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## *A Message From Supreme Chancellor D. Mark Mead, KGS*

Fall is here. Cooler temperatures along with Pumpkin Spice everything is at every turn. For Supreme Lodge Officers, fall means, a number of Grand Lodge visits. All Pythians are encouraged to participate and be part of the Grand Lodge experience. Whether you have taken the Grand Lodge degree or not, you are allowed to attend most of the session. And, more importantly, your opinions matter just as much to the Supreme Lodge representatives and officers. Maintaining our focus on membership is crucial along with progressing our Order to meet the changing needs of the community remains key as we move into 2023. When you see a Supreme Lodge Officer at Grand Lodge, ask questions. The Supreme Lodge directly supports the needs of all the Grand Domains.

Next, I would like to express how thankful we are to have our Supreme Secretary bounce right back. Brother Al had to go to the hospital shortly after the Supreme convention. The Supreme Secretary is integral in corresponding with all the Grand Lodges and is key to our Order. We wish him a full and speedy recovery.

**Supporting our Environment** - The Pythians need to be clear-eyed about society's challenges. While it might be difficult to measure our Order's impact on the environment, we should be more conscious of our impact. The Supreme Lodge is taking steps to make documents available digitally, and reduce our need for printed paper. Even this year, I have asked that Supreme Lodge not send out Supreme Lodge Christmas Card.

While these changes may seem minor, we can continue to make a difference. See <https://climate.nasa.gov/> for more information.

**Membership** - We have started a new initiative through our membership program – it is the 2023 Six Pack Club. While this may sound like a new beverage container, this is a program to recognize the individual that brings in at least six members over the next year. Details are in this Pythian International, but basically, your lodge secretary sends a report of the achievement to your Grand Lodge District Deputy Supreme Chancellor (DSC). A unique pin and certificate will be sent out to the member who recruited new candidates.

Also, many in the Order don't know, but Pythian hats are provided as an additional incentive. The new member as well, as the member who recruited them, are eligible to receive a hat – one hat per person, please.

**Knight of the Golden Spur (KGS)** – Many domains don't take advantage of the very special recognition for a variety of reasons. There are multiple steps involved and some work involved. But don't let that stop you from getting impactful recognition for that special Pythian. Ask how you can get the process started.

Finally, as we get into the holiday season, please be safe. Have fun with your Pythian family.

Be Charitable and practice benevolence.

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**Grand Lodge Conventions  
What we know as of this writing  
2022**

Virginia Suffolk	Sept 29-Oct 2 SC Mead
North Carolina Myrtle Beach, SC	Sept 30 – Oct 2 SMA Van Boening
New Mexico Alamogordo	Sept 30-Oct 1
Missouri Joplin	October 6-8 SIG Shink
California La Palma	October 7-8 SIG Knutson
Oregon North Plains	October 14-15 SOG West
Colorado/Wyoming Cheyenne	November 11, 2022 DSC Hartwig



*From Supreme Chief  
Yolanda Chatwood*

Hello Knights and Sisters,

I am honored to have been elected as Supreme Chief for the next two years. Supreme Chancellor Mark and I have been working together to find new ways for the Knights and Sisters to work together in harmony and help both Orders prosper for the future. My home Temple is Calanthe Temple #11 in Reno, Nevada where I am a 6th generation Pythian.

Being part of Supreme has allowed me to learn about different traditions and customs that other Grand Jurisdictions do to bring in new members and continue with the fellowship at their Subordinate Temples and Grand Temple Sessions. I am hoping to carry some of these amazing ideas to the Jurisdictions I am visiting.

My theme is “Service and Unity”, for through service we can not only bring our Sisters and Knights closer together, but help build our communities and unite for a common goal of rebuilding for the future. I hope you all will join Supreme Chancellor Mark and I on this journey these next two years.

In P.L.E.&F.,  
Yolanda Chatwood  
Supreme Chief



*From the  
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

Thank you all for the emails, cards, and phone calls to wish me well. You have no idea how much it has been appreciated. I would, however, like to set the record straight – I did not have a heart attack, as the rumor mill has stated. What I had was no symptoms, no pain, no indication whatsoever that I needed surgery; I simply was not feeling like my usual self when I came home from Supreme. The best thing I did was visit my doctor to find out why. Three bypasses later, along with another procedure the surgeon did while in my chest, and I am well on the road to recovery. Again, thank you for your concern and your kind thoughts.

Except for filling orders, I have been doing a lot of work from home. I am happy to say we are pretty much caught up. Orders, including certificates for PGSs and DSCs will be attended to as soon as I'm given the green light by my surgeon to return to the office.

Stay well.

Fraternally, and in Friendship,  
Al



*From Supreme Secretary  
Jona Cowell*

Hello Knights and Sisters,

Supreme 2022 is over and it's time to get to work. I am very grateful for being elected Supreme Secretary and being part of this great organization. I have been a member of the Pythian Order for 46 years and I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Pythian. I served in the United States Air Force, and I am proud to have served my country. My goal is to support our Supreme Temple, its Officers, and its members in any way I can and to help our order grow Onward and Upward. The past few years have been hard on the Pythian Order, but we have survived. Now we need to grow and become strong.

Our Supreme Chief has already begun her visits to Grands and is making plans to visit so many more. Get me your information on your Grands so she can try to work in as many as possible. May all have a prosperous fall and a joyous holiday season.

Yours In P.L.E.&F.,  
Supreme Secretary Jona

## SUPREME LODGE CHARITY 2022-2024

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Walks are held in over 500+ communities across the nation now through November. The walk supports the following services: 24/7 helpline (800-272-3900); Care Consultations; Community Education; Caregiver training; professional training and support groups.

