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NEW SUPREME LODGE OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Effective immediately, the contact information for the Supreme Lodge Office during the 2024-2026 term is:

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A Message From Supreme Chancellor Donald Stamm



A Message From Supreme Chief Gwen Rhodes



Greetings Sisters and Brother Knights:

Busy! Busy! Busy! As if you weren't already busy enough, the holidays are right around the corner. As important a family time this is for all of us; it's also the time to reach out to others who may not have family or anyone to make the time special for them. This year there may be more people needing assistance because of current circumstances. Donating to or volunteering at food banks, collecting socks/mittens for the needy or providing a meal for a family are some activities to consider.

This is an especially difficult time for those with mental health problems so we could plan some activities that will help them to feel included. Sponsoring either an arts/craft activity such as making ornaments or wreaths. Check with local businesses for sponsorships and/or supplies. If you have someone with musical talent in your Temple, organize a caroling group to perform at local events or malls.

As a reminder, you can share the success of your activities by sending pictures and articles to ychatwoodplef@gmail.com so they can be published in the Pythian Tidings.

We will be turning in our annual reports soon and we want to be able to make a positive report on membership so use the rest of the year to convince those you have been grooming to join the Order. Remember! men are no longer required to be Knights to join the Sisters and only need to be 16 years old. Look at your sons, grandsons and nephews as potential members.

As part of our Supreme convention fundraiser, we are offering short and long-sleeved shirts. If you have seen the Knights shirts, the Sisters now have their own. They will carry the Pythian Sister emblem. The long-sleeved shirts have PYTHIAN on one sleeve and SISTERS on the other. Email notices will be sent to all Grand Secretaries and Secretaries under Supreme Temple as soon as they are available. Supreme Manager Lori Loughmiller is the contact person.

Enjoy the holidays and be grateful for all your blessings!

A Message From Supreme Secretary Dan Cowan

A Message From Editor Michelle Videlock

Wow! I can't believe it's been a year now since I've been working on the Pythian International. I love seeing the submissions from around the country and beyond. I'll reiterate the mantra I have been committed to since day 1 – NO SUBMISSION LEFT BEHIND - that includes ALL members – Knights and Sisters at all levels.

This month we salute our veterans and their unselfish sacrifices for our country. Thank you for your service! Enjoy some interesting trivia about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier (See **Page 18**). If you have had the chance to visit Arlington National Cemetery and perhaps even the extra special honor of participating in a wreath laying ceremony, you know what a humbling experience it is.

There is also a new **Reader Survey** topic (See **Page 13**):

Where do you see the Order (Knights and Sisters) in the next 5 to 10 years?

Also, don't forget about the membership contest (See **Page 12**) and the Supreme Chancellor's blanket raffle to benefit Alzheimer's (see **Page 40**).

The Parting Thought reminds us that it is possible to let go of bad feelings and grudges.

Wishing you all continued health and happiness as we approach the holiday season. May the Order prosper in 2026.

In Pythian love,

Michelle



A Message From Supreme Membership Chairman Dan Videlock

Membership is critical to keeping an organization alive and prospering. New members bring new prospective and energy. It isn't complicated.

1. Everyone is part of the membership team. Keep an application and pen with you at all times. You never know when you meet someone who is a great candidate for your lodge. Have them fill it out right away. Strike while the fire is hot.
2. Think outside of the box. If what you have been doing isn't working it is time to try something different. We are in different parts of world. Do what works for you in your area.
3. Make sure to publicize the events and charity of your lodge. Show the world how good we are and why they should join us. All publicity is good. Doesn't matter if it newspaper, social media etc.
4. Go with the changes in the organization. For the past few years Knight are women, too. Some of you will be offended by this. The world is changing and we need to change. The lodges accepting woman are doing amazing.
5. If your numbers are dropping and the average age is rising you need to get off the old track. It isn't too late.
6. Don't be a naysayer. Try new ideas. It may work. You have nothing to lose. Don't discourage new members with new ideas. It is pointless to get new get new members and lose them because their ideas are rejected. Make them welcome. They want to contribute. Give them a job. Put them on a committee. Make them an officer. Treat them as you would like to be treated.
7. Look through your membership list. If you have members who aren't active, see if you can if you can reactivate them. Jobs are a lot easier with more help.

