children's Hospital.

We were there to donate toys for the children, which were obtained through the Toys for Tots Foundation, and to contribute funding for the Schneider Children's Hospital with which they intend to purchase special children's equipment for their pediatric program.

The people in the photo, from left to right are: Bro.. Al Seril, Bro.. Seymour Chenkin, Mike Swensen, Child life Coordinator, Legislator Dennis Dunne Sr., Bro.. Herb Gold, Michele Neuhaus, Director of Child Life, Joann Flick, Assistant Director of Child Life, Bro.. Jerry Maron.

## WISCONSIN

### *Oldest Pythian Passes Away*

We in Wisconsin have lost one of our most dedicated and active members. Brother Bill McIlquham, Past Grand Chancellor from Eau Claire Wisconsin, passed away at the age of 107. He was still putting up the lunches at lodge meetings when he was over ninety and was very active at all of the Grand Lodge Conventions until he was almost 100. He was still real sharp and had a great sense of humor but the lodge business was serious to him.

*Amen – Rest in Peace*

## MASSACHUSETTS



GVC Irving Weiss (left) presents a check to Executive Director Ginny Pitts (center) as the President of the Board Sir Alan Zamansky, PSR (right) looks on.

An Annual Donation, this year in the amount of \$23,400.00, was presented to Handi Kids. The camp, founded by the Massachusetts Knights of Pythias some 40 years ago, specializes in therapeutic habilitation for challenged children.



# SUPREME CHIEF'S MESSAGE



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To My Pythian Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Family ~

As I sit down to write my last article to you as your Supreme Chief, it prompts me to think back over the past 20 months and my visitations to many Grand Sessions all across North America. What cherished memories I have of my visits with each of you.

One would think that since we all believe in the same timeless Pythian principles of Love, Equality, Fidelity and Purity, that each of our groups would be the same. By traveling from coast to coast and back again, meeting with Pythians and seeing them in their own locales, I've come to realize that the variety of our Pythian Sister groups is as wide and colorful as a rainbow. Some Grands are large and have many social and philanthropic activities going on all the time; while other Grands are "tiny but mighty!" Even so, no matter the size of the group, one thing we all have in common is our love and dedication for the Pythian Order which translates into an outpouring of altruistic work in service to others.

Everywhere I've traveled I see Pythian Sisters "Helping Hands Make Happy Hearts" exemplified in the good works of our members. As you've undoubtedly heard me say before: "I believe that Pythian Sisters are like angels, quietly doing our work to help people who are in need." Helping others makes us happy because we feel better when we're helping others – and – the people that we help have happy hearts because they're getting the assistance they need.

The service culture of our organization is important. When we look back at our Altruistic Records we can see that Pythians donate literally tens of thousands of hours and tens of thousands of dollars to others every year. Pythians truly make a difference in the lives of others – every day – by the work that we do. We have every right to be proud of being a Pythian. We just need the World to notice the good work that we do, so that they'll recognize that Pythians are positive contributors to our society.

In addition to being proud of the service work we do, hopefully you recognize how much being an active Pythian member enriches your life. If we hope to make our organization grow again and get back to "the gold old times" that many of us remember, when the Pythian Order was flourishing, we need to "step up" and ask others to join us so that their lives can be enriched by being a Pythian too.

My life has been enriched so much by being a member of our wonderful Pythian organization. In fact, it's hard for me to imagine where life would have taken me if I had not become a member and been indoctrinated into the timeless Pythian principles of Love, Equality, Fidelity, Purity, Friendship, Charity, Benevolence, Loyalty and Humility. I cherish the time I spend with my Pythian Sisters, Brothers, Friends and Family. I hope that your life has been enriched by being a Pythian too!

Time passes quickly when we're doing things that we enjoy! The past 2 years as your Supreme Chief have absolutely flown by. I hope that when you think back on this brief moment in Pythian history, that you'll remember that I asked you to work together in Harmony and to add Sunshine to the lives of your members and those whom we serve. (Part of this is remembering to "ask" your Sisters and Brothers for help rather than "telling them" what to do.)

Again, I offer my thanks to all who have helped so much during my time as a Supreme Temple Officer. I have tried my best to serve all of you and our Pythian Order well. I especially thank my own family, who instilled the Pythian beliefs in me at a young age, and who believed in me, so that I could go on and be the best I could be.

I look forward to seeing many of you when we join together at Supreme Sessions in Halifax this summer. May our work there go smoothly and efficiently so we can make good decisions which will benefit our organization and increase our membership rolls, so that we can have "the good old times" of Pythian success back again for all of us to enjoy!

