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

My brothers and sisters, I hope everyone has had a very happy Holiday season and that you have a prosperous New Year. I would like to take a few minutes to talk about membership and publicity for our order.

I encourage everyone to continue to display the yard signs, they work and are good for membership and getting our name out into the community. Continue with your volunteer programs in your communities and record all the volunteer hour and report to your DSC so that we can account for them. If possible use TV, radio, newspaper and social media to let people know who we are and what we do for our communities. I believe the publicity will bring us members.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Spring/Summer 2019

**All dates, Locations and positions have not
been finalized**

South Carolina Columbia	March 1-2 SP Mead
Nebraska Hastings	March 29-30 SOG Schwartz
Oklahoma Tulsa	SOG Schwartz
Maine Bangor	April 25-27 PSC Wright
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	ST Ast
Florida Miami	May 5-12 SMA Ward
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 8-11 SP Mead
Massachusetts Peabody	May 9-10 SP Mead
Texas Longview	June 7-9 SC Fierstien
Tennessee Pigeon Forge	June 7-9 ST Ast
California Santa Ana	June 13-15 SIG Stamm
Arizona Tucson	June 7-9 SP Mead

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I encourage everyone to use the Pythian International to let our members see what you have accomplished, so that others may take advantage of programs that may work for them.

Working together, we as members of the Pythian family, can and will grow our order. We are starting new lodges in several domains and hope to continue to bring in new members as Subordinate, Grand and Supreme lodge work together.

Ask someone to join our order this year. Ask your Grand Lodge to start a new lodge this year. The best publicity we can get is YOU.



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

We are about to celebrate the 155th Anniversary of the Order Universal, and yet we are still one of the best kept secret in the world. Why?

Publicity should be on everyone's mind – get our name out, into our communities... **Public Awareness** let the people know who we are, what we do. We raise funds, we donate monies, we volunteer our time, we support charities... We need to let the public know... Who we are!

Fraternally,
Allen S. Morris, SS/KGS



*From the Supreme Secretary's
Desk*

The Holidays are behind us, the decorations packed away, and Officers will soon be installed. I'm sure the new officers have goals they would like to reach this year. There is one goal that both the Knights and Sisters have, is, increasing our membership with new members. So many times we get new member and after a year or so they stop coming, drop out, or whatever. We need to put our heads together with ideas on getting new members and keeping them. With new members come new ideas, which might work for us if we just give them a chance.

Let's see if we can increase our membership in this new year.

Remember get new members, but keep the old.

One is silver and the other gold.

Wishing each of you the best in this new year!

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

TALK ABOUT INFLATION!

In 1893, at De Molay Lodge No. 13 in the Grand Domain of Illinois, the rank fee for the rank of page was ten dollars. Adjusted for inflation, that would be \$281.00 today.

Submitted by CST Toby Balivet

Dang! What would the dues be?



BRIDGTON'S WRIGHT NAMED AARP MAINE ANDRUS AWARD WINNER

Portland – Bridgton resident Edwin Wright is the winner of the 2018 Andrus Award from Maine AARP, named in honor of AARP's founder Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus.

The Andrus Award celebrates and honors individuals who make a difference in the lives of others, and it is the most prestigious and visible award AARP can present to an individual.

Mr. Wright's extraordinary public service actively embodies Dr. Andrus' motto, "To Serve, Not To Be Served," said a news release from AARP.

Wright works with the Stevens Brook Elementary School backpack food program, which provides needed food to school children who otherwise would not have adequate access to food during school breaks and weekends.

Of particular note is how Wright's volunteerism has inspired others to participate. A local grocery store, for example, upon hearing about the program, offered to provide nonperishable food items at cost. A local doctor's office and the school's PTA both contribute to the fund that supports the backpack program.

Those who would like to volunteer may call 866-554-5380.



PSC Edwin H. Wright, KGS, of Bridgton, with Lori Parham, AARP Maine State Director.

STONEWALL JASPER LODGE #6, SOUTH CAROLINA SHOWING HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Delivering 30 bikes to Toys for Tots at TV Station in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina



L to R: Rob Fowler, TV Channel 2 Meteorologist; SR Clarence Kuykendall; SR Jon Zelasko Jr.; GT Ronald Brown, PC Andrew Hassinger; and SVC Bruce Brown, KGS.

CHRISTMAS MORNING WITH SANTA

Stonewall-Jasper No.6, South Carolina and the local Toys for Tots delivery, is one of nineteen groups that went out to delivering toys to needy Families. Charleston Toys for Tots has been sponsoring this program for the past thirty years.



Brother Clarence Kuykendall, Supreme Representative is Santa

OREGON IS ON THE MOVE

ROSEBURG KNIGHTS

On November 18, 2018, Ten Knights from six different Lodges traveled to Roseburg Alpha Lodge #47 to perform a 3 in 1 ceremony for our new Lodge. It was a great day for Oregon Pythians. We knighted 15 men from Roseburg and one from Gaston Lodge #104. I would like to congratulate all our new Knights into the Pythian Order and thank all the knights that traveled the 7-hour round trip to help our newest lodge.

The Knights that when out of their way to help is one of the things that makes the Pythians Great.



