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*From the
Desk of Supreme Chancellor
Bruce H. Brown, KGS*

I would like to thank all of my brothers for allowing me the honor of serving as Supreme Chancellor for the next year. While it will be a short term, I look for it to be a productive one. We have some new officers this term, so let's make them welcome when they come to visit your domains. I know you will as you always have.

It has been a long term for Joel and I would like to thank him for his leadership and patients during these trying times. I look forward to him being on council this next year and continuing to serve our order in the coming years.

The news out of the Philippines is very encouraging and we all hope that we will soon have several lodges there. I encourage everyone to look for opportunities to start new lodges and restart old ones,

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Grand Lodge Conventions 2021

What we know as of this writing

New Jersey Monroe Township	September 12 PSC Fierstien
Michigan Lansing	September 16-18
Washington Yakima	September 17-19 SVC Mead
New York Howard Beach	September 22-23 SC Brown
New Mexico Alamogordo	October 1-2 SP Stamm
North Carolina Myrtle Beach, SC	October 1-2 SC Brown
Florida Boca Raton	October 7-8 SC Brown
Missouri	October 7-9
Oregon Pendleton	October 15-17 SP Stamm
California La Palma	SP Stamm

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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it is encouraging that in several domains that new lodges have been opened in the last several years to help grow the order and several more are in the works. Congratulations to all who were involved in this work and keep it up.

Please wear the new shirts when you can in public as they are noticed and you may get **asked**, what it is about and who we are. Good way to gain membership.

We look forward to working with the Sisters and DOKK, in continuing to grow our great order and they may call on us at any time to be of assistance. Brothers and sisters working together to grow our order.

Stay safe and be healthy as we continue our journey together.

STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Brothers, Sisters:

First and foremost, I would like to thank the voting members of the Supreme Lodge Convention for having the confidence in me to elect me to another term as your Supreme Secretary. I am looking forward to working with Our Supreme Chancellor to make this a productive and harmonious term.

The 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention is over. The business that was conducted will hopefully be a benefit the Our Order.

I know you're going to say, WHAT? But believe it or not, the next Supreme Lodge Convention is less than eleven months away – it will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, and it will be a joint convention with the Supreme Temple. Information on the dates, prices, room accommodations, menus, etc. have been included at the end of this issue. Please keep in mind, additional information will be forthcoming from the Convention Committee.

Also the winning posters are included. The place, the artist, the prize money. There is a lot of talent out there, and we should encourage it.

STAY SAFE!

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS

SUPREME LODGE CONVENTION – AUGUST 2021

Yes the 2020 Supreme Lodge Convention finally happened– and it’s now history. My hat is off to the members of the committee from New Jersey who put the convention together – close to five years of planning, three postponements due to COVID and the regulations set down by the State of New Jersey, they did a superb job and the Supreme Lodge is grateful.

One of the things it took a while to get used to was, not only was the convention shortened by a day; but the business meetings started on Saturday instead of Monday. Also, the Memorial Service was conducted on the afternoon of the first business session, before the Supreme Lodge Banquet. Somewhat confusing, but it fell together nicely.

The Supreme Lodge Representatives who were present should be going back to their respective domains with a report of the happenings.

THE OFFICERS ELECT, TAKING THEIR OBLIGATION



Left to right: SOG elect Craig Shink (NY); SIG elect Wayne Knutson (TX); SMA elect Tim Van Boening (NE); ST elect Alan J. Ast (NY); SS elect Allen S. Morris (MA); SP elect Donald Stamm (WV); SVC elect D. Mark Mead (VA); and SC elect Bruce H. Brown (SC)

JOEL D. FIERSTIEN BEING CREATED A PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR



Left to right: SC Bruce H. Brown looks on as PSC Bobby G. Crowe (TN) presents PSC Joel D. Fierstien with his PSC Jewel and Lapel Pin

**SUPREME CHANCELLOR BRUCE H. BROWN (SC)
ADDRESSES THE AUDIENCE**



YOUR NEWLY ELECTED AND INSTALLED SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS



Back row – left to right: ST Alan J. Ast (NY); SS Allen S. Morris (MA); SMA Tim Van Boening (NE); SIG Wayne Knutson (TX); SOG Craig Shing (NY); and PSC Joel D. Fierstien (NJ)