With Love & Hugs to All,  
Loyally in PLE&F,

*KC Kathleen*

# MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY GROWTH INTEREST COMMUNICATIONS

By Steve Guise DSC/MO, SR – Supreme Membership Committee

This kind of MAGIC however cannot be produced with the wave of a magic wand – it will take effort, work, cooperation, and a few ‘catalysts’ along the way. If on the local levels, we are more visible, more active, people will be asking ABOUT us. When THEY ask, we have an excellent chance of having a ‘captive audience’ – and there’s our chance for more MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITY – An active and robust Entertainment committee is vital here. There are all kinds of ideas, programs, promotions we have at our disposal – Boy Scout connection, Poster Contest (in Missouri we also started a Visual Arts contest this year), Youth fairs, Special Olympics, town carnivals, family activities, recognition dinners, picnics, fall hayrides, the local Chamber, the list goes on and on.

GROWTH – If you see a new member that shows great interest in wanting to learn or do more, HELP him right away, or find another member that can. If he sees YOU are interested in HIS further development, perhaps as a lodge officer, or even into your Grand Lodge, you MAY just have a future ‘CATALYST’ for our Order! Growth in numbers (however large or small), growth in personal

development – any form of growth is a building block for the future.

INTEREST – More activity will spur more interest – among members, within the community, and providing interest will in turn spur more activity, growth, membership – it all TIES IN! I always remember a quote from the Brother that brought me into the Order, PGC Jerry Long – ‘Keep meetings interesting’. A good planning Board and leadership will ensure that lodge meetings stay focused, and kept interesting!

COMMUNICATION – A word we hear time and time again – but it is THE KEY to all of the above. If we do not LET PEOPLE KNOW who we are and what we do, they may never learn about us. In our Domain, each lodge may elect a “Director of Publicity and Public Relations” – yet another tool that is provided. If OUR members are not kept informed, the chains of communication erode. It is crucial that secretaries, subordinate and Grand, strengthen the chains. They can also assist in “getting the word out” to and from regional associations and districts. Newsletters, calendars, even regular mailings, can all help in communications. A good secretary can also be a “CATALYST” for his group.

So “Magic” is possible my Brothers, if we all provide the FUEL for it. There are yet more “tools” at our disposal. If we think of ourselves as being a “five-point STAR” – the points being, Supreme, Regional, Grand, District and Subordinate – and if all five points use FUEL, do their part as a TEAM – we will see success and “MAGIC”. One of these points that we have recently developed in our area is the “Heartland Pythian Association” (HAP). This is a regional association that in a little over 2-1/2 years, has realized “MAGIC” already – as in, increased membership, more activity (such as the recent Pythian Leadership Conference), growth and interest, and most of all BETTER and MORE communication between the Domains. We learn from each other, ideas from one Domain that can be tried and can benefit another. The HPA is already planning a 2007 Pythian Leadership Conference, and will be involved in a planned 2007 Missouri Pythian Roundup.

So in conclusion, there should be no doubt – that Brothers, we HAVE the tools, the ideas, the programs – and OUR FUEL, will never go up in price and will be “priceless”, in building our future members and lodges.

## *Maritime Provinces*



On June 6th Brothers from El Capa Temple # 287 Fredericton along with Brothers from Queens Lodge # 63 of Youngs Cove Road presented a Wheel Chair to a group of Seniors from Cambridge Narrows.N B. at the Rec Center in Cambridge Narrows.

In the first photo l to r are

PC Winston Todd.New Brunswick Lodge # 1,

KGS,PSR, Arnold Libby. El Capa Temple # 287

PC Arthur Jones. Queens Lodge # 63

KT Frank Cole.Queens Lodge # 63

PC Doug Phillips Queens Lodge # 63,  
and El Capa # 287. Doug is also President of the Seniors Group.

# Special Olympics OHIO



1st row far left PCC Charlie Ehrlich, 1st row on far right AST Ron Kiessling



AST Ron Kiessling making a presentation.



PCC Charlie Ehrlich making a presentation



From the left PCC Charlie Ehrlich, AST Ron Kiessling and Mary Mitchem presenting tabs to Clarke Lodge

Clark Lodge's special presentation of Special Olympics honor an athlete commemorative silver coins at the Special Stars Annual Bowling Banquet. With more than 150 in attendance on Sunday, May 7th, 2006, six members of the Special Stars of the North Coast received honor an athlete commemorative silver coins and a Phythian Bowling Towel, it was again a successful presentation for the brothers. The presenters were PCC Charles Ehrlich and AST Ron Kiessling, KGSS. The

photographer was Sister Jeanette Kiessling. The recipients of the medals, (Nicole Calloway, Joe Case, Stephanie Hartman, Robert Knight, Rodney Pauley and Mike Rosing), are thrilled to receive them; besides bowling. The Special Stars presented Pull Tabs to Clark Lodge for Ronal MacDonald House. They do many activities during the year. Clark Lodge continues the presentations twice a year at their Christmas Party and their Annual Bowling Banquet in the spring of the year.

## Massachusetts



Sometimes the old way is good. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held its Annual Installation of Officers, not at its Grand Lodge Convention, but 5 days following the recess. In a hall filled to capacity, many witnessed an Installation the way we used to do it. Seven Past Grand Chancellors took part in what many said was an impressive ceremony. Grand Chancellor Irving Weiss's Subordinate Lodge sponsored the evening, which was followed by a superb collation.

