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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Joel D. Fierstien, KGS*

Out of the Darkness, Light

We are looking forward to 2021 and brighter days. The direction is upwards outlasting the pandemic its despair, hardships, and losses while peering out from behind masks. The trying time has brought into focus how precious life, health, and even employment are. Be positive, cautious for safety as around the corner are vaccines. We will be able to do things safely including the long-delayed Supreme Lodge convention.

Planning is vital for everything we do, meetings, programs, recruiting, and new members. There is a need for us, paraphrasing the conclusion of a recent internet article.

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Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

What we know as of this writing

South Carolina March 5-6
Elloree

Indiana March 11-13
Westfield

**Supreme Council Meeting
April 30, 2021
Newark, New Jersey**

**Supreme Lodge Convention
May 1 – May 4, 2021
Newark, New Jersey**

Massachusetts May 20-21
Peabody

Texas June 11-13
Fort Worth

Iowa September 10-11
Des Moines

Michigan September 16-18
Lansing

New Mexico October 1-2
Alamogordo

Missouri October 7-9

Oregon October 15-17
Pendleton

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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Make it known that we seek to bring people together overcoming the divisive bitterness. This was a premise of the founding of the Order in 1864 that remains viable today. Others should know our Order is all-inclusive especially as to race and gender. Help others in a time of great need.

Celebrate the new year and see the light before us.

HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

Brothers, Sisters, All:

It has been quite a year. I hope the new year finds the vaccine works so we and the rest of the world can at least attempt to get our lives back to normal.

COVID masks have been sent to all Supreme Lodge, and Temple Officers, all Past Supremes, members of the Supreme Tribunal, Knights of Pythias Foundation, Imperial Palace, and even for the "1890 Knights" – SVC Bruce Brown can explain that. They have been sent, or in the process of being sent, to all Grand Secretaries as well as the Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges under the immediate control of the Supreme Lodge. All of this made possible through the generosity of the Knights of Pythias Foundation via the Supreme Chancellor's Program on Membership/Advertising.

Supreme Secretary's Message Cont.

The response has been overwhelming. So much so, based on many requests, that the Supreme Lodge has ordered additional masks to be sold. I will let you know when they arrive and what the cost will be... It will be based on what the Supreme Lodge is charged.

I would like to thank SVC Bruce Brown and SIG Donald Stamm for coming up with the idea and making the initial contact with the company for the masks. They not only look good but hopefully they will keep you safe.

SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL !!!

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS
Supreme Secretary



*From Supreme Secretary
Connie Edwards*

Season's Greetings from the Supreme Temple
Secretary:

I feel everyone will be glad to see the year 2020 end. It will be a year for the record book. We will not forget it, and it will be a topic for conversions for many months. And I'm sure we are looking forward to 2021, hoping it will be better.

The CORID-19 has caused many events to be canceled. Our Subordinate, Grand and of course Supreme Meetings. I miss see and talking with my fellow Pythians and other friends we are unable to see and can only visit by phone.

At this time I like to wish ALL a festive Holiday Season, as you share it with family and friends, no matter how you celebrate.

As we close the year 2020 and welcome the New Year 2021, be careful and safe. Remembering the fashion trend these days are masks.

May the magic and wonders of the season,
the warm memories, be cherish all year long!

In P.L.E. & F
Connie F. Edwards
Supreme Temple Secretary

TENNESSEE GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Tennessee annual Convention held on Saturday, Sept 26, 2020 at Oak Leaf Lodge in Rockwood, TN. The annual Grand Lodge convention was postponed from June to Sept due to the coronavirus. Grand Chancellor Josh Nelson presided with a good attendance on hand as we conducted our business session. A great catered lunch was served and enjoyed by all in attendance. The new Grand Chancellor for the next term is Robert Mitchell. Our next Grand Lodge will be held in June 2021 if the coronavirus is gone by then. We thank all the members for their attendance and support during this time.



Pictured .. front row L to R... GMA Darrell Rich; GP Mike Melton; GVC Dennis Kelly; GC Robert Mitchell; GT Robert Officer; SMA Mark Ward.

Back Row L to R... GS Bobby Crowe; PGC Josh Nelson; GOG Richard Rogers; GIG Rick Bruno.