Front row – left to right: SVC D. Mark Mead (VA); SC Bruce H. Brown (SC); and SP Donald Stamm (WV)

GASTON LODGE NO. 104 - GASTON, OREGON



2021 WAPATO SHOWDOWN

Our 24th annual car show was held on August 28, 2021 at Browns Park in Gaston, Oregon, it was a very fun filled weekend. We had about 400 cars ,trucks , motorcycles, and dragsters. We had about 3500 people in attendance. All awards are selected by sponsors of trophies, except for “PEOPLE’S CHOICE” which is selected by all the car owners. We give out 88 trophies with “PEOPLE’S CHOICE” going to a 1932 Ford 3 window Lakester owed by Dan and Connie Kimball. It was an outstanding Red roaster.

All the Gaston High School classes had booths to earn money, the cities of Gaston and Yamhill Boosters clubs served food all day. The Timberbeast BB Club sponsored by the Knights of Delphos lodge #39 Forest Grove OR. had their shooting booth. Knight Howard Baker a member of Delphos lodge hosted a National Quick Draw tournament on Saturday and Sunday. He had About 30 shooters. The Gaston Sport Authority had a dunk tank.

During the day, the Knights had a loud pipes contest for 4,6,8-cylinder vehicles, plus open headers. The event for open headers got very loud because the last 2 vehicles were dragsters. The crowd loved it. The Knights also had an engine blow up contest with an old Lincoln limo with half the money to the Gaston Freshman Class, and the half to the person who guessed the time the engine would shut off.

That evening after the show was over, we had a band playing in the beer garden. All the Knights who helped that day enjoyed a good evening with a few brewskis.

The weekend started on Thursday night with a cornhole tournament put on by the Gaston Sisters of Gaston Temple #47. They had 28 teams complete. On Friday night , the Knights put on its annual “GOOD OLE DAYS PARADE” in downtown Gaston with about 80 entries. Following the parade, the Gaston Sisters hosted a steak feed and served over 350 steak and about 50 hotdog meals. The steaks were the best. Saturday morning before the show, the Gaston Volunteer Fire Department had a pancake breakfast at the firehall. They served over 500 meals, and as usual , the food was great.

The Knights and Sisters worked very hard throughout the year arranging sponsorships and venders to make this a very successful weekend. One of the goals of Gaston Lodge car show besides community involvement is to attract potential new members, we were able to sign up 3 new members during the event.

DELPHIA #2 DOMAIN OF WASHINGTON, PERFORMS RANK WORK (RANK OF PAGE) AT ITS SEPTEMBER KICKOFF MEETING

We had our annual September kick off meeting at Royal Arch Park each year. This year, we decided to try something different and perform Page Rank Work at the picnic for brother Steven Dazey. We blocked off a secluded location with vehicles. The CC brought our rank work equipment from the lodge hall. We set up the lodge officer locations and paraphernalia. Then had our page rank work. It was good to be flexible in performing our knightly duties. The only issue was that the ground was a bit uneven, which made walking for our candidate difficult with a blindfold. Pictured are members of our lodge who performed the rank work.



Present: CC Jeff Craig; VCC Zach Von Wittkamp; OG Mike Smitson; Laurence Lance; Trustee Bryan Bechler; Sec. David Greggs; Steve Dazey; and Treas. Jerry Parkison (not pictured)

50-YEAR AWARDED IN NORTH CAROLINA



Center:

PGC Neill Lindsay III receiving his 50 year pin and certificate at Cumberland Lodge #5 Fayetteville NC on July 20, 2021.

Left:

Pete Peebles, Cumberland Lodge #5 Chancellor Commander

Right:

Bill Spade, Knights of Pythias Foundation Trustee

2022 Supreme Convention Charleston, South Carolina

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Charleston Area Convention Center
5055 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
1-888-728-3025
Sunday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 3, 2022

Link to reservations:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=CHSEM&groupCode=KPY&arrivaldate=2022-07-30&departuredate=2022-08-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Knights of Pythias group rates

Suite Style Rooms

Double \$169.99 Triple \$179.99 Quad \$189.99 plus tax and fees

Parking, daily Breakfast, and a nightly Manager's Cocktail hour is included In Room rate. Shuttle service available from Airport and to Tanger Outlets, Walmart, and restaurants nearby also included.