GC Irving Weiss (center) receiving his Jewel of Office from his wife, Charlotte (right). Sir Allen S. Morris, PSR (left) acted as Supreme Chancellor for the Installation.

# NEW LODGES

# NEW MEMBERS

## DOMAIN OF ARIZONA GROWING ANOTHER LODGE



Where there is a feeling of hopelessness, the K of P tradition comes to the rescue. The Orphanage in Naco, Mexico will be the center of focus for the newly forming Green Valley Lodge #85 in Arizona.

Brother Toby Dowling, GVC, and Brother Bob Wilson, GP, are both in the Grand Domain of Arizona. They are shown presenting a check in the amount of \$700 to Caring Ministries, Inc. who oversees the Orphanage in



Naco, Mexico. The money was a gift from Pima Lodge #47, Tucson, Arizona. Brother Toby and Bob have raised more than \$5,000 since November 2005. The spin off of the fund-raising is that a new Lodge is being developed in Green Valley, Arizona in support of the orphanage and these two K of P brothers are putting together the new lodge.

## NEVADA



*My Brothers,*

*This past weekend I had the honor and pleasure of being invited to Reno, NV to attend the initiation ceremonies. I was told that they would have about 25 candidates to be initiated. When I arrived on Saturday at noon, they had applications from 32 candidates, but when we finally started the rank work, 28 candidates showed up.*

*The initiation, started at 1 PM with PSC Jim Hess, serving as Chancellor Commander, and Supreme Prelate Dan Cowan (from California) serving as Master at Arms. I had the*

*pleasure of giving the obligation to the new Knights. I also presented the history of the Rathbone Bible and reobligated 15 Brothers. This was followed by refreshments and a steak dinner.*

*I would like to say a special thanks to CC Bob Mohring and all of the members of Amity Lodge #8 for doing such a great job. Thanks, Brothers for a great weekend.*

*Fraternally yours,*

*Dave E. Mead*

*S.V.C. Knights of Pythias*

# NEW LODGES

# NEW MEMBERS

## WYOMING



Wyoming Knights of Pythias instituted a new lodge on December 8, 2006 , Capital City Lodge #123.

*Back row: Colo/Wyoming Domain Grand Chancellor Greg Searls, John Zamora, Jared Talkington, Mark Claeys, Jr., James Herron.*

*Front row: Jaren Allen, Greg McKee, Alden Crom, Scott Starks, and Brian Hartwig, Chancellor Commander Lodge #122.*

## NEW YORK



Alliance-East Meadow Lodge had the distinct honor of installing Congressman Peter King, Councilman Chris Coschignano, Councilman Anthony Macagone and Ret. Major Chuck Kilbride, USMC, Director of Toys for Tots into the Pythian order. Our organization takes great pride in installing individuals that have contributed so much to the residents of our communities. Also, special thanks to our other elected officials who took part in this ceremony, and are part of the Pythian order.

*L to R: Front row: GVC Martin Fasting, ACDGC Ed Winters, SR Julian Martin & PDGC & Chairman Herb Gold. Rear: Pythian Brothers Daniel Krimmer, Assemblyman Joseph Saladino, PDGC Sol Goldstein, T.O.B. Supervisor John Venditto, Councilman Chris Coschignano, Director of Toys for Tots, Chuck Kilbride, U.S. Congressman Peter King, Councilman Anthony Macagnone, Town Clerk Steve Labriola, Legislator Dennis Dunne, Sr., Councilman Angelo Delligatti and Commissioner Bruce Foley.*

# QUEBEC



In an effort to help increase our dwindling membership, Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran made membership a number one priority.

On a cold, snowy Montreal night, the Domain of Quebec gathered about 40 Brethren to “relive” the ceremony when THEY first went through Rank Work. Many of the Brethren relived a ceremony that they first

observed over fifty years ago.

Prior to the ceremony, a delightful deli supper was served to the members gathered. Thanks to Grand Prelate James Indig and Grand Inner Guard Calvin Finkelstein for planning and preparing a great supper.

Combining modern technology with our full rituals, the Domain of Quebec welcomed five new mem-

bers. Our “technical genius” Past Grand Chancellor Ivor Schwartz was able to “rig” the lights for complete darkness while a recording of the Monitor’s speech held the applicants total attention. It was indeed a very solemn moment in the ritual.

Practice makes perfect was the motto of the evening, as Grand Prelate James Indig had arranged for his “crack ritual” team to have several practices before the ceremony.

