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

As we come to the end of yet another year, let us reflect on what was a very unusual time. A convention that was a year late. A convention without our beloved sisters, whom we missed greatly. But a convention well done by Joel's committee.

We are still having to contend with covid and health officials who are still trying to control everyone. Talk with your doctor about the vaccine that is available and continue to practice good health when at home and when out in public. We will all get past this.

I hope everyone is having a good holiday season and that you are looking forward to the year ahead of us.

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Grand Lodge Conventions What we know as of this writing 2022

South Carolina February 25-26
N. Myrtle Beach

**Supreme Council Meeting
March 12
Embassy Suites by Hilton
North Charleston, South Carolina**

Massachusetts May 19-20
S. Portland, ME SOG Shink

Tennessee June 5
Pigeon Forge SP Stamm

Texas June 10-12
Fort Worth SC Brown

Indiana July 14-16
Lafayette SS Morris

**Supreme Lodge/Temple Conventions
Sunday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 3
Embassy Suites by Hilton
North Charleston, South Carolina**

Pennsylvania August 13
Newtown SC Mead

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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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We have lots work to do, but we have the people who are willing and capable of growing our order during this next years. We have started new lodges in several domains this year and will be starting new ones in the coming year. If everything works out, we may soon have a new lodge(s) in the Philippines.

I am looking forward to a very prosperous and healthy year for all our sisters and brothers. Please assist me and the leaders of all our orders in making the future bright. Do not forget to "ASK" people to join our order. Until next time be safe and give a hug to those dear to you.

STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Brothers, Sisters:

Hectic is a good word for the time constraints we've been under, playing "Crunch Time" is another good term. Under normal circumstances, we have two years between Supreme Conventions, two years to compile and mail the Journal of Proceedings, two years for the Supreme Chancellor to begin formulating his plans for the Supreme Convention – that information is part of the Supreme Lodge Manual that is mailed to the voting members in June of the year the convention is held.

However, this term is quite different. Instead of the usual two-years, we have less than a year to compile all of that, plus more. The Journal of Proceedings has been completed and has been mailed – You'll note, it is quite a bit heavier than normal as it contains the information for three-years: Instead of the minutes of five Council Meetings, there are seven; instead of the usual number of Officer Reports, and financial reports, there are many more – and the cost of printing and mailing was well above the normal. On the other hand, the printing and distribution of the next journal should be considerably less costly due to the shortened length of the term.

We are trying to have an issue of Pythian International out every two months – for the most part we've been successful. The idea is to get the information out while it's appropriate, fresh, and helpful to the membership and the Grand Lodges/Temples. Now that things seem to be opening, more newsworthy stories are coming in, and this

issue is no exception. There is no cost for this publication, it's free, so please spread it around, through your domain/jurisdiction, your lodge and your temple. Let our brothers and sisters know, **Pythianism is alive and well.**

Please remember, the Rathbone Bible is available for your Rank of Knight. Somewhat disappointing is that not many domains have requested it. If your domain is interested, please contact the Supreme Lodge office at 781-436-5966, feel free to leave a voice message if after hours or email to supremelodgekfp@comcast.net. The Bible has been reserved for Founder's Day 2022.

I'm asking the Grand Secretaries for a favor. Please send the list of your newly elected and installed Grand Lodge Officers to the Supreme Lodge within the required 10-day statutory requirement. This Supreme Secretary is weary of hearing from members of various domains telling him that the listing of officers from their domain is not current – I am able to update only based on information I receive, to which that information should come from the Grand Secretaries. When the Supreme Directory is reissued (that happens several times a year) it would be a good idea for the Grand Secretaries to review the information that was sent and that has been modified.

All of the required forms are emailed to the Grand Secretaries well in advance of their Grand Lodge Conventions.

I would like to wish all my Pythian Brothers and Sisters the very best for a happy, healthy Holiday season and a Happy, and Prosperous New Year. May 2022 be the best yet!

STAY SAFE!

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS



*From Supreme Secretary
Connie Edwards*

Greetings from the Supreme Temple Secretary:

Just when things were starting to look up and we were able to have family gatherings, visits with friends and have our Pythian meetings, we were hit again. This is the third form of the COVID virus. I hope everyone is being careful when gathering and please keep wearing your masks.

I'm looking forward to the 2022 Supreme Convention to be held in Charleston, SC this summer. My late husband, Rocky, and I visited Charleston many years ago, and I'm looking forward to visiting Charleston again. The committee is busy at work making plans, lining up events for our enjoyment. So, plan on attending the convention.