149TH CONVENTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA AT MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA ON OCTOBER 3, 2020

The 149th Convention of the Grand Domain of North Carolina convened on October 3, 2020 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our Grand Lodge hosted 33 Grand Lodge Knights to include Supreme Vice Chancellor Bruce Brown, Grand Prelate Mike Sears of South Carolina, and Past Grand Chancellor Bill Kerlin of Ohio. There were 18 Past Grand Chancellors in attendance and every Lodge represented. The Fraternal bonds in this Domain are incredibly strong and represent the very best of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



NEW JERSEY GRAND LODGE CONVENTION AND AWARD PRESENTATION

On Saturday October 17, 2020, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of New Jersey held its Grand Lodge convention in a completely unique format due to the COVID-19 pandemic currently befalling our lives.

The Grand Chancellor, in conjunction with the Council felt it was necessary to conduct the normal business which would be completed at an in-person convention of the Grand Lodge, and hold our Installation of Officers for the 2020-2021 term. It was done outdoors with everyone wearing facial masks, seated socially distant of minimum six feet apart, and contact less. Supreme Chancellor Joel D. Fierstien, KGS officiated for the Supreme Lodge.

One of the highlights was the awarding of the Pythian Torch to Fortitude Lodge #160 for their membership activity this term, and Supreme Chancellor Fierstien announced that their membership Chairman, Knight Marvin Levine has been honored as the Supreme Lodge Membership Champion for his term.

Outgoing Grand Chancellor Elliot Frankfort was presented a Red Past Grand Chancellors Jacket by his home lodge, Fortitude Lodge #160, along with his PGC Lapel Pin.

Please see the attached photos of this unique day.







Photo credits

1. Installed Council; Brothers Silverman, Diner, Goldenbaum, Feldschneider, Spindel
2. PGC's Bellask, Breitowich, Frankfort, Feldschneider, Goldenbaum, Spindel
3. SC Fierstien, CC Breitowich
4. Installation Team; GS Bellask, SC Fierstien, Saul Rochman, Jerry Weiner, CC Breitowich

GLEN LODGE #469 – OHIO

TWO NEW KNIGHTS!

Glen Lodge #469 held a 3 Rank class in November. Judy Ward and Chad Ward were Knighted and the Lodge plans another class in the Spring of 2021 to knight at least 2 additional members. John Morris, Jr., PGC, DSC of Cheviot #755 along with Marty Wright & Bob Couch of Lafayette #37 assisted with the Rank Work.