It gives the Domain great honor to welcome these newest Brethren:

*L to R: PC David Sendel (who acted as our “stooge” to help make the evening more entertaining. Brother Harold Vineberg – Sportsman’s Lodge #41; Brother Danny Winterfeld – Syracuse Lodge #9; Brother Ronnie Steinberg – Syracuse Lodge #9; Brother Phil Troy – Syracuse Lodge #9; Brother Hy Zilbert – Syracuse Lodge #9*

# OHIO



*Pictured Carey Tucker (left) receiving her 2nd place certificate, ribbon and check from Clark Lodge’s Poster Contest Chairman Sir Ron Kiessling.*

At its Annual Banquet, held at the Holiday Inn Cleveland Airport, Clark Lodge awarded ribbons, certificates and cash to the students that placed in their poster contest.

The Knights of Pythias Poster Contest “Preserve Our Precious Resources” was open to any student enrolled as a freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior, in any school, public, private, or parochial in the United States and Canada.

# ALASKA



Our Pythian Sisters from Friendship Temple #2 in Anchorage, Alaska were concerned about displaced families and pets in our area from the recent hurricanes, and sent \$500.00 to Mineral Wells Temple #14 to distribute equally to an organization for displaced families and an organization for displaced pets (to be distributed at a later date). The Pythian Sisters of Mineral Wells Temple #14 felt Helping Hands of Mineral Wells was a helpful organization that assisted a number of families affected by the hurricanes, and presented them with a check for \$250.00 from our Alaska Sisters and \$100.00 from Mineral Wells Temple #14. Checks were presented to Jim Rhodes of Helping Hands on December 10, 2005 by Gladys Loftis and Linda Choate of Mineral Wells Temple #14.

# WYOMING



Picture shows Wyoming-Cheyenne Lodge #122 members getting together for a group picture after the Haunted House with some of the many volunteers.

Cheyenne Lodge #122 held its 16th Annual Haunted House with the help of 70 volunteers all adding to the usual success. Proceeds from the Haunted House are shared with the Knights of Pythias Scholarship Fund, the Boy's and Girl's Club, and other needy charities. The project has also helped with gaining new members for Cheyenne Lodge #122.

# TEXAS



Pictured above is Marjorie Cowan presenting Mineral Wells Temple #14 MEC, Donna Cromer a \$500.00 donation to the Temple. The donation is from the Kessler Foundation.

## New York



Pictured are G.C. Jerry Silver and Chief Deputy Marty Nyear collecting with Buckets for The Pythian Humanitarian Fund at a Long Island Shopping Centre.



Humanitarian Fund Chairman GIG Jerry Burns and ACDGC Ed Winters do their part with the bucket for the Humanitarian Fund.

## OHIO



Left to right Deak Lodge CC John Kittridge, DDGC Hugh Summers receiving a presentation of Tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.



Left to right DDGC Hugh Summers, Clark Lodge CC Les Brandais making a presentation of Tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House.

**For more information about the convention  
visit our Canadian Convention Website –  
[www.knightsofpythias.ca](http://www.knightsofpythias.ca)**

*Murphy's to be Highlight in Halifax*

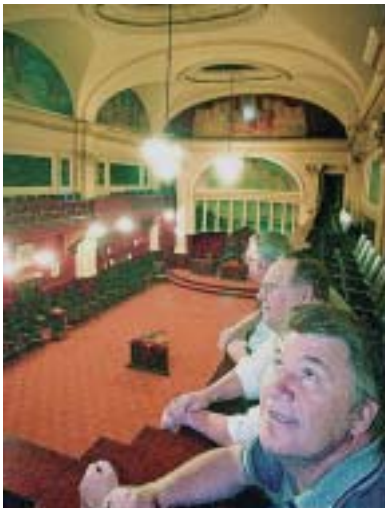


This is a picture of Historic Cable Wharf where Murphy's is located in Halifax. This is where all the cable for the trans atlantic telegraph and telephone underwater cable was stored and shipped out to be laid to



England. The second picture is of one of the Tour Boats we will be using for our Harbour Sight Seeing Cruise before our Lobster Dinner at Murphy's. **DON'T GET SHUT OUT.**

**WASHINGTON**



*Chancellor Commander Jim Carroll, trustee Preston Thomas and trustee Robert Wright, foreground to background, soak up the ambience Tuesday in the Castle Hall of the Pythian Temple in downtown Tacoma.*

Once able to count its membership in the high hundreds, the Pythians opened their first Tacoma lodge in 1881. Though membership has fallen over recent decades, pride in the building remained.

Today, a group of new members say they want to repair the structure and offer its beauty and history to more eyes.

Next month, on the centenary of the laying of the cornerstone, the Pythians will give tours of the lodge as they open a yearlong fundraising drive.

And they intend to share their space with Tacoma.

"We'd like to see more community events," said Jim Carroll, chancellor commander of the Tacoma lodge. "This was once a real civic center. Right now, it's Tacoma's best-kept secret. It's a treasure that should be shared."



*A portrait shows the 1886-87 officers of the Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction of Washington Territory, all of the Knights of Pythias.*

He foresees the hall hosting weddings, receptions, educational symposia or scouting ceremonies.

"I feel that the key to the transition is not to look to the past, but to bring the past into the future," he said.