In closing, I would like to wish all Pythians a Happy Holiday Season with Family and Friends. Please play it safe, be careful and wear your masks and enjoy your Holiday events.

Happy Holidays!

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

GRAND DOMAIN OF MISSOURI

CELEBRATES ITS SESQUICENTENNIAL

The Grand Domain of Missouri, Knights of Pythias, has been celebrating its' 150th Anniversary during 2021. The Grand Lodge was instituted on July 7, 1871 by Supreme Chancellor Samuel Reed. Various events have been held since July, including an Open House at Fraternal #14, Carthage – this lodge will celebrate its Sesquicentennial this November 18th. Also, Damascus #445, instituted October 3, 2020, held its Inaugural Pythian Challenge, a Disc Golf tournament on July 11th; and a celebration was held at the Pythian Castle (former Pythian Home of Missouri) on July 17th, co-hosted by Syracuse #437 and the Grand Lodge of Missouri. The Domain also instituted its' 2nd new subordinate lodge in the last 13 months, with the institution of Moniteau #446 on May 1, 2021.



Group photo at the Pythian Castle (former Pythian Home of Missouri), July 17, 2021.



Photo of discs made for Disc Golf event held by Damascus #445, Emporia KS, July 11, 2021.



Grand Chancellor Rick Pendleton surveys the foods at Fraternal #14 Open House, held on July 6, 2021. The lodge is celebrating its' Sesquicentennial this November 18th. A special cake was made for the event (at lower left).



Newly refurbished sign installed at Fraternal #14, lodge instituted on November 18, 1871.

MASSACHUSETTS GRAND LODGE - DONATION

On the evening of November 15, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts made its annual donation to the Marine Corp's "Toys for Tots" Program. MGYSGT Jack Kinsherl of the United States Marine Corp was presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 for the Program; he also explained how they use funds that come in this far in advance of Christmas.



Pictured left to right: GIG Dennis Ackerman; GP Burton Snyder; MGYSGT Kinsherl; GVC Joseph B. Haskell; and GC Richard B. Albert.

BAY STATE LODGE NO 141 - MASSACHUSETTS



2021 Donation from the Knights of Pythias to Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton, Inc.

In lieu of the annual auction that Bay State Lodge usually hosts in November (cancelled for the last two years due to COVID) a donation of tickets to a Patriot's game were auctioned off and the net proceeds of \$2,000 were donated to Food Pantry Foundation of Stoughton, Inc.

Pictured from left to right: Maria Pimentel - FPFS Board; Fred Yaitanes - FPFS Board; Nadine Israel - FPFS Clerk; Ginger Hoffman - Dir St. Anthony's Free Market; CC Rob Gonsalves #141; Molly Alesch - FPFS Tres; GC Richie Albert, SR #141; Peg Carbone - FPFS Board; GMA Earl Gashin #141; GP Burt Snyder, MW #141

A HISTORIC EVENT FOR A HISTORIC LODGE!



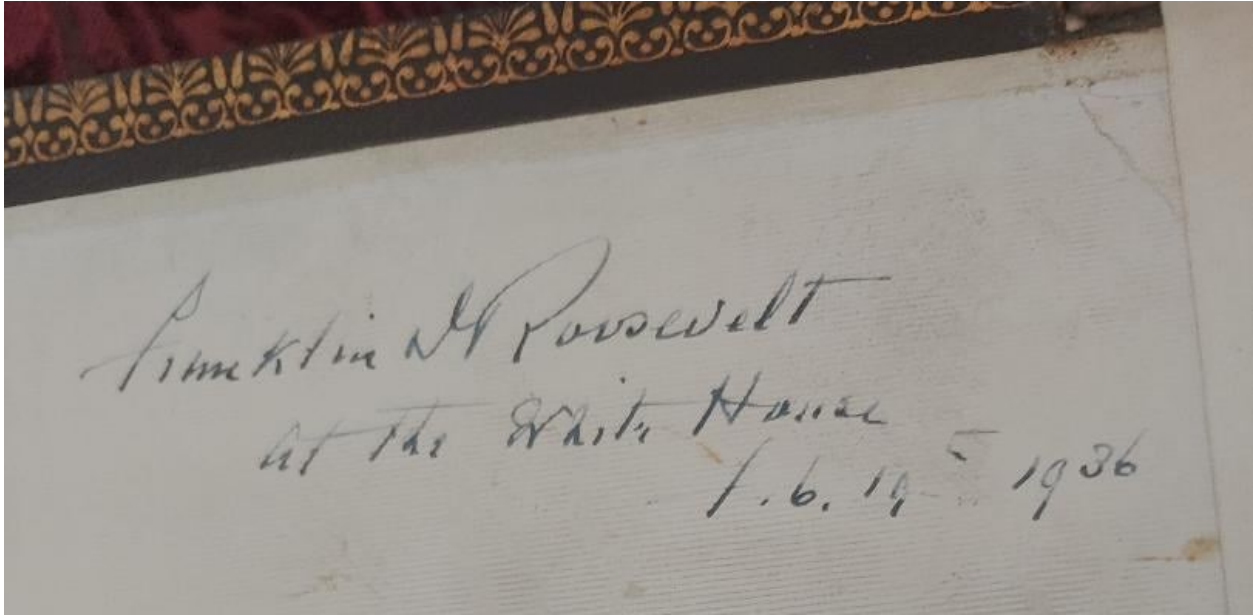
From left: Sheldon Reinheimer, IG; Justin Falciani, DSC; Clive Sang, Prelate; Knight Amy Cornell; Alan Reinheimer, MA; and Robert Sheridan

