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

As the new term is underway, optimism abounds, that it will be bright filled with many advances. I ask all to promote the Order, invite someone to join, follow-up, and importantly have fun. Do the most for your lodge and to improve the quality of life in the community.

A number of new things appear in this year's program, among them, Project Safety focusing on recognizing potential hazards and disaster relief coordination and communication. The poster contest has a new theme, "Go Green, Help Save Our World." But, additionally consider what we may do to further protect our environment. Please support and live the term's, *Friends Working Together for a Better Community*.

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Grand Lodge Conventions

Summer / Fall 2018

All dates, Locations and positions have not been finalized

Ohio Fairborn	September 5-8 SOG Schwartz
Maryland Ocean City	September 6-8 SIG Stamm
Michigan Lansing	September 6-8 SVC Brown
Nevada Reno	September 13-15 DSC Seitz
Iowa Des Moines	September 14-16 SS Morris
Washington Yakima	September 21-23 SOG Schwartz
New Jersey Monroe Township	September 22 SC Fierstien
New Mexico Lordsburg	September 28-29 SIG Stamm
Illinois Marion	September 29 SC Fierstien
North Carolina Myrtle Beach	October 5-6 SVC Brown
Missouri Joplin	October 11-13 SIG Stamm
Virginia Virginia Beach	October 11-14 SMA Ward

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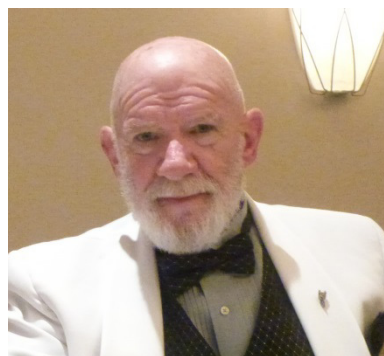
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Thank you for the support and faith, electing me Supreme Chancellor and to those so important to my Pythian life. I was extraordinarily fortunate to have survived and recovered albeit slowly from an extremely serious health issue: thank you for the cards and good wishes during a very trying time.

Look forward to a great term for the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters and our affiliated Orders, blessed by good health for all.



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

The Supreme Lodge Convention of 2018 is now history. Personally, having chaired one myself and knowing what is involved in putting together a convention of this magnitude, I would like to congratulate New York, specifically, PDSC Craig Shink on a job well done. The only event I took part in was the dinner cruise; which was one of the best I've had the pleasure to experience... The weather, company, food, music, dancing, etc. – Superb.

The confidence shown to me, re-electing me to another two-year term is gratifying and I thank you. Time to get back to work.

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, SS/KGS



*From Supreme Chief
Joan Way*

To all my Pythian Sisters and Brothers, I have the distinct honor to become the new Supreme Chief for the next two years. It is also an honor to stand beside the Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien.

I know Joel and I have spoken a lot about technology and that we as an organization need to use the tools at hand – Social Media is the direction we want to go.

Technology today gives us an opportunity to expand the Pythian Order. Most of us have Computers, iPad, or Cell Phones and we can Tweet, Instagram, and use Facebook. Start a random conversation on Twitter and see what response you get, it might surprise you.

We need to Diversify. The true definition of Diversity is the inclusion of individuals representing more than one national origin, color, religion, socioeconomic stratum, and sexual orientation. We cannot do this alone; I would ask each of you to look outside the box and let's extend our hands and take another's hand in solidarity.

My motto is "THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE TO OTHERS." (Gandhi)



*From the Supreme Secretary's
Desk*

Greetings from the Supreme Temple Secretary: it is a honor to submit an article for the Pythian International.

I would like to congratulate the Supreme Lodge and Temple Officers elected and installed at Supreme Convention in New York. May Supreme Chancellor Joel and Supreme Chief Joan have their two years be prosperous and see our orders grow.

I would like to say thank you to the Supreme Convention Committee from New York.

I had good time and would have like to attend a show, but didn't have time to do everything. The 9/11 Memorial Tour was very moving and I'll remember it for a long time. In my home town, we have a metal beam from 9/11, now that means more to me than before. The dinner cruise was great, seeing the city and the Statue of Liberty all lite at night was breath taking. I do think it was better than some holiday lights. Thank you Supreme Committee for all the hard work you did.

My wish for both the Knights and Sisters, that in the next two years, we work as one to make our order better and see it grow in members.