Sunday July 31 Banquet Options

Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Red Pepper Sauce \$65

Braised Beef Short Rib \$80

Grilled Salmon w/ Lemon Herb Sauce \$65

Wednesday, August 3 Banquet Options

Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Lemon Garlic Sauce \$65

Beef Tenderloin \$80

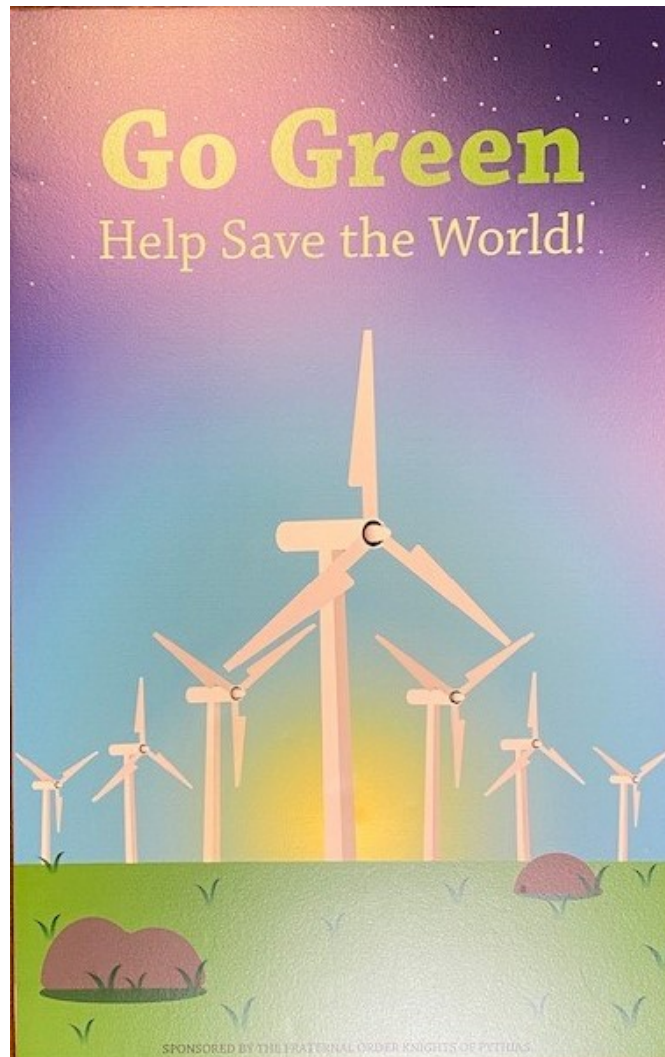
Pecan Crusted Salmon \$65

Additional Event information to come soon!!!

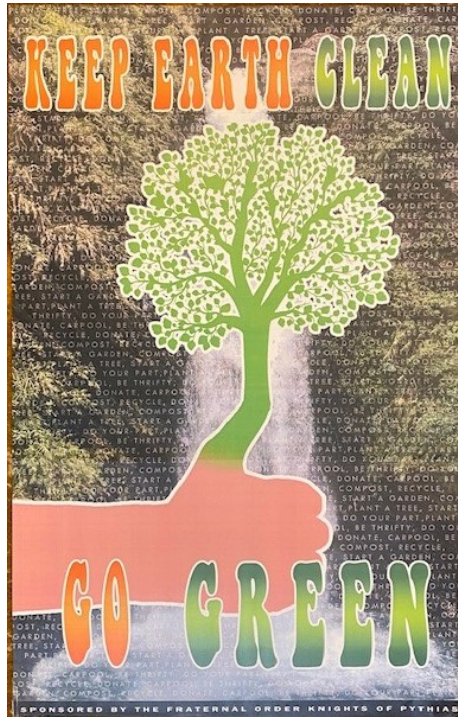
We look forward to seeing everyone here in Charleston, SC!!! If anyone has any questions, concerns, allergies, and/or additional needs, please feel free to contact Jon/Missy Zelasko

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WINNING POSTERS 2020-2021



1st place (\$1,000) computer generated
BRANDEN SMITH – Grade 11
476 North Avenue
Rochester, MA 02770



2nd place (\$500) computer generated
GRADY ANGERMAN – Grade 10
1836 Woodland Avenue
Canton, OH 44709