On Sunday, September 12, 2021, Franklin Lodge No. 2, the oldest existing lodge in the Knights of Pythias, Knighted its first female, Knight Amy Cornell of Cranbury, New Jersey. Franklin Lodge No. 2 has been in continuous existence since its founding on April 14, 1864 in Washington, DC. Since Franklin Lodge pre-existed the Supreme and Grand Lodges, upon the creation of the Grand Lodge of DC it was chartered by dispensation on August 13, 1867. Franklin's charter is also the original charter for a subordinate lodge in the Order. At the present time, Franklin Lodge No. 2 holds its monthly meetings in Somers Point, NJ and operates under the jurisdiction of Supreme Lodge.

The first lodge of the Knights of Pythias was Washington Lodge No. 1 but consolidated with Franklin Lodge No. 2 on October 9, 1865. Pythian History (1904) by William D. Kennedy states: "As for a considerable period, Franklin Lodge was the sole representative of Pythian Knighthood, thus became the mother lodge." (page 464)

In addition to holding the original charter of the Order, Franklin Lodge owns and cares for the Bible used to initiate President Franklin Roosevelt at the White House in 1936, the Bible is autographed by the president with the date of his initiation. Franklin also has the altar used at the White House during the initiation.

In preserving the past Franklin Lodge very much promotes Pythianism in the present, the initiation of the lodge's first female knight points to the members interest in expanding the goals of Pythianism to new people. Franklin works with supporting the local Boy Scouts, Somers Point Troop 55, recently honoring Eagle Scouts with the Supreme Lodge's Eagle Scout certificates. Since COVID members of Franklin Lodge have been donating food and time to the local Ecumenical Food Bank, helping families and individuals in need.



F.D.R.'s autograph in Franklin Lodge's Bible used to initiate the president in the White House in 1936.



Franklin's Altar and Bible used to initiate F.D.R.



The Castle Hall set-up in the Diplomatic Reception Room in the White House where Franklin Delano Roosevelt, President of the United States, was initiated into the order Knights of Pythias.

Altar and Bible in the Diplomatic Room in the White House at F.D.R.'s initiation

FORTITUDE LODGE #160 (NJ) INSTALLED

On Sunday November 7, 2021, Fortitude Lodge #160 New Jersey Knights of Pythias had two meaningful events at their castle hall, the Monroe Township New Jersey Senior Center. Members of the Grand Lodge Council performed the installation ceremony for the newly elected officers of the Lodge before almost fifty (50)

Brothers, Ladies, and Guests. The installation was preceded by a continental breakfast. In the Lodge's continuing support of Pythian Charitable endeavors, they donated almost twelve hundred (\$1,200) dollars to the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (T.A.S.K.) which has been taking care of area residents and their families before, throughout, and continuing during the covid-19 pandemic.