Overall this is not complicated. Be open to new ideas and ways to do things. Make coming to lodge a fun and enjoyable event. Try something different and your number may increase.

FCB

Daniel Videlock

Supreme Chairman of Membership

Supreme Chancellor's Program

Celebrating 160 Years of Pythianism

Donald L. Stamm

Supreme Chancellor's Program



JUSTUS HENRY RATHBONE,
FOUNDER & PAST SUPREME CHANCELLOR OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

BORN: AT DEERFIELD, N.Y. OCT. 29TH 1839.

DIED: AT LIMA, OHIO, DEC. 9TH 1889.

THE ONLY PORTRAIT OF THE FOUNDER AUTHORIZED BY HIMSELF.

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Supreme Chief's Program

EMPOWERING MINDS: YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE

This project is designed to empower our youth by equipping them with the knowledge, resources and support they need to care for their mental health. In this effort, we hope to foster their communities to understand and prioritize mental health. Co-chairs PSR Jennifer Hensley and SPSC Yolanda Chatwood will be distributing information and ideas on how to proceed.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership has been an ongoing concern and needs the efforts of everyone. We have a great opportunity with our recent change that allows men to become members. They must meet the same criteria as women by being 16 years of age and of good character. They do not need any relationship with current or past members. Co-chairs PSR Sarah Howatson (US) and Louise Marshall (BC) will suggest ideas for you.

WAYS AND MEANS

Do we have a deal for you! Currently available are both giraffe and rose pins for \$5.00 each. We also have a stunning red t-shirt that features the logo of Sisters, Knights, Nomads and DOKK's for \$20-\$22. We are offering raffle tickets for two quilts and the 25/25/50draw plus many other items. You will receive information soon from chair Dawn Dibble, Supreme Junior.

ENDOWMENT FUND

We also encourage you to make donations to the Endowment fund which funds the educational scholarships we offer to Pythians including their children and grandchildren. Details to apply are available from your secretary. Letters of acknowledgement are sent to recipients or their families.

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From the Inbox

We are happy to share the thoughts and feedback of our readers. You are welcome to be candid, but please remain respectful. The dedicated email for submitting questions for the “Ask a Pythian” section is askapythian@pythias.org. All messages printed with the consent of the author.

Historical Records:

Is it possible to find any records for my great great grandfather who was a member of Knights of Pythias in Massachusetts? He lived in Braintree and had a business in Brockton MA.

John Barbour is the name.

G. Wilson

The information has been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to assist with research.

ANNOUNCING A NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST!!!



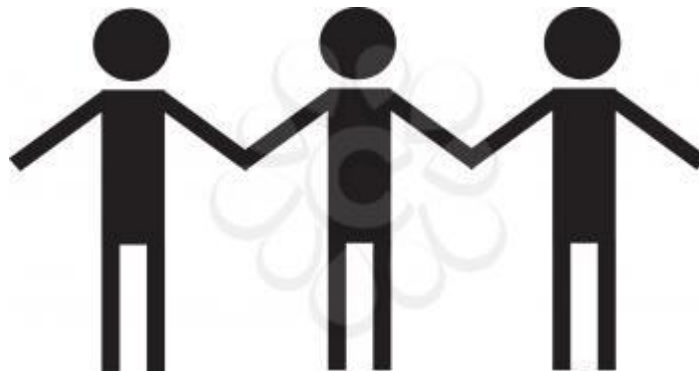
Your lodge is encouraged to participate in the new membership contest. Details are below:

1. Dates: July 1, 2025 through July 1, 2026.
2. Open to all subordinate lodges – note, subordinate level only.
3. Includes NEW members only – not transfers or additional membership applications.
4. After July 1, 2026 send your lodge name, address, and number of total new members to PI@pythias.org

Prizes to the winning Lodge:

1 st Prize	\$400
2 nd Prize	\$250
3 rd Prize	\$100

For more information, contact Supreme Membership Chairman Daniel Videlock
301-980-5446 or videlock@erols.com



Readers' Perspectives – Survey Says.....

We want to hear from you! This feature includes an interactive question. Please send responses to: pi@pythias.org. Results of the new poll will be compiled for publication in the next issue. We also welcome ideas for future topics.