Michael Sullivan, likewise a Pythian and a Tacoma historian teaching history and urban studies at University of Washington Tacoma, also sees many possibilities. "We're starting to have a population back downtown. We're going to need these kinds of places."

Sullivan characterizes the architecture as "weird, random classicism." Inside, he sees "a sense of grandeur, assembly and ceremony. It's not really sacred or secular, it's somewhere in between. It's one of the great interiors. It has the potential to be the venue of so many wonderful things."



# INDIANA

Lafayette Lodge #51 held a Rathbone Bible Class on December 10th. Over twenty lodge brothers and visitors from around the state and DSC Hempfield from OH were in attendance. The three new Knights were Wayne Good, Robert Kochert, and his son Steve Kochert. Bill Fitzgerald, not pictured, 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.

## LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE HEARTLAND PYTHIAN ASSOCIATION CONDUCTS PYTHIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Pythians from 5 different Domains attended the initial Pythian Leadership Conference in Springfield, MO on April 8th. Among those in attendance was our Supreme Vice Chancellor Sir David Mead and wife, Nancy. Also among the attendees were, Grand Chancellors Lenny Weinstein/MO and Jim Smyrl/OK; Grand Vice Chancellor John Vaughan/OK; Grand Secretaries James Connor/OK and George Fox/TX; Grand Treasurer Mark Helm/TX; and Grand Master-at-Arms Barry Carter/TX and Roy Thomas/MO plus other subordinate lodge officers.

The goals of the Conference were to present several subjects such as Membership and Growth; Leadership and Structure; Lodge Secretaries and Communications; Fundraising and Budgeting; as well as give a brief historical overview of the Order. Presentations were made by Fox; Steve Glise DSC/MO; Matt Marrone GIG Membership Chairman-MO; Leroy Loggins GP/MO and Helm. SVC Mead addressed the attendees regarding Membership, and also led discussions in sharing ideas and programs.

A tour of the old Missouri Pythian Home, which is located at 1451 E. Pythian Street, not far from the Lamplighter North Convention Center, was conducted that afternoon. A group Banquet that evening concluded the day's activities. Sicilian Lodge #39, Independence MO. was the host lodge for this event.

All attendees were very pleased with the content and the topics discussed, and a 2007 Pythian Leadership Conference is already being planned by the Heartland Pythian Association for next spring. The Grand Domain of Missouri also hopes to conduct a 2007 Pythian Roundup next spring.

The Heartland Pythian Association was founded on November 1, 2003 by Steve Glise and has grown steadily since its inception. In the 2 1/2 years that the HPA has been in existence, it has made great strides in communications and

progress between its Member Domains. It incorporates the Knights, Sisters, DOKKies, Nomads, Junior Order and Sunshine Girls of the Domains of Missouri (including Kansas), Nebraska, Oklahoma and Texas. The spring 2006 Executive Board meeting of HPA was held March 17th at the Oklahoma Grand Lodge convention, Tulsa, OK.

During that convention alone, 13 new members were obtained and over 30 new members have joined since the last annual HPA convention, Oct. 21, 2005 in Enid, OK.

# PENNSYLVANIA



*Supreme Secretary Alfred A. Saltzman, whose office prepares all Eagle Scout diplomas, traveled to Harleysville, Pennsylvania recently to present an Eagle Scout kit to his grandson, Gregory Saltzman..*

# NEW JERSEY



The New Jersey Grand Lodge Winter 2006 Tricky Tray was a tremendous success. A huge crowd of nearly 500 people enjoyed the event chaired by PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner with much help from Anna Paci and Leslie Diner, and many Pythians. The highlight glittering event, "Knight of Smiles," for the term of GC Louis H. Katz at Cotillion Caterers, Garfield, had many contributors and supporters with hundreds of drawing prizes painstakingly shrink-wrapped in cellophane.

# ALABAMA



After many months of damage and rebuilding, the 134th Annual Convention of KOP of Alabama was held at the Holiday Inn, Sheffield, Alabama. Highlight of the meeting was the re-instatement of Anniston Lodge #332

# 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. Pictured are Ken Moder DSC (right), Knight David Myers (center) and a Food Finder employee (left) unloading a third truckload 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.



# FLORIDA

May 13th, the Knights of Pythias of Florida held an awards ceremony at the YMCA of West Palm Beach. The awards were presented to Special Olympians who will compete in the National Games at Ames, Iowa this summer.

PDGC Frank Goldstein is pictured below with PSC Sir Arthur Block and PDGC Eli Levine who worked diligently with Frank to make this a great event. The other phot has the winning recipients along with Richard Fleming who is the Coordinator for Special Olympics in West Palm Beach.

In attendance was GVC Arthur Tropp, GC Norman Bergenstein, Members of Boca Delray Boynton Lodge and Atlantic Lodge.