2020 Supreme Lodge Membership Champion
Marvin Levine being installed as VC of
Fortitude Lodge by PSR David Bellask, KGS



Fortitude Lodge CC Marc Stein taking the oath of office
given by PSC PSC Joel D. Fierstien, KGS



Left to right: The newly installed officers of Fortitude Lodge #160: Warren Schiner, Elliot Spar, Ray Breitowich, Joe Spindel, Richard Simons, Dennis Gutkin, Joe Miczak, Marvin Levine and CC Marc Stein on the right

CHECK PRESENTATION



PGC Mel Feldschneider, KGS presents the charity donation checks to Paul Jensen and Adam Livow of the Trenton (NJ) Area Soup Kitchen.

NEW JERSEY GRAND LODGE

The Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills New Jersey hosted the annual raffle drawing at 1:00 PM on Friday December 3, 2021 at the Windemer Conference Center at the Hospital. The representatives of the New Jersey Knights of Pythias were the only outside attendees due to COVID-19 restrictions. There were eight (8) representing the NJ Knights of Pythias and its Charity Foundation; GC Ray and Donna Breitowich; GVC Robert Schlegel; PDSC Marvin I. Diner, KGS; PSR Saul Rochman, KGS; PCDGC Jerry Weiner, KGS; and PDSC David and Rochelle Bellask, KGS. The Knights of Pythias of New Jersey has supported the work of Deborah Heart and Lung Center for more than fifty years. The event was livestreamed on the Hospital's Facebook page as well.

The winners were drawn by:

The Deborah Foundation COO Joseph Manni drew 1st prize – A \$10,000 Visa Gift card.

GC Ray Breitowich drew 2nd prize – A \$5,000 Visa Gift card.

Cindy Kornfeld, Senior Event Coordinator, Deborah Hospital Foundation, drew 3rd prize - A \$2,500 Visa Gift Card.

The winners list will be sent separately.

Additionally our Pythian Delegation presented Mr. Manni and Ms. Cindy Kornfeld from the Deborah Foundation, our NJ Knights of Pythias Charity Foundation annual donation check for \$8,000 in support of the hard work and generosity of the Deborah Medical Staff and Foundation in patient care. Mr. Manni and Ms. Kornfeld spoke briefly on the new innovations in medical care available at Deborah, their upcoming One Hundredth Anniversary Celebrations, and how much they appreciate all of the financial support that the Knights of Pythias have given Deborah over the many years of our affiliation with the Hospital.

The photos below of:

GC Ray Breitowich drawing the 2nd place winner with Ms. Cindy Kornfeld

Charity Foundation Treasurer Marvin Diner, KGS taking charge of the "big check" presented to the Deborah Hospital Foundation.



Pythians and Deborah Staff members are from left to right presenting our "big check:" COO Joseph Manni, PSR Saul Rochman, KGS, GVC Bob Schlegel, GC Ray Breitowich, PCDGC Jerry Weiner, KGS; GMA Marvin Diner, KGS; GS David Bellask, KGS; and Foundation Raffle Chairperson Ms. Cindy Kornfeld.



INDIANA IN THE NEWS



A Three Rank Day was held on November 6th at Thorntown Lodge #124 with Brothers attending from all over Indiana. It was a great day of Pythian fellowship and awesome food prepared by Stookey's Restaurant for our noon lunch. We say WELCOME to the newest Knights of Indiana who are pictured above from L-R: from Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 are Knight DAVID ROTH, Knight CESAR GARCIA and Knight SENNETT JOHNSON and on the far-right Knight WESLEY MIKESELL of Thorntown Lodge #124. Again, we are proud to have you as our Pythian Brothers! Congratulations to Thorntown #124 and Brotherhood #3-5-7 on continuing to grow the membership of your lodges!



Jeff Strahan; Gary Griggs; Denny Adams; and Richard Neal of Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle, present two members of the New Castle Fire Department with checks totaling \$1,800 from their recent Car Show for the benefit of the NCFE Children's Christmas Fund. Kids get \$125 to go shopping for Christmas so this donation goes a long way to help the cause. This marks the 15th year the lodge has sponsored the car show for the NCFECCF.

CRESCENS LODGE #33 – NEW CASTLE, INDIANA



New Castle, IN - Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle, IN annually sponsors a Holiday Festival for our community. The first event of the festival is the Car Show and Chili cook-off for the benefit of the New Castle Firefighter's Children's Christmas Fund. Children are given \$125 each to go Christmas shopping at the local Walmart. Santa and Mrs. Claus are there to help them to make their choices. This year Crescens Lodge was able to donate \$1,800 to the fund. There were over a dozen vendors selling their products, plus the food that was sold and the 98 cars that were in attendance made a beautiful fall day a huge success for the NCFCCF!