NEW POLL:

Where do you see the Order (Knights and Sisters) in the next 5 to 10 years?

LAST ISSUE'S POLL:

What has your Lodge/Temple done locally to preserve our Pythian heritage?

Pythian History Being Updated

Dear Fellow Pythians, Twenty-nine years ago, I self-published a Pythian history book entitled Fourteen Decades of Brotherhood. Now, thirty years later, I am endeavoring to fill the gap left by the last thirty-odd years and perhaps fill in some of the missing data from the original manuscript. The update is entitled Seventeen Decades of Brotherhood: The Journey Continues.

That is why I am appealing to you, the members, and especially the Grand and Supreme secretaries to dig in their archives and help me save our history. Here is what I am looking for:

- 1) Any lodges your domain may have opened since 1995.
- 2) Biographies of worthy knights, whether subordinate, Grand or Supreme level.
- 3) Any noteworthy charitable projects.

I am also missing a great deal of subordinate lodge information regarding the lodge name and location. There are far too many to list here, but the Domains of California and New York have the bulk of what I am missing. If you are in possession of some of the old-style Supreme Lodge directories that listed all the lodges, I would appreciate it if you would look through them, or, if you no longer want them, please send them to me. Anyone who contributes to the manuscript will be recognized on the Acknowledgement page. I like to give credit where credit is due. Thank you for your assistance.

My full contact information follows:

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The Supreme Lodge Foundation Trustees are providing every newly created Knight from August 7, 2024 through the 2026 Supreme Lodge Convention, a choice of one of these embroidered polo shirts at no charge.

Subordinate Lodge Secretaries will need to send the name and address of the newly created Knight, Lodge number, Domain name, color of shirt and size of shirt to the Supreme Secretary at supremelodgekop@gmail.com.

The Supreme Secretary will ship out the selected choice of shirt directly to the new Knight.

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Congratulations to the Winners of the 2024-2025 Supreme Lodge Poster Contest entries for the subject “Adopt a Pet”.