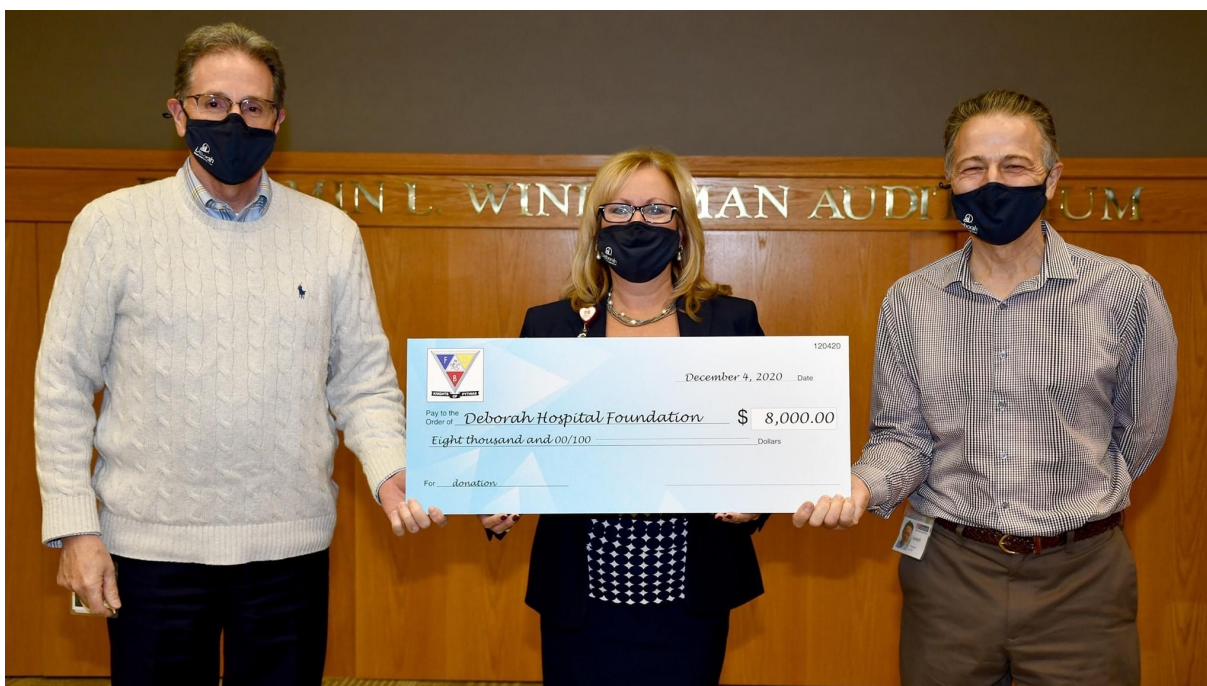


NEW JERSEY CONTINUTES SUPPORT OF DEBORAH HOSPITAL

The Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills New Jersey hosted a virtual annual raffle drawing at 1:00 PM on Friday December 4, 2020 at the Windemer Conference Center at the Hospital. The event was broadcast on the Hospitals Facebook live page and saved on its You Tube video.

The New Jersey Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey virtually presented Mr. Chirichella, Mr. Manni, and Ms. Cindy Kornfeld from the Deborah Foundation; our New Jersey Knights of Pythias Charity Foundation 2020 donation check for \$8,000 in support of the hard work and generosity of the Deborah Medical Staff and Foundation in patient care.

CEO Joe Chirichella congratulated us on the hard work that we performed in these trying times to continue our support of Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital. Cindy Kornfeld thanked us in the live video presentation for our continuing support, and wished us a Healthy and Safe Year looking forward to us being together next year in person.



L to R: COO Joseph Manni, Foundation Raffle Chairperson; Ms. Cindy Kornfeld and CEO Joseph Chirichella

WELCOME LODGE #158

Massachusetts

What a remarkable event we had on September 14, 2020.

On March 13th when the world turned upside down with the explosion of the Corona Virus, scheduling our 12th annual golf tournament was something none of us imagined would ever happen.

Well, through perseverance, commitment and hard work from our dedicated golf committee along with the unwavering support of Lisa Funaro, Danielle Conti and Anna Collins who helped from MARE, we made the impossible possible. Kudos and thank you to the members of the golf committee which consists of the following cast of characters: Alan Goldberg - Mark Zuroff - Paul Deletetsky - Teddy Foundas - Michael Silverman - Stevie Sarnowitz - Michael Schreier

Get ready for Welcome Lodge/ MARE's 13th annual 2021 Golf Tournament to be held at Blue Hills Country Club on August 30.



OREGON'S GASTON LODGE #104 ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Gaston Lodge #104 conducted its annual toy drive for 2020 to be distributed to the local kids. We turned all the toys over to the Gaston Fire Department on December 10, 2020 to be handed out to needy families. Toys were donated over the last few months by our membership, then the Lodge made a cash donation for members to purchase more toys. Along with the toys the Lodge included 20 of its bicycle helmets with the Pythian logo imprinted on the side.

GOOD JOB GASTON KNIGHTS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



left to right: Ed Yates SR, Treasurer; Ted Claussen CC; Bill Sneathens VC; and Clinton Nelson, Secretary

OREGON'S GASTON LODGE #104 FOOD DRIVE

Gaston Lodge # 104 held its Annual Food Drive for the Gaston Food Bank during the month of November.

In the past, our Scouts have done the food collection, but due to the pandemic they were unable to do it this year. Thanks to all our Lodge members and a cash donation from the Lodge, we were able to make a large donation of food to the Food Bank.

GOOD JOB KNIGHTS!!!!!!!!!!



left to right: Ed Yates SR, Treasurer; Ted Claussen CC; Bill Sneathens VC; and Clinton Nelson, Secretary

STONEWALL JASPER LODGE NO. 6 AND ELISABETH TEMPLE NO. 2 -- DOING FOR THE KIDS

South Carolina

Stonewall Jasper Lodge #6 and Elisabeth Temple #2 on December 14 presented live on channel 2 midday program in Charleston, 31 bikes and 4 scooters to Toys for Tots.



L to R: Ronald Brown GT; Bruce Brown SVC; Jon Zelasko SR; Rob Fowler TV 2 personality; Clarence Kuykendall Jr. SR (AKA Santa); Salina Zelasko Guard; and Missy Zelasko SR.

On Christmas day Clarence, as Santa, will help deliver these and other gifts to children throughout the Charleston, SC area.



**THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF THE
DOMAIN OF NEW JERSEY**



The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey is once again proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2020 Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias Convention which will be held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. from Thursday April 29, until Tuesday May 4, 2021.

Hotel stay reservations should be made through the secure Hotel Link which is shown below, (copy and paste into your browser). Early hotel arrivals will be accommodated from Wednesday April 28, 2021 onward.

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1588789735314&key=GRP>

We have details on the Banquets which will be held during our convention which we would like to share with you on the companion flyer. There will be a souvenir ad journal/program to celebrate our Officers and support our convention. The ad blanks are also on a companion flyer.

The Supreme Lodge Banquet will be held on Saturday evening May 1, 2021 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. It will be a sit-down multi-course plated and served dinner with a choice of three (3) fine entrees including appetizer, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks and breads. The all-inclusive cost will be \$75.00 per guest for the Chicken or Fish entrees, and \$80.00 per person for the Beef entree. They are Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast, Grilled Mahi Mahi, and Braised Boneless Short Ribs, (they are delicious we have tasted them). There will be a cash bar.

The Newly Installed Supreme Lodge Pythian Officers' Banquet will be held on Monday evening May 3, 2021 from 6:00pm until 10:00pm. It will also be a sit-down multi-course plated and served dinner with a choice of three (3) different fine entrees including appetizer, potato, vegetable, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks and breads. The all inclusive cost will be \$75.00 per guest for Chicken or Fish and \$80.00 per person for the Beef entree (temperature to your request). They are Chicken Francese, Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon, and Grilled Skirt Steak, these are delicious too, and we have tasted them. There will be a cash bar.

Lastly, we have arranged for breakfasts and lunches in a separate area of the hotel restaurant. They will be at a great price for the convenience of all of our convention guests who are staying with us in the hotel and those who are "day trippers" who will be joining us for separate sessions or live close by and would like the convenience of a price conscious meal while they are attending.

You may additionally avail yourselves of the multiple transportation options in and around the Newark Airport area to go places individually or with small groups. There are always taxis, trains, and your personal vehicles at your convenience for dining, shopping, and historical pursuits. The hotel shuttle is always available if you want to venture to the airport food court and a few franchise restaurants in Airport Terminals A & B (before security checkpoints). The entertainment venues which may have shows during our convention are at The Prudential Center and the NJ Performing Arts Center. Check local listings on-line for on-your-own choices.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: PDSC Marvin I. Diner, KGS, carvinmarvin529@aol.com and PDSC David N. Bellask, KGS, davespark70@hotmail.com - Co-Chairmen



80th SUPREME LODGE CONVENTION



2021 SOUVENIR JOURNAL & PROGRAM

April 29 – May 4, 2021

ark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel

All pages will be printed in color on 8 ½ x 11 inch paper

Outside Back Cover	\$300.00
Inside Front Cover	\$250.00
Gold Page	\$225.00
Full Page	\$175.00
Half Page	\$90.00
Quarter Page	\$50.00

Please include camera-ready art, your business card or copy and layout you desire via electronic media if possible. The better the quality the committee receives, the better the reproduction in the Souvenir Journal.

Please include name and phone number in the event of questions.
Information/questions - call 201-796-1058 and/or E-mail
crazero@optonline.net

DEADLINE: April 1, 2021

Make Checks payable to: Knights of Pythias of NJ/SUPREME
CONVENTION 2021

Mail Check to: Jeffrey Zerowin, KGS
3 Franciscan Way
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OF THE
DOMAIN OF NEW JERSEY



The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey is once again proud to announce that we will be hosting the **rescheduled** 2021 Supreme Lodge Convention which will be held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. from **Thursday April 29 through Tuesday May 4, 2021**

If you made a prior hotel reservation it was cancelled and any deposits were refunded to the original method of payment by the hotel. You now need to rebook your reservations through the secure Hotel Link below by copying it into your browser and it will open in a new window.

<https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1588789735314&key=GRP>

The exact address of, and directions to the Hotel are listed below. The Hotel is located on the airport property and cannot be missed from the air or the ground because it is right alongside the airport Tower.