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

MEET THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE INDIANA PYTHIAN SISTERS

Here are the new members of Olympia Temple # 78 Pythian Sisters of Lafayette, IN. All were initiated at Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Sessions held July 19, 2018 at the Four Points by Sheraton in West Lafayette, IN.



Left to Right: (all members of Paden-Powell Lodge #1907 in London, England) Archie Moore of Gravesend, Kent, England; PC Steven Turner of Abbey Wood, London, England; And Simon Polkinghorne of Worcester Park, Surrey, England



Tina Sterrett of Lafayette, IN

Submitted by Jill Unger-Moder, Supreme Treasurer and Secretary of Olympia Temple #78

SC JOEL FIERSTIEN THREE-IN-ONE RANK HELD IN DAYTON, INDIANA

In honor of our new Supreme Chancellor, Dayton Lodge #828 held a Joel Fierstein 3-Rank on Saturday August 18. The lodge took in 8 new knights, all masonic brothers from the Tippecanoe County area. The day started off with coffee and donuts and fellowship with the candidates. The rank team had their work cut out for them as this was but the third meeting of the lodge this year since their institution. The long form was used and each brother worn a robe and the old turn of the century slides were employed. The Dayton Lodge masonic brothers were impressed with the slides which used their 1892 slide projector. Lafayette Lodge #51 and the J H Rathbone Museum provided items for the ritual team. A great day was had by all.

Dr. Ken Moder, SR/KGS Lafayette Lodge #51 and Dayton Lodge #828 Master of the Work



Pictured are L to R: Paul Haynes; Rick Stoops; Walter Watts; Joe Sutton; Rob Clemence; Ken Stanford; Rick Blacker; and Jon Walthour



L to R: John Hardest, Jason Smith, Denny, Lee Tweedy, Bob Clemence, and Jerry Sandman.
Picture taken by SR Ken Moder

READ & RIDE PROGRAM 2018

All participants receive a bag, frisbee, medallion – and information on the Knights of Pythias for the dads. Each bike has a sticker on it advertising the Knights – we are well publicized. Note the poster standing up, always displayed in a prominent place.



Presentation at the Hanover Library on Thursday, August 9 – pictured are two of the Liberians; five of the six winners; GT Alan Zamansky, KGS and GC Harvey L. Slobodkin on the far right. Picture taken by GS Allen S. Morris, KGS.

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION - MARITIME PROVINCES



left to right: DSC H. Eugene Mattinson; GMA Thomas Smith in the center; presenting GVC Wayne Hiltz with his 50-Year Certificate and Lapel Pin at the Grand Lodge Banquet in Fredericton, NB

GRAND LODGE OFFICERS OF THE MARITIMES PROVINCES 2018-2019



Front row (l to r): GS H. Eugene Mattinson, DSC/KGS; Gc Thornton Moore; GVC Wayne Hiltz; and GIG Charles Brown
Back row (l to r): GP Peter Acheson; GT Jeffrey Shanks; GMA Thomas Smith; and GOG Andy Wheaton

GRAND TEMPLE OFFICERS OF THE MARITIME JURISDICTION 2018-2019



Front row, l to r: Marjorie Landry, GM; Bea Hawkes, SPGC; Glenna Geer, GC; and Dorothy Bowser, GS
Back row, l to r: Caroline Acheston, GT; Madge Smith, GSr; Shirley Quinlan, GG; Debbie Tozer, GJ;
Helen Humphrey, G Musician; and Rena Brown, GP

2018 SUPREME LODGE POSTER CONTEST

The following eleven (11) posters represent the best of those submitted to the Supreme Lodge for judging. In fact, they were the only posters submitted by the Grand Lodges for that purpose.

The judging of the posters was done at the Convention on Tuesday afternoon by SP Bruce H. Brown (SC); SOS Donald L. Stamm (WV); and SR Joseph B. Haskell (MA)

There are two categories – computer generated and hand drawn. Surprisingly, this year there were only four computer generated posters... The other seven were hand drawn. On the bright side, there were no losers. One might ask, why do some of the poster looks better than others, yet they fell into a lower category. The answer is, the committee determined the poster should incorporate the theme, “What is a Friend”. Some did not, and although better drawn, they fell behind those that embodied the theme.