HAND DRAWN

First Prize-\$1,000

Gracie Gilcrease

Grade 12-Martinsville
School

Grand Lodge of Texas



HAND DRAWN

Second Prize-\$500

Emma Borntrager

Grade 12-East Hickman High School

Grand Lodge of Tennessee



HAND DRAWN

Third Prize-\$250

Penelope Dommer

Grade 7-S.C. Lee

Junior High School

Grand Lodge of Texas



HAND DRAWN

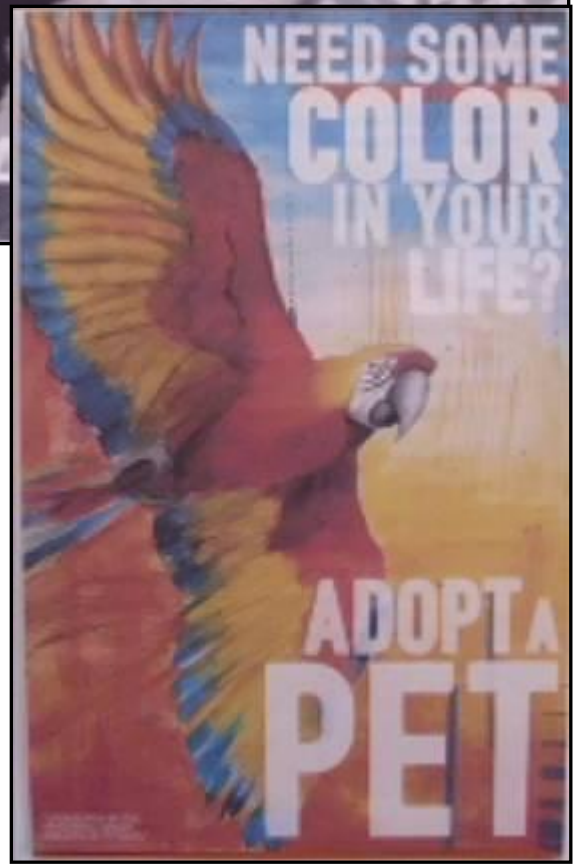
Fourth Prize-\$100

Kayla Jones

Grade 12-North Posey

High School

Grand Lodge of Indiana



COMPUTER GRAPHICS

First Prize-\$1,000

Hailey Neer

Grade 12-Springfield Clark CTC
Grand Lodge of Ohio

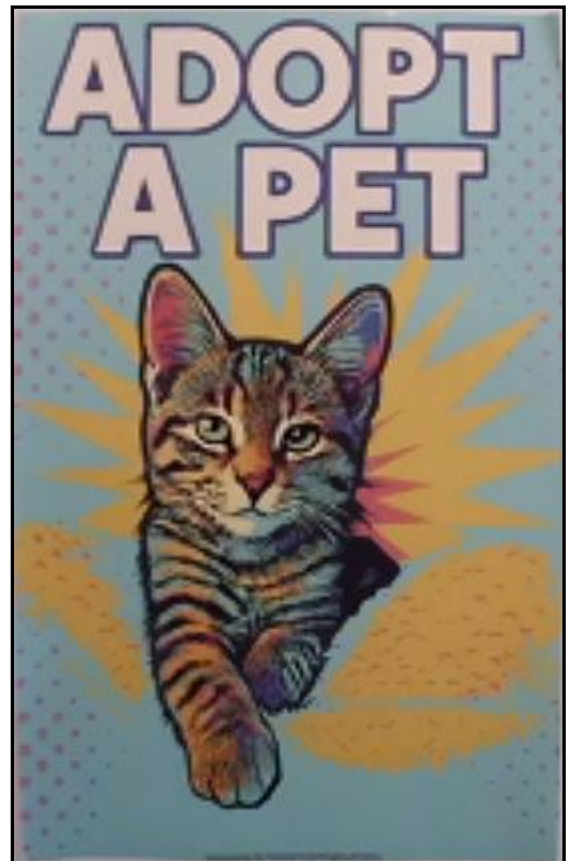
COMPUTER GRAPHICS

Second Prize-\$500

Paige Larson

Grade 11-Shenandoah High School

Grand Lodge of Indiana



Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Trivia

How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why?

21 steps: It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.

How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why?

21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1

Why are his gloves wet?

His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.

Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time and, if not, why not?

He carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.

How often are the guards changed?

Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

What are the physical traits of the guard limited to?

For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty for the rest of their lives. They cannot swear in public for the rest of their lives and cannot disgrace the uniform or the tomb in any way.

After two years, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud click as they come to a halt.

There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards

dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first six months of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery .

A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are:

President Taft,

Joe Lewis {the boxer}

Medal of Honor winner Audie L. Murphy, the most decorated soldier of WWII and of Hollywood fame.

Every guard spends five hours a day getting his uniforms ready for guard duty..

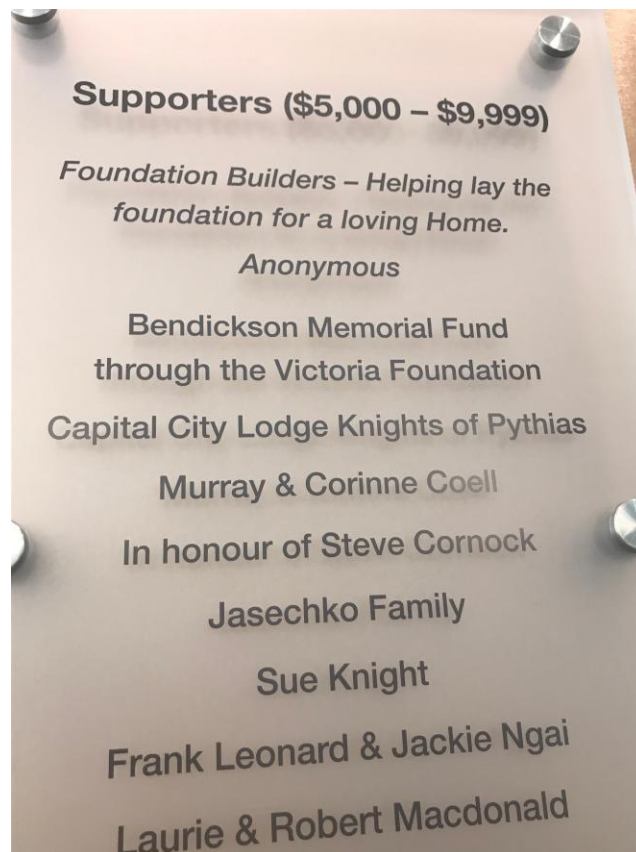
In 2003 as Hurricane Isabelle was approaching Washington, DC , our US Senate/House took 2 days off with anticipation of the storm. On the ABC evening news, it was reported that because of the dangers from the hurricane, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They respectfully declined the offer, "No way, Sir!" Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930.