Please note:

All members of the Order and Guests who are attending should make their hotel and travel arrangements as early as possible to guarantee the room rate and the special benefits that we have negotiated for our guests. A reservation form for the two Banquets which will be held during the Convention are offered on the accompanying flyer. There will be an Supreme Lodge Banquet Reception on Saturday evening, May 1, 2021 honoring the Current Officers, and another Banquet Reception on Monday evening, May 3, 2021 honoring the Newly Installed Officers; both events are at the Hotel. A souvenir program/ad journal will also be produced for this Supreme Event and the pricing and details of how to place your ad are on an accompanying flyer.

All Banquet and Tour reservations and payments previously made and received for the original dates were fully refunded by check. You should use the new form to make your reservations for the new dates.

Three questions which you may be asking are:

What is the room rate at the hotel? **\$149 per night, double occupancy plus taxes which currently are 15.125%.**

If I arrive by car what will the parking fees be? \$7 per 12 hour day or \$12 per 24 hour overnight stay plus applicable tax, which currently is 6.625%.

If I arrive by plane or train, how will I get to the convention hotel? The hotel has a 24 hour per day 365 days per year, no cost shuttle service between the hotel and all three airport terminals, which circle the baggage claim areas minimally every 15 minutes and more often during peak airport operations. If arriving by train, the Newark Airport Amtrak/New Jersey Transit train station connects to its own Airport monorail station which connects to all terminals and then to the hotel shuttle service.

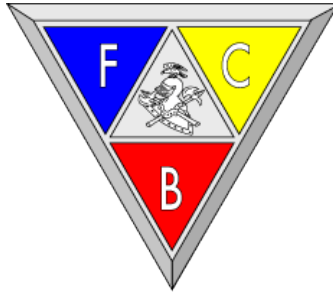
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Newark, New Jersey 07114-3513
Phone (973) 623-0006

Directions to the Hotel if you are driving

From North or South take the New Jersey Turnpike exit 13A or 14 (whichever is closer to you) and follow the signs to Newark Liberty International Airport. When you enter the airport property you will see signs directing you to the Marriott Hotel while navigating the roadway which runs around the inside perimeter of the airport terminals. If you miss the entrance, do not worry, just stay on the road, the entrance will pop up again as you circle the terminals and various rental car, parking, and taxi businesses on the airport property. Any other roadway such as the Garden State Parkway, State Routes #1 & #9 all have signage directing you to the Airport and look for the Blue Marriott Hotel signs. Parking is on the hotel property.

CONVENTION COMMITTEE: PDSC Marvin I. Diner, KGS, carvinmarvin529@aol.com and PDSC David N. Bellask, KGS, davespark70@hotmail.com - Co-Chairmen

Supreme Convention 2021 Banquet Reservation form Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias



Supreme Lodge Banquet

To be held On Saturday May 1, 2021; 6:00pm until 10:00pm
The menu and pricing for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Choice of Entrée:

Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast - \$75 per person

Grilled Mahi-Mahi - \$75 per person

Braised Boneless Short Ribs - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

Banquet Honoring our Newly Installed Officers of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias.

To be held on Monday May 3, 2021; 6:00pm until 10:00pm
The menu and price for this multi-course plated and served banquet dinner is listed below. A cash bar will be available.

Chicken Francese - \$75 per person

Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon - \$75 per person

Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request) - \$80 per person

Vegetarian Entree-Chef's selection - \$75 per person

2021 BANQUET RESERVATION FORM

	Time	Event	Cost Per Person	Number Attending	Total Cost
Saturday May 1	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Supreme Lodge Banquet			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Herb Marinated Grilled Frenched Chicken Breast	\$75.00		
		Grilled Mahi-Mahi	\$75.00		
		Braised Boneless Short Ribs	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		\$
Monday May 3	6:00pm- 10:00pm	Banquet Honoring Our Newly Installed Supreme Lodge Officers			
		MEAL CHOICES (Please note the number of each meal chosen for this Reservation)			
		Chicken Francese	\$75.00		
		Ginger Honey Glazed Salmon	\$75.00		
		Grilled Skirt Steak (temperature on request)	\$80.00		
		Vegetarian Entree - Chef's selection	\$75.00		
			Sub total		\$
			Grand Total of all reservations		\$

Name: _____

Title: _____

Domain / Jurisdiction: _____

Lodge / Temple: _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: (____) _____

E-mail address: _____

**The cut-off date for all Banquet Reservations is April 16, 2021
and reservations are non-refundable after that date.**

**Please send this reservation form and your check made out to
Knights of Pythias of NJ/SUPREME CONVENTION 2021 TO:
PGC Sir Marvin I. Diner
13-15 Plaza Road
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410**