Back row: (l to r) Tim Rasmussen, Steve Shilts, Darrel Foster, Andrew Clark, Mike Malone, Nick McKee, Brian Cress, Colton Thomas, Aaron Justice

Front row: Danny Thomas, Kory Struthers, Aaron Atkins, Steve Stockton, Luke Mulvaney, Donovan Finn, Pete Castio, Christopher Wood

SCOUTING FOR FOOD

On Saturday December 1, 2018, Boy Scout Troop 168 and Cub Scout Pack 168 took part in Scouting for Food. This is a National Scout program to collect food for the needy. Scout Leader Spencer Hansen and Cub Master Mike Rosenberg lead 2 Scouts and 9 Cub Scouts for 2 hours walking house to house in Gaston collecting food for the Gaston Food Bank. After the collection, we delivered 350 pounds of food to the Food Bank.

The boys were very proud of their accomplishment, and the lessons well learned by these young men, but not as proud as Grandpa Don of his 2 grand kids Ayden and Dylan. It was a great day for the Scouts that Gaston Oregon sponsors.



GASTON, OREGON'S NEW KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR!

We had borrowed Pendleton's Knight all summer for parades and was getting used having one in our Lodge. So, when we had to return it to Pendleton, we decided we needed one in Gaston. Thanks to Clinton Nelson , we found one in South Carolina. We had it trucked out to Gaston, it seemed like it took forever to arrive, but the wait was worth it.

We just need to come up with a name and to get it shined up.



FOREST GROVE OREGON'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHT'S PARADE 2018

The Oregon Knights of Pythias had a float in this year's parade. We met at 12:30 pm in the Forest Grove KP Hall parking lot to decorate our float, with lights, Christmas trees, Knights of Pythias banner and Gaston's newest knight we had a great time doing this with a lot of laughs. Forest Grove, Gaston, Hillsboro, and Pendleton Lodges had members present.

The weather was great because we had no rain for the parade, but was very cold, we had 10 Knights, 1 wife, 3 sons, 2 grand kids, and 1 dog. We passed out candy and flyers to the spectators along the parade route.

Again, we got our name out into the community, and we had a lot of comments that it was nice to see our Lodge active in the community.



All articles about Oregon were submitted by Grand Chancellor Don Allen

GASTON LODGE #104 TOY DRIVE

The Gaston Lodge #104 (Oregon) has been collecting toys for the last month for needy families. The Lodge donated \$200.00, and we collected \$218.00 from members to go and buy more toys to along with our collection. The toys go to the Gaston Fire Department to be given to local families in need.

GREAT JOB GASTON



Left to Right: Warren Johnson; Jordan Delay; Ted Claussen; Oj Delay; Ed Yates; Terry Clark; and Don Allen

GIVING THE GIFT THAT SAVES LIVES



Do you know this lady? Does she look familiar to you? She's the Supreme Temple Treasurer, Jill Unger-Moder; and she's very familiar to the American Red Cross. Seen here about to donate her 7th gallon of blood (that's 56 pints, in case you're counting) over the holiday weekend; bandage is on, she's going home shortly... And the procedure, if you're wondering, is painless.

NEW JERSEY IN THE NEWS

The Deborah Hospital Foundation in Browns Mills New Jersey hosted the annual raffle drawing at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the Windemer Conference Center at the Hospital.

There were approximately 50 attendees, seven (7) of whom represented the NJ Knights of Pythias and its Charity Foundation: GS/SR David and Rochelle Bellask; KGS and PGC Mel and Gloria Feldschneider, KGS; GC Matt Silverman; SR Marvin I. Diner, KGS; and PCDGC Sir Jerry Weiner. The Knights of Pythias of New Jersey has supported the work of Deborah Heart and Lung Center for more than fifty years.

The winners were drawn and announced:

The Deborah Foundation C.E.O. Joseph P. Chirichella drew 1st prize – A \$10,000 Visa Gift card won by K. Robertson from Wildwood, New Jersey.

GS/SR David Bellask, KGS and GC Matt Silverman drew 2nd prize – A \$5,000 Visa Gift card, won by Debbie Colon, a Deborah Hospital Volunteer.

A Group of Retired Nurses and Volunteers from Deborah Hospital drew 3rd prize - a \$2,500 Target gift card won by Emily Mautner from Seaside, New Jersey

Additionally our Pythian Delegation presented Mr. Chirichella 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. Joe Chirichella spoke briefly on the new innovations in medical care available at Deborah for ailments such as sleep apnea, pain management, bariatric surgery and a new surgical offering of an LAVD artificial heart replacement for patients waiting for heart transplants.



Left to right: CEO Joseph Chirichella, PGC Mel Feldschneider, KGS; GS/SR David N. Bellask, KGS; and Foundation Raffle Chairperson Ms. Cindy Kornfeld.



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CHERRYVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Robert C "Toad" Hayes Memorial Lodge #174

Donating a check for \$600 to the "Lady Ironmen Basketball Team" of Cherryville for warm-up gear.



Left to right: Assistant Coach Emily Whitworth; Head Coach Carrie Dalton; PC Chris Parris; Assistant Coach Lacey Todd; Mayor H.L. Beam III; Guard Avery Walker; CC Seth Hartman