God

Bless and keep them.

Our Good Works

BRITISH COLUMBIA



Capital City Lodge recognition: Five Knights attended the Grand Opening of the New Nigel House. Pictured here are Chancellor Commander Claire Calder and Grand Master at Arms Carol Richter pointing to the Donation Plaque. Our Lodge is recognized for having donated more than \$5,000 to Nigel House.

CONNECTICUT



Mitch Goldblatt (left) and John Kelman Present a \$1,500 check to Sue Lutzo of Orange Food2Kids from the 8th Annual Fidelity Lodge #78 Knights of Pythias Annual Golf Tournament. The Knights of Pythias is one of the oldest Civic organizations in the Country. They help raise funds for charities, give scholarships, and lend a hand where needed. For membership information, you can email smcoop13@gmail.com



On Saturday morning, September 6, 2025 several members of the Knights of Pythias Fidelity Lodge #78, volunteered to help Loaves and Fishes distribute food to several hundred people with food insecurity at the Church of St. Paul and St. James, in New Haven. Loaves and Fishes is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that distributes food and clothing to those in need. In the photo Mitch Goldblatt of the Knights of Pythias presents a \$250 check to Loaves and Fishes Executive Director Lorrice Grant on behalf of the Lodge. Also appearing in the photo above are Knights of Pythias members Lew Kaufman, Keith Indeck, Jon Kelman, Sid Klein (and Elaine Klein) and Brad Selmon, and from Orange, Jay Sportini and Gary Michelson, from Milford.

FLORIDA



Pythian Knighthood continues to grow in the Sunshine State! On Sunday, July 20th, Bay Lodge #12 of Clearwater conferred the ranks on 22 new members! The Florida Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias only one week prior, voted to endorse Florida DeMolay, of DeMolay International, the largest and oldest young men's fraternal organization in the world. DeMolay Advisors and Knights Brian Zeppa, and Matt Cordoves PGC, shared this exciting development with DeMolay Alumni, Advisors, and Supporters, who responded with 22 individuals becoming Knights of Pythias! Even more exciting, new lodges are forming in Central Florida to show support and solidarity for this historic endorsement and partnership. If your domain would like more information on creating a partnership with youth organizations in your domain, please contact Matt Cordoves at 813-550-5997 or email officer318LPD@gmail.com

MASSACHUSETTS



Kasey Zachman is the granddaughter of PC Jay Spitulnik of Canton Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Massachusetts. Kasey has been fighting a battle with childhood brain cancer for the last five years. She has had multiple operations, but throughout her ordeal, she still smiles and looks positive.

She was diagnosed in July, 2021 at age five. She is now nine years old. Her type of brain cancer is called Medulloblastoma. She has had:

10 surgeries

45 Proton radiation treatments

7 cycles of chemotherapy

And so much more.

Canton Lodge donated \$1,000 in Kasey's name to the Liabean Foundation. Upon hearing her story, several members of the lodge sent personal donations. If anyone is interested in seeing Kasey's story, please see the national news story Video 9-year-old fights brain cancer with magic in her heart.

MISSOURI



On Tuesday, October 14th, at California Masonic Lodge #183, an historic event happened. The executive officer of the Knights of Pythias of Missouri, Grand Chancellor Jordan Brizendine, met with the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, Emmett J Bryson. MWB Bryson had announced an informal visitation at the lodge, and GC Brizendine happened also to be a Mason and member of California #183. Grand Chancellor Brizendine delivered to the Grand Master a letter, in which he hoped to extend fraternal relations between the two organizations. In the letter, the Grand Chancellor stated that fraternalism lately has been on a downward trend, and that he hoped the two Grand Lodges working together and aiding each other would raise the tide of fraternalism and all ships with it. Grand Master Bryson agreed, as he had noticed the same trend. Later that night, when addressing the lodge, MWB Bryson said that California #183 wasn't alone in their recent troubles, and that he hoped to see the lodge grow.