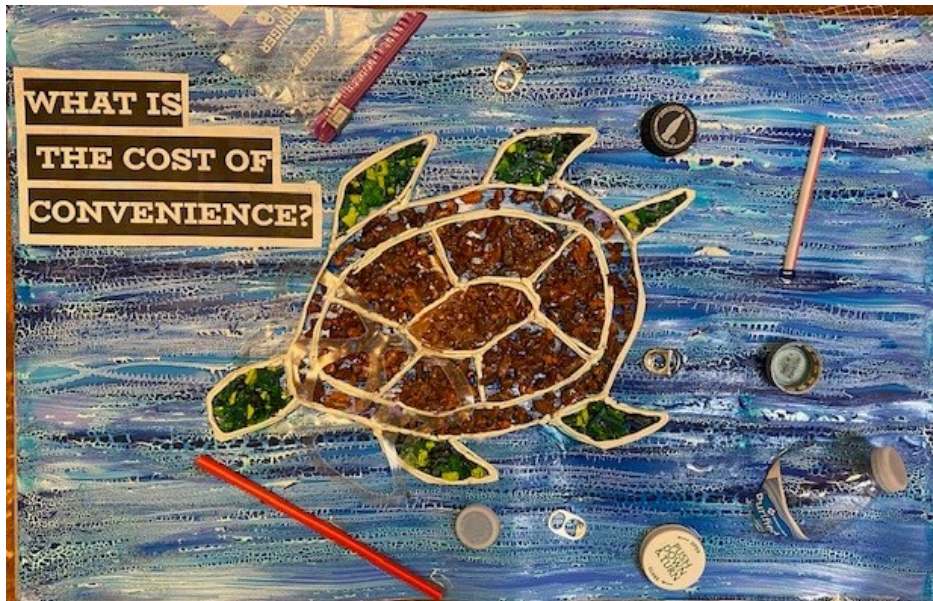
3rd place (\$250) computer generated
ABBY WALLACE
3021 Chimneywood Drive
Floyds Knobs, IN



1st place (\$1,000) hand drawn
ALYSSA REINEN – Grade 12
211 County Road III



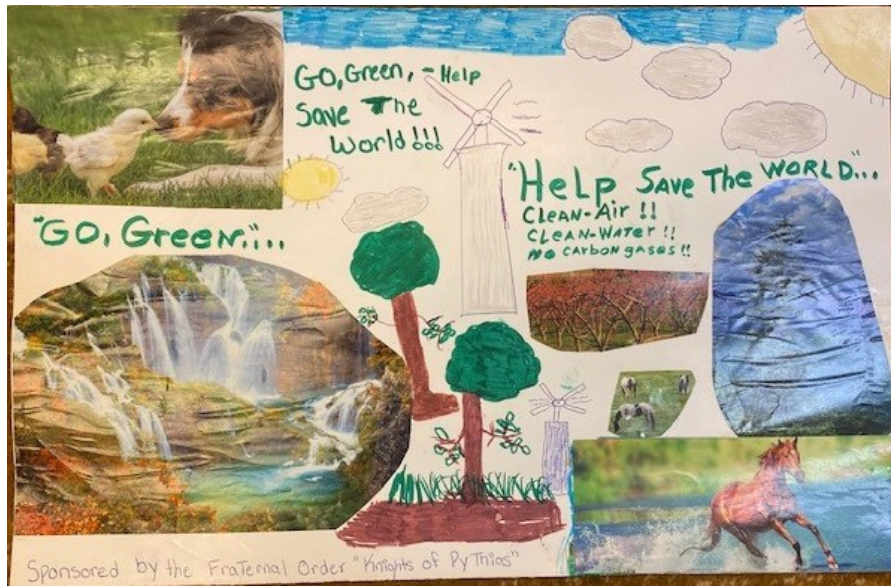
2nd place (\$500) hand drawn
CANDICE WILLIAMS
318 West Washington Street
Fairmount, IN 46928



3rd place (\$250) hand drawn
JOSHUA HERRING – Grade 12
6104 Sunlight Mountain Road
Spotsylvania, VA



4th place (\$100) hand drawn
EMMA FLEMING – Grade 12
33 McNeil Way
Tewksbury, MA 01876



5th place (\$100) hand drawn
ANDREW CROWE – Grade 12
560 Allen Drive
Rockwood, TN 37854