# MAINE

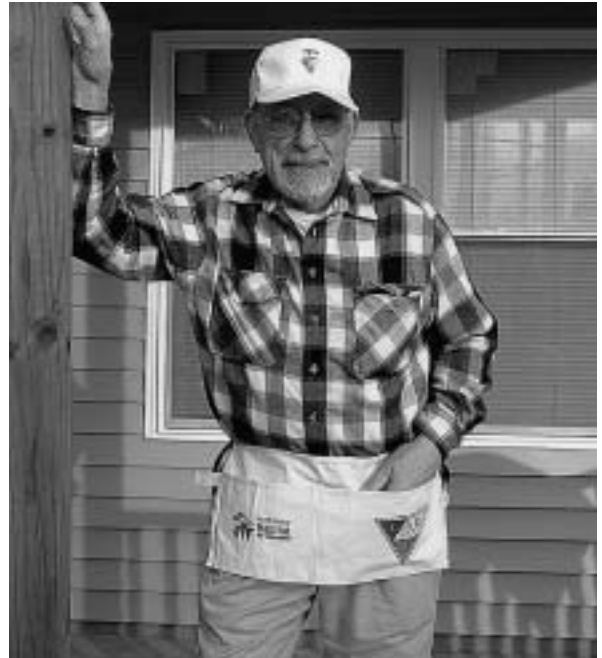


The Town of Andover, Maine has been working toward compliance with the Help America Vote Act as has most communities across America. Their big problem was getting folks with difficulty walking to the second floor town meeting room at the Town Hall.

Cabot Lodge #117, Knights of Pythias, who also meet at the same building, purchased a chair lift and had it installed. Recently the members of Cabot Lodge dedicated the chair lift in memory of Harold (Buster) Falkenham who passed away last fall. He had been active in the Knights of Pythias and the Town of Andover.

Shown in the picture is Knights of Pythias Grand Vice Chancellor Freeman Farrington, East Andover, as he places the memorial plaque by the chair lift.

# NEW JERSEY



GIG Sir Leon Ben-Ezra, Battleground-Centennial Lodge #100, distinguished himself once again recently by being part of a Habitat for Humanity volunteer team from New Jersey at a Beaumont, Texas assembly site for victims of Hurricane Katrina for a week. While there, Leon was honored to present \$3,000 raised and contributed by the New Jersey domain for relief efforts from last summer's Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma. In the accompanying photo, he is wearing a work apron and a hat with the Pythian logo. Shortly after his return, he was interviewed on WCTC, a local central New Jersey radio station, on its "Active Adults" Sunday program, where he described Pythian commitment to community service and his experiences with Habitat for Humanity.

## *New York*

### **LETTER RECEIVED BY PACDGC SID WEIDER, GENESIS LODGE**

Gentlemen:

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous and compassionate donation of the high-back wheel-chair she needs to get around on a daily basis.

Since her stroke and subsequent ten hour brain surgery (due to severe bleeding on the brain) on August 12, 2005, Susan has been rendered paralyzed on her left side, unable to sit up, stand or walk on her own. Her vision has also been affected by her stroke and she now suffers from meniere's disease (an inner ear condition which causes daily ringing in her ear and vertigo, which causes complete loss of balance).

At age 29, she cannot care for herself and I have given up my employment to become her full-time caregiver.

Without your help, my wife, Susan, would have been

confined to a bed twenty-four seven. Now, thanks to your generosity, I can take her out of bed, wheel her to the bathroom and take her for walks in our neighborhood. She even does her home exercises from her wheelchair too.

Your wheelchair has given her the mobility she lost in August and a sense of freedom, and has encouraged her to strive harder in her therapy sessions to learn to walk again and someday be able to return your wheelchair so that you may again bring comfort and hope to another disabled individual and their family.

It is with great gratitude and much appreciation that we simply say...**"THANK YOU"**.

Sincerely

E & S G

# NEW MEXICO



Pythian Sisters and Sunshine Girls gathered to make plans for a charitable year of donations and activities. Albuquerque Temple sponsored the meeting

## QUEBEC

Every year at the end of the month of May or the beginning of June, the Jewish Community in Montreal hold their annual March to Jerusalem Festival, a major fund raising project to raise money for the Jewish Educational Service of Quebec.

Jerusalem, the holy and national capital of the State of Israel, the geographical and spiritual epicenter for the Jewish people, has the power to unite all Jews, wherever they may live. The March to Jerusalem, which draws an inspiring cross section of marchers of all ages--is a moving demonstration of the devotion and solidarity of the Montreal Jewish Community with the State of Israel. The last bond is celebrated and reinforced by our wonderful initiative.

The Route of the March spans over 20 kilometers of the city of Montreal. Along the way, there are ten Checkpoints or stations that the Marchers visit. Here they will be greeted by volunteers of many Community Service Clubs of Montreal, get their pass ports stamped, get some water or other necessary nutrients, receive any needed first aid care, and just encouraged to continue having fun and sent to the next station.