The conversation between the two, fraternal leaders was the first such meeting in recent memory. It is the hope of GC Brizendine to meet also with the Grand Master of Missouri Odd Fellows and to host a dinner where all of these Grand Lodges' respective leaders can come together and discuss the troubles being faced by long-standing fraternities in the modern world.

These fraternal orders are two of Missouri's oldest, with the Grand Lodge of Masons being founded the same year that the state itself was admitted to the Union in 1821, and the Pythian Grand Lodge being founded here in 1871. The two have been a force for good in the state, and both previously boasted very impressive membership numbers. As with all organizations in today's age, they are facing dwindling numbers and closing lodges. But it is the hope of both of these men that the trend may soon find itself reversed, that fraternalism will again find itself with a strong base of membership, and that it will be in a position to aid mankind in Missouri and in the world at large.

NEW JERSEY



New Jersey Grand Lodge 2025 Convention

On Saturday September 27th, 2025, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of New Jersey held its Grand Lodge convention. Grand Chancellor Robert Schlegel conducted the Convention at the Monroe Township Senior Center. Acting Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Ast, Supreme Treasurer officiated for the Supreme Lodge, installed our 2025-2026 Officers, and presented the Supreme Chancellor's 2024-2026 program(s).

Please see the attached photos of this unique day,

We wish everyone safety and good health in the upcoming year,

Fraternally,

Sir David N. Bellask, Grand Secretary





Photo credits:

1. Grand Lodge Officers for the 2025-2026 term

1. Acting Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Ast with GC Breitowich & GS Bellask

2. Acting Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Ast addresses the Convention.

3. Newly installed Grand Chancellor Ray Breitowich addresses the convention with wife Donna.

4. Newly installed Grand Secretary with wife Rochelle.

5. NJ Grand Lodge Officers 2025-2026; Spindel, Goldenbaum, Kazin, Bellask,

Silverman, Schlegel, Breitiowich, Starr & Acting Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Treasurer Sir Alan Ast.

6. Grand Lodge Officers taking their oath of obligation from PSC Sir Joel Fierstien.

(Photographer-Mrs. Rochelle Bellask)

NEW YORK



The Grand Lodge of New York held its annual convention on July 14-15 in Howard Beach, NY. Shown here is the new Grand Council. (l-r) Grand Outer Guard Paul Barth, Grand Inner Guard Sheldon Miller, Grand Master at Arms Paul Barth, Grand Vice Chancellor Brian Klasewitz, Grand Treasurer Don Rosenberg, Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman, Supreme Master at Arms Craig Shink, Grand Secretary Steven Gold, Grand, Prelate Craig Kligfeld and Past Grand Chancellor Errol Lewis



A donation was made on behalf of the Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund of the Grand Lodge, New York Domain to United Hospice of Rokland. The Pythians in the picture from left to right are DGC Alan Paul Katz, PDSC Sir Michael Sukenick, DSC Harvey Rosenshein, PDSC Erwin Grill, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel.

OHIO



On July 12, Wellston Lodge #170 in Delaware, Ohio hosted a special Grand Lodge session (3 – in 1 rank work) to initiate candidates from several local lodges. Welcome to the Order, folks!

OREGON



The Knights of Pythias, Diana Lodge No. 63 from McMinnville Oregon, are pleased to report that after delays in conducting a ceremony to elevate esquires to the rank of knight, due to COVID and the organizational challenges of herding cats, we donned the ceremonial robes, lit the candles, placed the altar and paraphernalia according to the book of rituals, wielded the sword, recited the sacred text and welcomed 22 new knights into the fold. After this solemn rite, we enjoyed a celebratory meal, raised a glass to our new knights and pledged to support one another in the spirit of friendship, benevolence and charity.