The second event of the Festival is the largest undertaking of the year for the lodge outside of the lodge building. November 20th was the 32nd Annual All American Knights of Pythias Christmas Parade for New Castle. This is the official arrival of the Christmas Season and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus into town and into their headquarters in the Pythian Building. Santa, a.k.a. Grand Secretary of IN./Supreme Chairman of Finance Denny Adams, Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Santa's daughter PGC Jodi Goff were accompanied this year by the Crescens Lodge Mascot "Floppy"/ the Bassett Hound. The lodge has a flower and gift shop, "Tis the Season", in its building that is used for income and keeps the membership hoppin' all year long!

The third event was just conducted on December 5th. It was the 31st Annual Kris Kringle 4 mile run and 3 mile walk. This event is held in memory of Brother Tom Hiner, who started the event many years ago. It is conducted in our beautiful Memorial Park north of town.

The final event is a Christmas lighting contest for all of the homes and businesses in our county. It is a great way to encourage folks to get involved and help celebrate Christmas. The lodge has become very well known in the community for its Christmas charitable endeavors.



Supreme Chairman of Finance Denny Adams, a.k.a. Santa; Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Santa's daughter, Past Grand Chief Jodi Goff; and Floppy

PATRICK HENRY LODGE NO 82 - VIRGINIA



Andy Foley, Grand Lodge Representative, left and Supreme Representative Mike Thornton of Patrick Henry Lodge #82, donating food to Disaster Relief Food Ministry, located at 24 A Governor Stanley Highway in Bassett. Accepting is Jimmy Willard. The Lodge also donated \$180, which was individual donations, which will purchase a lot of food. The sign hides 2 boxes of food 150 to 200 pounds of can foods. Taking a tour, we were impressed with the amount of food they give out. They also do Disaster Relief.



VIRGINIA'S GRAND LODGE CONVENTION 2021



Grand Chancellor Jeff Mohler right, presenting check for \$12,100 to Ronald McDonald House in Roanoke, VA. Accepting left, Stephanie Boothe and Shannon Carroll from Ronald McDonald House.

GRAND TEMPLE OFFICERS - VIRGINIA



Standing l to r: Beth Fulgham, Grand Secretary; Lovey Lyons, Grand Treasurer; Judy Bergin; and Sue Ann Howell

Seated l to r: Grand Chief, Betty Gallahan; Grand Junior, Helen Grathwal; Sitting Past Grand Chief, Teresa Foley; and Grand Senior, Judy Stilwell.

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS – VIRGINIA



Standing l to r: Supreme Inner Guard, Wayne Knutson (TX); Grand Outer Guard, Tommy Fain, KGS; Grand Inner Guard, Daniel Videlock; Supreme Vice Chancellor, D. Mark Mead, KGS; Grand Master of Arms, Cliff Carney; Grand Vice Chancellor, Dwayne Beam; and Supreme Representative, S. T. Fulcher, KGS.

Seated l to r; Grand Prelate, Jerome Dickerson; Grand Secretary, Al Sims, KGS; Grand Chancellor, Mike Benedict; and Past Grand Chancellor, Jeff Mohler.

GOLDEN SPUR RECIPIENT - VIRGINIA



Newest Knight of the Golden Spur - left: Mike Scaffidi, KGS and Mike Thornton, KGS holding an Appreciation Award and the PSC Harry Gosper, KGS award for Charity and distinguished Service.

LYON'S TRUTH LODGE #170 IN ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

Virginia Grand Lodge history in the making! The first two female candidates were initiated as Knights into membership in the Grand Domain of Virginia. They are the newest members of Lyon's Truth Lodge #170 in Arlington, VA.



Left to right: Betty Gallahan, Grand Chief of the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia; and Michelle Videlock, who, if she looks somewhat familiar is the daughter of PSC Alfred A. Saltzman, KGS.



In the foreground, they were Betty Gallahan on the left, and Michelle Videlock on the right. Others in the photo, from left to right, are GS Alan Sims, KGS; GC Mike Benedict; DSC Jeff Mohler; Vincent Lopez, Chancellor Commander Lyon's Truth #170; and SVC Mark Mead, KGS.

Congratulations to the officers and members of Lyon's Truth Lodge #170, and welcome these two new Knights!

2022 Supreme Conventions

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Sunday, July 31 - Wednesday, August 3, 2022

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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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MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