To find a walk near you click this link: <http://alz.org/KOP>

Start a team

Enter your zip code

Choose your walk and click "Start Your Team"

Enjoy the fellowship while supporting a worthy cause.



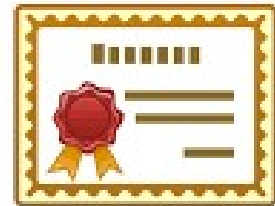
## 2023 Knights Of Pythias 6 Pack Club

A new program has been created to recognize the outstanding achievement of individuals that bring new members into the Order. The “**6 Pack Club**” is exclusively for those Brothers who have been instrumental in bringing six new members into Our Order.

Beginning October 1, 2022, and continuing through December 31, 2023, once a Brother in good standing has brought six new members into Our Order, the Lodge Secretary or Chancellor Commander will send an email to that Domain’s Deputy Supreme Chancellor (DSC), to include the recipient’s name, address, email, and phone number (if desired this can be mailed to the lodge for presentation). This will be forwarded to the Supreme Chancellor’s Membership Chairman. ([membership@pythias.org](mailto:membership@pythias.org))



A certificate and pin will be sent to the member in recognition of a great accomplishment. The membership in the Knights of Pythias has been impacted by COVID, so let us recognize our members that go above and beyond in supporting the Knights of Pythias.



The recipient is encouraged to wear the pin to all Pythian events – For they are a key contributor as we build up our membership.

**Show your 6 Pack**

# SUPREME TEMPLE OFFICERS 2022-2024



Back row L-R: Supreme Guard Dawn Dibble; Supreme Treasurer Jill Unger-Moder; Supreme Manager Roxanne Beatty; Supreme Secretary Jona Cowell; Supreme Protector Corrine Schneider

Front Row L-R: Supreme Junior Christine Bickley; Sitting Past Supreme Chief Joan Way; Supreme Chief Yolanda Chatwood; Supreme Senior Gwen Rhodes



**BROTHERS AND LADIES OF  
BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO LODGE #163/157  
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DOMAIN OF NEW JERSEY**

**Helping Feed the Hungry Families of New Jersey at the  
Center for Food Action in Elmwood Park, New Jersey**



Pictured: GVC/FS Bob & Linda Schlegel; Jeff Musnikow; & Bob & Brenda Huffman along with many citizens involved with food distribution in Elmwood Park. They put in time & effort to feed the hungry.

Bob Schlegel presents a check on behalf of Cardozo Lodge for much needed supplies.

## BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO LODGE #163/157, NEW JERSEY

Benjamin N. Cardozo Lodge #163/157, Fair Lawn, NJ participated in the 2022 Glen Rock/Fair Lawn ACS (American Cancer Society) Relay for Life. For the lodge, it's a major fundraising campaign with great results.



Many Brothers came out in support including pictured, L to R: Dave Sloves; Dave Judovin; Sal Tumminello; Dan Winston.





Also pictured, PDGC David Judovin and PSR Marvin I. Diner, KGS with some signage.



# DEFIANCE LODGE #335, PENNSYLVANIA



14 members of Defiance Lodge #335 attended the 9/11 Memorial on Friday 9/9 in Newtown, PA.



# NEW JERSEY'S GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

On Saturday September 17, 2022, the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of New Jersey held its Grand Lodge convention in person, in a return to normalcy after two years of COVID-19 restrictions and lockdowns.

Grand Chancellor Ray Breitowich conducted the Convention at the Monroe Township Senior Center. Acting Supreme Chancellor Craig Shink officiated for the Supreme Lodge and installed our 2022-2023 Officers.

One of the highlights was the awarding of the New Jersey Pythian Torch to Fortitude Centennial Lodge #160/100 for their ability to engage and increase their membership the last three years while continuing to provide social and ritualistic programs in person and virtually.

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



## Photo credits

1. PSC Joel Fierstien, KGS gives the obligation to GC Elect Schlegel.
2. Linda Schlegel prepares to "place his sash" on GC Schlegel
3. Newly installed Grand Chancellor Bob Schlegel addresses the convention
4. NJ Grand Lodge Officers 2022-2023; Breitowich, Spindel, Silverman, Kazin, Bellask, Goldenbaum & Diner receiving their charges of Office, from installation team Rochman & Shink.

# LITTLE PRINCE LODGE 79 MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA

## PYTHIAN DAY OF DEVINE WORSHIP



On September 11, 2022 membership of Little Prince Lodge #79 Moundsville, WV of the Grand Domain of West Virginia, assembled at the First Christian Church in Moundsville to attend a church service as a lodge in fulfillment of the request and decree of Supreme Chancellor Mark Mead of a Pythian Day of Divine Worship.

The congregation of the First Christian Church were very accommodating and hospitable to the members of the Lodge. The First Christian Church is led by Pastor Wesley Howare, a brother Knight of Little Prince Lodge.

14 members of the lodge attended this service.



## 72ND DISTRICT, DOMAIN OF NEW YORK

Recently the 72nd District, Domain of New York, donated coffee urns, hot chocolate, bottles of water, and tea bags to the VA Hospital at Castle Pointe, New York.



Left to Right: GC Charles Pakula, KGS/PDSC; GT Michael Sukenick, KGS; DSC Harvey Rosenshein, PDSC Roger Siegel, KGS; PCDGC Ron Klare, KGS; GS Steven Gold.





Items will be used by veterans staying at the facility as well as visitors to those using the facility.