Domain of Oregon Pythian Fun-Days 2025

Domain of Oregon 2025 Pythian Fundays was a huge success. One of the goals of fundays was to find different locations in Oregon that members may not have had an opportunity to visit. We try to include the different interests of our members, who like camping, fishing, boating, and whitewater rafting to name a few. This year was no different, for five days in mid-July we occupied 20 of Pine Hollow Reservoir's camp sites with 40 plus members, their families and friends attending. During the day groups enjoyed white water rafting, golfing, boating, fishing and classic car show. In the evenings we had a hospitality site set up with board games, snacks and beverages. All had an enjoyable time meeting new members from the state and catching up with old friends. The past Grand Chancellors and Grand Officers cooked the main course for the Saturday dinner/potluck, and breakfast Sunday morning.

PHILIPPINES







The KOP Philippines (District 6) just wrapped up something truly special on Saturday, July 5 at the Philippine Children's Medical Center! Our brother knights had the chance to visit **twenty children with medical conditions** and share some **food and other supplies** with them.

It was a small effort, but our hope was to bring a little bit of **joy and comfort** to these amazing young patients and show their families some **compassion and support** during a challenging time. Honestly, it was incredibly humbling to be there.

A huge shout-out to the folks who made this happen:

- Ven Tipa
- Ian Mostrales
- Michael Cabugatan
- Donald Jagunap
- Czarfil Bulatao

We're so grateful we could do a little something to help. Every small act of kindness makes a difference, and we're just glad we could be a part of it!

VIRGINIA



Virginia Temple #1 & Fredericksburg Lodge #22 combined their resources assembling 100 bookbags for local students. MEC Debi McGhee and CC Danny Mastin appreciate all the hard work from members.

Upcoming Grand Sessions

<u>State/Province</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Arizona	Tucson	June 7-8, 2025
Alabama	Florence	June 28, 2025
British Columbia	Revelstoke, BC, Canada	May 7-10, 2025
California	Bakersfield	September 11-13, 2025
Colorado/Wyoming	Cheyenne	November 15, 2025
Connecticut	TBD	TBD
Florida	Boca Raton	May 9, 2025
Illinois	Champaign	September 20, 2025
Indiana	Lafayette	July 10-12, 2025
Iowa	Des Moines	August 22-23, 2025
Italy	TBD	TBD
Maine	Gouldsboro	April 26, 2025
Maritime Provinces	TBD	TBD
Maryland	Hagerstown	September 5-6, 2025
Massachusetts	Norwood	May 16, 2025
Michigan	Lansing	September 11-13, 2025
Missouri	Kansas City	October 10-11, 2025
Nebraska	Hastings	April 12, 2025
Nevada/Utah	Henderson	September 11-13, 2025
New Hampshire/Vermont	Gorham	April 25-26, 2025
New Jersey	Monroe Township	September 27, 2025
New Mexico	Lordsburg	September 27, 2025
New York	TBD	TBD
North Carolina	Myrtle Beach	September 26-27, 2025
Ohio	Worthington	September 4-6, 2025
Ontario	TBD	April, 2025
Oregon	Eugene	October 18, 2025
Pennsylvania	Dunmore	August 16, 2025
Quebec	TBD	TBD
South Carolina	N Myrtle Beach	February 21-22, 2025
Tennessee	Pigeon Forge	May 30-June 1, 2025
Texas	Longview	June 13-15, 2025
Virginia	Norfolk	October 2-5, 2025
Washington/Alaska	Shoreline	September 19-21, 2025
West Virginia	Bridgeport	July 10-12, 2025

Note: Information is current as of printing and subject to update/change.

Ask A Pythian

The dedicated email for submitting questions for the “Ask a Pythian” section is askapythian@pythias.org. A Council member or other subject matter expert will address your question and we will print it here to the extent possible in a future edition. Please note, if the content is of a sensitive nature someone will reach out to you offline.

Submissions Welcome!



Give me your pictures, your articles, your updated information yearning to be published.

The dedicated email is: pi@pythias.org.

No Submission Left Behind!

Pythian Shirt Order Form

Description	Price	Quantity	Total \$
Short Sleeve T shirt Small	\$25	_____	_____
Short Sleeve T shirt Medium	\$25	_____	_____
Short Sleeve T shirt Large	\$25	_____	_____
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A Parting Thought

God's Boxes

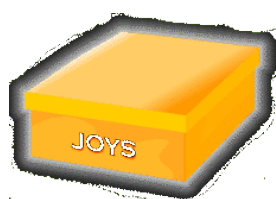
I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."

I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.

With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.

I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me.."

I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."





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