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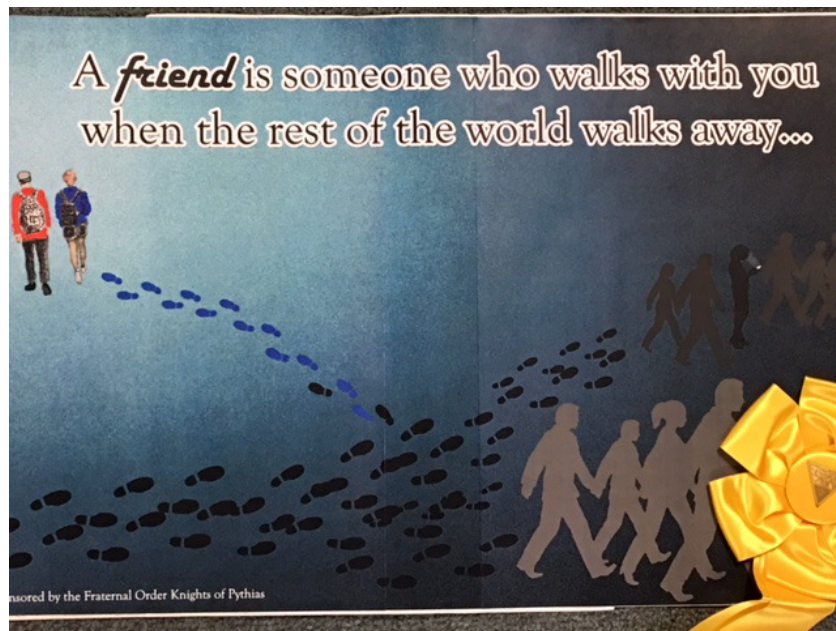


1st Place Computer Generated - \$1,000 Winner

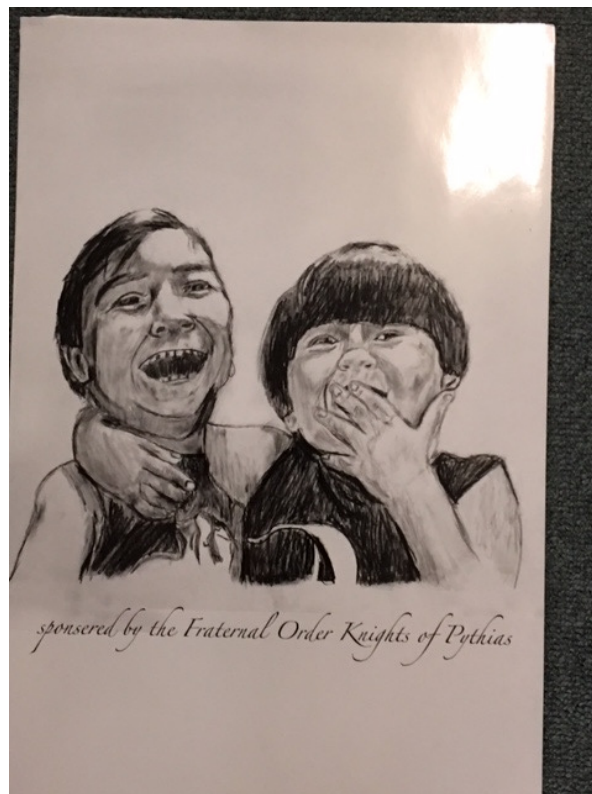
Roberto Balderas – 11th Grade
690 North Macnab Drive / Apt 2
Nogales, AZ 85621



2nd Place Computer Generated - \$500 Winner
 Jessica Zgirta - 12th Grade
 17983 Forreston Oak Drive
 Noblesville, IN 46062



3rd Place Computer Generated - \$250 Winner
 Luke Helline - 11th Grade
 4530 Butterbridge Road
 North Lawrence, OH 44666



4th Place Computer Generated - \$100 Winner
Lucy Murrow – 12th Grade
3511 North 31st Street
No city/town listed on the poster