Station Number Seven is called Yeruham, named after the city of Yeruham, a vibrant community in the Negev Desert, is the location of the Pythian Station. Starting at 8:00 AM, when the Pythian Brethren started to unload the tables and chairs, the hundred of bottles of water, the first aid materials, until around 5:00 PM, when they dismantled the station and cleaned up the area, scores of Pythian volunteers and their families were busy greeting approximately 20,000 members of the Community who marched, roller bladed, bicycled or pushed a stroller past their station.

Thanks to our Brothers Past Grand Chancellor Louis A. Schwartz, Ivor Schwartz and to Grand Chancellor Gerald Safran who organized the event, going to the many planning meetings and led "the troops", and to the many Pythian Brethren and families who came out that day in support of our Community.

# Florida



SR Martin Deringer of the Domain of Florida along with Nadia Gonzalez, the recipient of the "Citizenship Award". The award was presented to her on behalf of South Florida Lodge #195 and the Grand Lodge of Florida at a senior awards night ceremony at Charles W. Flanagan H.S. in Pembroke Pines, Florida.

This is a new award program implemented this year by Grand Chancellor Norman Bergstein in the Domain of Florida. It was given to the most improved student who exemplified the meaning of our Principles, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. All of the Lodges in the Domain were asked to join in this program.

Grand Lodge gave a check of \$100.00 plus a certificate to the recipients of the Lodges who partook in this worthwhile program. If they wished, the Lodges could present additional awards

## QUEBEC



Some of the many Pythians who helped make the Annual March to Jerusalem a great success.

Back Row: PGC Hy Sternfeld, PGC Ivor Schwartz, GC Gerald Safran, PGC, PGC Louis A. Schwartz, committee chairman  
Front Row. newest Pythian Brother Phil Troy, PC Donald Lieberman, PC Ezekiel Issac, PGC Issie Nadler

# BOY SCOUT CONNECTION

## VERMONT



*PGC Austin Enos (R) and PGVC Bruce Anderson (Center) present certificate to Eagle Scout Jonah Tidyman of Danville, Vermont*

## OHIO



*Ohio PGC Virgil Hempfield (R) presents certificate to Eagle Scouts Sam Cappelman, Robert Eisenger and Tim Keating of Opaka, Florida.*

## FLORIDA



*Florida Grand Outer Guard C. Aaron Moore presents certificate to Eagle Scout Robert Jason Chronsiter as his father and mother look on in Tampa, Florida*

## FLORIDA



*Scout Master Michael Greener (L) looks on as Boy Scout Connection Chairman PACDGC Hy Turret presents certificate to Ori Ryan Baber (in white uniform) as his mother and father look on.*



“WALK OF HONOR” PAVER BLOCKS are available for a contribution of \$200, for a 8” by 8” Paver Block, engraved with the name and/or words of your choice. Your personal “WALK OF HONOR” Paver will become part of the permanent pathway at the foot of the 40’ Rathbone Monument in Utica, New York. For an additional \$125, you can share the same Paver. Add additional \$20 for a third line. First line Pave Blocks available for \$500.

Please contact the Supreme Lodge office for further information (617-472-8800), regarding names that may be enshrined on a wall, paver block or panel, remembering a loved one, a relative, a Pythian for a lifetime of service. Remember, contributions are tax deductible.

# MAINE



*Shown in the picture is Charlene Parsons gratefully accepting \$5,000 in donations for Operation Lift-Off from the Knights of Pythias of Maine. Grand Chancellor Mike Barker was the driving force behind the fund raising. With Ms. Parsons is banquet Master of Ceremonies Steve Barker.*

When Mike Barker became Maine's Grand Chancellor a year ago he pledged to double the Grand Lodge of Maine donation of \$1,000 to Operation Lift-Off. And double it he sure did along with more to boot. Operation Lift-Off of Maine grants wishes to critically ill children.

To start off with Grand Chancellor Barker had a collection of bottles and cans that were redeemed at a greater price than face value at his brother Steve's redemption store in North Jay. Lodges, temples and individuals all across Maine pitched in with donations from suppers, raffles and donation jars.

At the Maine Grand Lodge Convention Banquet in April, Grand Chancellor Barker was able to present Operation Lift-Off official Charlene Parsons of Herman, Maine with over \$5,000 in donations. In an emotional acceptance presentation, Ms. Parsons reported that the donation was enough to grant wishes to two children.

This years Grand Chancellor George Zitaner has pledged to continue fund raising for Operation Lift-Off.

# NEW YORK



*Mt. Vernon Mayor Davis (r) shaking hands with Sir Lloyd Merson, PGC*

Have you ever thought of sending your kids to summer camp for a couple of weeks? Ahhhh...the freedom! Then you find out that most camps run into the hundreds, even thousands of dollars, and the whole idea just goes down the tubes. This is a major issue for most parents with low incomes who would like their children to have the experience of sleep away camp...never mind the alone time as well.

