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

Fp, Mp, C. Now

This has become a most difficult, challenging term and now extra innings. We hope all stay healthy and active. The title is not something from a chemical periodic chart, but a guide to priorities of the Order.

Fp begins with F, ends with p, Friendship. This is the fundamental, first word that is associated with our Order. Mp is what we seek, members, active members, interesting programs for retention, Membership. Now the C, any number of words come to mind, e.g., charity, but this is the interest in Community where we are a community and seek a market, visibility, and relevance by reaching out through Community Service.

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Grand Lodge Conventions

Fall / Spring 2020-2021

What we know as of this writing

Supreme Council Meeting

October 3, 2020

Newark, New Jersey

North Carolina N. Myrtle Beach	October 2-3 SVC Brown
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West Virginia Elkins	October 10 SVC Brown
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Missouri Springfield	October 15-17 SIG Stamm
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New Mexico Alamogordo	October 23-24 SIG Stamm
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California La Palma	November 5-6 SIG Stamm
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2021

South Carolina Columbia	March 5-6
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Supreme Chancellor's Message

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So, in this quarantine coronavirus era, these are keys that enable us to move ahead, to be motivated, and to act now publicly promoting our Order. The goal is the vital increase of our membership.

The coronavirus even with its restrictions affords a tremendous opportunity for planning and communications by electronic media when for most live activity is not possible.

This term's Membership Champion is Prelate Marvin Levine, Fortitude Lodge #160, New Jersey, a relatively new member. In maybe three short years, he has recruited close to 30 new members. The choice of him acknowledges his hustle, leadership, and magnetism. He is a model and inspiration for all of us to recruit constantly at every opportunity.

A new world opened as of August 2019 to us to have new Knights from females, family, friends, and everyone in the Community with whom we interact.

Lastly, someone brought to my attention the previous Supreme Chancellor's message mentioning George Floyd and his cruel death as a murder, and I apologize for that reference as it has never been so adjudicated, but everyone may see the circumstances and as one of many. Interestingly, a governor who is a lawyer made the same reference in the aftermath of the Breonna Taylor findings and indictment. A purpose of the Order initially was to help bring the country together which has continued to inclusion in the current term's program.

Fp, Mp, C! Now. As we struggle, be positive and live our motto, "We are Friends working together for a better community!"



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

It's October! Already! Where is the time going?

Safety guidelines notwithstanding, we need to open our subordinate lodges and get back to the business of meeting and doing for our communities. The longer we stay inactive, the tougher it's going to be to bring our brethren back to our Castle Halls.

Several domains are open (subordinate lodges) and have been for months, they're meeting on a regular basis (safe distancing, of course) they're planning and being visible again within their areas. Some of our Grand Lodges are meeting, some in abbreviated convention, abbreviated by their duration, but they are meeting... And that's a good thing!

Supreme Chancellor Fierstien has called for a Supreme Council Meeting on Saturday, October 3 in Newark, New Jersey. Before doing so, the members of the Supreme Council were polled to see if they would attend. Having ascertained (on paper) a quorum before calling the meeting, a preliminary agenda was put together and sent to the members of the Council. It appears October 3 will be a full day.

The last few pages of this lighter than usual Pythian International feature updated information on the Supreme Lodge Convention; dates, location, times, menus, prices – you'll see.

I am somewhat disappointed that the response for the discounted jewelry that appeared in the last issue wasn't more enthusiastic as it was. There is still a goodly amount of brand new tie tacks, cuff links, button covers, etc. available. Please, if you're interested place your orders through your Grand Secretary.

I would like to wish all of our Jewish Brothers and their families the happiest and healthiest New Years. L'Shana Tova!

Stay well and stay safe !!!

Faternally,
Allen S. Morris, KGS
Supreme Secretary

NEW JERSEY SUPPORTS FIRST RESPONDERS

Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163/157 supports all local heroes; first responders, doctors, nurses, and everyone who is working hard to keep our residents safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here's a banner that stretches on one side of the Morlot Avenue overpass on Route 208. We did this jointly with the Pythian Sisters. Next time you drive over the overpass, take a glance at our giant footprint in Fair Lawn. Even Mayor Kurt Peluso commented of our presence all over town. Thanks to PC Dave Judovin for the design & ordering it. And of course, VC Bob Starr for getting it okayed & mounted through the borough hall.



HERMION LODGE #27, LEESBURG, FLORIDA

On 7 March, 2020, Hermion Lodge #27 made a substantial donation to the Boy Scouts of America at Camp La-No-Che in Paisley, Florida. We felt by furthering the ideals of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, we could assist this organization in their efforts to help our youth of today become better citizens.

Our lodge is ever striving to increase our presence in the local communities in our area, to show what the Knights of Pythias in our state does for our fellow man, and in doing so, we hope that it will bring future members who will want to be part of something great by joining us.

I do want to mention two individuals whose pictures are attached from the event, Mark Lepinskie took the group picture, and he is now a Squire in our lodge and soon to take the Knight rank. The other is Chipper Stempkowski (an Eagle Scout who attended the camp as a young lad) and now holds the position of Assistant Program Facilities Director at the camp. The group picture lists the names of the attendees and their title.

We are also looking at other charities such as the Kimberly Center-Ocala. They help abused and sexually abused children recover from that horrible trauma, and stay with them throughout much of their adult life.





HERMION LODGE #27, LEESBURG, FLORIDA RANK WORK – GROWING THE ORDER

On 15 September, 2020 Hermion Lodge #27 exemplified the Ranks of Page and Esquire on two new initiates.



Left to right:

Mark Lepinskie, Chris Van Duyne (new Esquire), Dennis Sommer (new Page and Esquire), Juan Hernandez, William Nicholson, Mike Johnston, Steve Johnston.

At our next meeting which is scheduled for 20 October, 2020, we will be ranking three for Knighthood.

**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

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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.

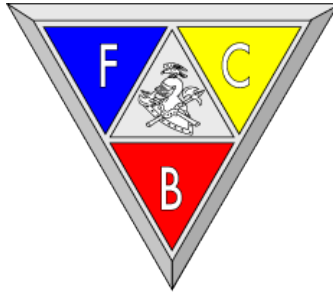
Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel
1 Hotel Road
Newark, New Jersey 07114-3513
Phone (973) 623-0006

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.

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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**