HAND DRAWN



1st Place Hand Drawn - \$1,000 Winner

Alyssa Reinen – 9th Grade

211 County Road III

Nacogdoches, TX 75965



2nd Place Hand Drawn - \$500 Winner

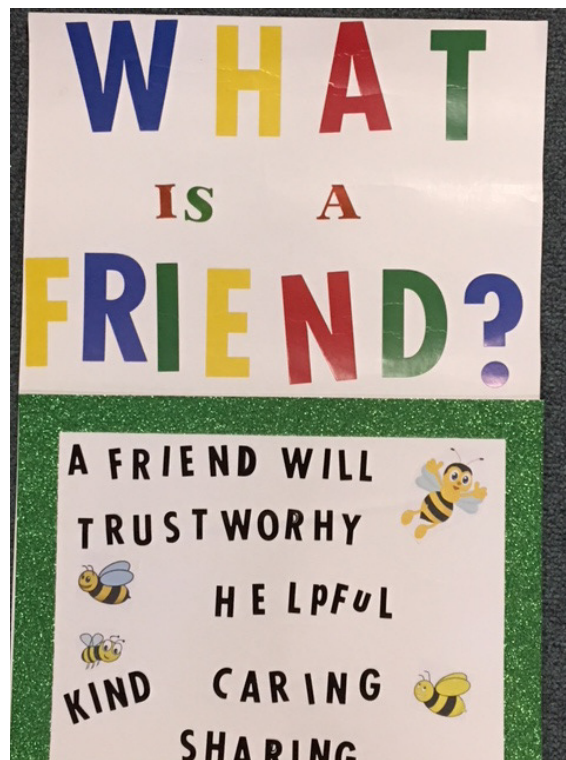
Abby Park

217 St. Joseph Court

West Lafayette, IN 47906



3rd Place Hand Drawn - \$250 Winner
 Michelydie Manuel – 9th Grade
 213 Chestnut Street
 Randolph, MA 02368



4th Place Hand Drawn - \$100 Winner
 Dylan Willard – 11th Grade
 416 West Rockwood Street
 Rockwood, TN 37854



5th Place Hand Drawn - \$100 Winner
Sebastian Knight – 12th Grade
313 Bruce Street
No city/town listed on the poster



6th Place Hand Drawn - \$100 Winner
No information at all



7th Place Hand Drawn - \$100 Winner
Lucy Murrow – 12th Grade
3511 North 31st Street
Ozark, MO 65721

Pythians Support Camp Sunrise BBQ

July 26, 2018

On Thursday, July 26, 2018 Pythians manned a membership table at the Sunrise Day Camp of Staten Island BBQ.

The BBQ was paid for by Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation (affiliated with Genesis Lodge #64) as part of a larger donation to the organization.



Pictured left to right standing are: PDGC Errol Lewis, PGC Phil Feigel, ACDGC Stuart Teicher, PDGC Joel West, DGC Jeffrey Freese, PC Marc Katcher, Genesis CC PC Barry Resnick, and Genesis Outer Guard Ken Schechter. Sitting is Grand Chancellor David Stanger. Behind the camera was Marion Resnick.)

Donations, made out to Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation, can be mailed to 1462 E. 70th St. Brooklyn NY 11234. 100% of all donations are returned to foundation recipients.

Pythians support various charities through their home “subordinate” lodge foundations and fundraising and through the New York Grand Lodge and its main fundraising committee, The Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund, which raises funds chiefly through raffles, solicitation of donations and an annual fundraising Brunch to supplement and benefit NY Grand Lodge work in support of humanitarian, community-service and charitable organizations. The Humanitarian Fund distributes about \$35,000 annually to Pythian charities, including Servicemen and Veteran's Committee, Camp Sunrise, Pythian Camp, Double H Hole in the Wall Camp, Diabetes Research Association and the Pythian Scholarship.

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You may download and print an application to join the Knights of Pythias, in a PDF format, by clicking [here](#).

Pythians Support Camp Sunrise & Staten Island JCC

June 19, 2018

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018 Pythians representing the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation (affiliated with Genesis Lodge #64) and Grand Lodge visited the Staten Island Jewish Community Center (JCC) to present checks to two Staten Island charities. Generous donations, funded through fundraising efforts of members of the Knights of Pythias working through one of its subordinate lodge's charitable arms, supported Camp Sunrise of Staten Island. Fundraising efforts throughout the supported the donation to the Staten Island JCC.



Doing good was in the air as PC Jeffrey Freese and DGC Errol Lewis of Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation (top) presented David Sorkin, Executive Director JCC of Staten Island and Sandy Haft, Executive Director of Camp Sunrise of Staten Island with a generous donation while Rebecca Gallanter, Assistant Executive Director JCC of Staten Island (below) receives a check from Grand Lodge, presented by Grand Chancellor, Phil Feigl. (Photo provided by Lowell Goldberg, Genesis Lodge #64.)

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