Fortunately, there is a wonderful organization called The Knights of Pythias. In order since 1864, their motto is "Friendship-Charity-Benevolence" and that is exactly what the Knights Of Pythias encompass. In 1936 they started a program to collect money for those children who could not afford to go to a summer camp, and used this money for the exact purpose. Today there are 200-300 children from all over the State of New York who attend summer camp through the money collected by the Knights of Pythias. About 40 of those children are chosen from Mount Vernon alone, and those who qualify are from 8 to 12 years of age. They are chosen through the schools by application, and if chosen, many attend either the camp in New Jersey or even one in the Catskills. They will attend camp for three weeks.

# MAINE

Edith Lebeda was a devoted Pythian Sister. She joined the Order in 1971. She was active in her local Temple and went on to Grand Temple, serving in many capacities. She was a member of Cumberland Temple in Westbrook, Maine and a dual member of Naragett Temple in Burton, Maine.



*Pictured Left to Right: PDGC Karl Weinstein, PC Larry Hochfeld and Grand Senior Marsha Weinstein of the Pythian Sisters of Florida*

Kings Knights Lodge #221 working with the Pythian Sisters in collecting pop-tops and assorted toiletries for the Ronald McDonald House in Ft. Lauderdale made a deposit there recently.

Many friends and neighbors drop off these items at the Kings Point in Tamarac Clubhouse. The lodge is also working with many community organizations, public and religious schools where the students save and bring in the pop tops and fill cans and bottles and when they are filled they call for pickup.

Our lodge has a table in the Clubhouse twice a week where we sell tickets for the various functions we have planned for our members and their families, friends and neighbors and we give out information on our lodge and the pythian order which brings many new members, reinstatements, dual members and transferees.

Helping to build the Pythian Order Day by Day

# MASSACHUSETTS



The Knights of Pythias presented Lynn Youth soccer with a check for \$400 as part of their continuing support of Lynn sports. Taking part were, front, from left, LYS secretary John Breault, traveling director Holly Breault and president Pamela Hinkle, accepting the donation from chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias Scott Brewster. Rear from left, are traveling director Tom Hunt, intramural director Marlene Martocchio, intramural director Mike Smalley, treasurer Debra Roy and registrar Annette Hennessey.

Her passion was the Make-A-Wish Foundation. She earned a lot of money in her lifetime to grant an ill child their special wish.

After her death on 12/23/05, her sister, Beverly Hubbard, GGC of Maine decided to have a sale of her belongings and donate the proceeds in her memory to Make-A-Wish Foundation. The sisters conducted a four day sale and netted \$2,000 for Make-A-Wish Foundation.

# Know Your Grand Chancellor

## VIRGINIA



**Bill DeVinney**  
Grand Chancellor

## MAINE



**George Zitaner**  
Grand Chancellor

## CONVENTION CORRECTION

There is a mistake in the Pythian International Magazine on the Supreme Sessions 2006 Order Form. The Maritime Luncheon on Tuesday, August 15th should read 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm. Sorry for any problems this may have caused.

## MASSACHUSETTS



The Knights of Pythias presented Alice O'Neil, President of the Challenger Little League and District 16 Little Leagues, a check for the seven Leagues in the city. Presenting the check to O'Neil is John Breault, left, secretary of the Knights of Pythias. Representatives from each league were also on hand to accept their \$400 checks. They are, front, middle, Mary Pickering of Lynn Shore. Rear, from left: Don Anderson of West Lynn National, Steve Bain of West Lynn American, Steve Davis of East Lynn, Danny Casale of Pine Hill, and Brian Lozzi of Wyoma.

## Ohio



Clark Lodge made a presentation of the Knights of Pythias Special Award with Medal to Mary Mitchem of Rocky River, Ohio at the Special Stars (Special Olympics) Annual Bowling Banquet. The banquet was held at the Westside Irish American Club in Olmstead Twp, Ohio with more than 150 in attendance on Sunday, May 7th, 2006. The award read "By Authority of the supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias The Knights of Pythias Special Award is awarded to Mary Mitchem in appreciation and gratitude of meritorious service in recognition of deep devotion to, tireless effort for, and the years of labor in volunteering and always being there when needed in supporting the Special Stars and the Parents Teacher Council Unit. Presented by Clark Lodge #764 Knights of Pythias.

## NEW YORK



Alliance-East Meadow Lodge were privileged to donate Funding towards a most worthy program, namely the town of Hempstead Anchor Program for the physically challenged. As part of our altruistic endeavors, we are constantly seeking programs that benefit the residents of our community. We wish to extend our thanks to Town of Hempstead Supervisor Kate Murry, Councilman Gary Hudes and the director of the Anchor program, Joe Lentini for allowing us to take part in this program.

We look forward to continue to play an active part in the many programs that the Town of Hempstead provides for the residents of our community.

L to R: PDGC Sol Goldstein, Councilman Garay Hudes, Supervisor Kate Murry, PDGC & Chairman Herb Gold, PACDGC Jerry Maron and Dir. Anchor Joe Lentini

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