



*Celebrating 150 years of Pythianism*

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## *A Message from The Supreme Chancellor*

Dear Pythian Family :

As we head into A New Year I wish you and your family a joyous holiday and a happy and Healthy New Year.

Let us all pray for peace throughout this world and for the safe return of our young men and women serving in the armed forces of the United States and Canada

In February we will be celebrating our 150th anniversary , I ask every Subordinate Lodge to have a set of ranks to celebrate this momentous occasion. Together we can make this 150 th Anniversary a banner membership Year.

God bless the Pythian order. God bless the United States and Canada

God Bless you all.

With Fraternal Love,

Jerry Deitch

*BEST WISHES FROM THE  
SUPREME LODGE COUNCIL  
FOR A VERY HAPPY  
HOLIDAY SEASON  
AND  
PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR!!!*



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*From the Supreme Secretary's Desk*

It's getting close to that time of year again; Annual Reports. All of the Grand Secretaries have been sent hard copies of the Annual Report blanks for Subordinate Lodges, some, at their request, have been sent electronic copies of the same.

I'm getting ready to send the report blanks for the Grand Lodge Annual Report – I need to know if you'd like them electronically, I will accept them via E-mail provided the first page follows by snail mail, signed, with the seal of your Grand Lodge. I will be sending two copies in the mail. Feel free to use either, but not both.

I'm working on a location on the first couple of pages of the Annual Report to indicate the number of Knights your domain has initiated since July 22 of this year. In commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Order Universal, the Supreme Lodge will be issuing a credit equal to the per capita tax for dues paying members for each new Knight, to be used against your Grand Lodge's orders for paraphernalia, that credit will include postage. This credit will be applied to your domain until July 31, 2014.

Subordinate Lodge Secretaries and/or individual members are requested to place their orders with and through their Grand Secretary.

Have a happy, healthy holiday season!

# Supreme Lodge News

## CELEBRATE THE ORDER AT 150

The 150th Anniversary of the Knights of Pythias, February 19, 2014, is a tremendous milestone. A WOW! All who are part of this fabled brotherhood may be proud of its rich history from the Founder, Justus H. Rathbone, the first meeting at Temperance Hall, appearing before President Abraham Lincoln and Secretary of State William Seward, the Uniform Rank, the Pythian Heroes, World War I and troop support, recognition by Presidents Eisenhower and Clinton, disaster relief, and charitable works, in the commitment to Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence now through Community Service. Franklin Lodge #2 will have its 150th anniversary in April 2014. Three presidents were members as well as so many other luminaries.

Celebrate the Order's epic anniversary, the sesquicentennial, in tribute to the highest aims of humanity, hold an event, recall the history, the heroes, the charitable and community causes, participate, and importantly share the occasion.

Share with the public as well as the Order. Take advantage of the public relations opportunities for promotion, recognition, and ask others to join in furtherance of the commitment to improve the quality of life.

As we move ahead, reach out and expand the reach of Knights of Pythias' practice of friendship, charity, and benevolence through community service where we live and work.

Happy Anniversary! Promote, honor, and celebrate the Knights of Pythias at 150.

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INSERT "Celebrating 150 Years of Pythianism" as a header on Pythian newsletters and publications and as a footer on the letterhead page of all Pythian correspondence.

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## PYTHIAN RECRUITMENT WEEK

PYTHIAN RECRUITMENT WEEK, February 16-22, 2014, is when all Brothers may be doing something together for celebration, promotion, and recruitment for the Order. Plan now. We are proud of our fabulous Knights of Pythias, and should publicize our contributions and commitment to Community Service and Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence. With any event, try to include the public. Local newspaper, cable tv, and social network sites are possible media with other possibilities in recognition and acknowledgment by government bodies and officials. Maximize this wonderful opportunity, and enjoy being part of our history.

Pythian Recruitment Week, Pythian Awareness Week for purposes of appealing to the public, additionally incorporates the milestone 150th Anniversary as well as unlimited opportunities to promote the Order, to recount its great history, to portray themes such as re-creation of the Story of Damon and Pythias or the first meeting, or to honor heroes of the Order.

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**SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS-** If there is a program in your domain or lodge that you want to share, please send it to Joel D. Fierstien, SMA.

## NEW LODGE INSTITUTED IN MONTANA

A new lodge in Helena, Montana, was instituted the end of September by Knights from British Columbia.. New Brothers were all initiated to the Rank of Knight in a morning lodge session. Following lunch, they elected their officers for the remainder of 2013. They were duly installed by Grand Chancellor Don Miller. Afterwards, DSC E. Ian Rothnie duly instituted and constituted the new lodge to be named Sapphire Lodge #1.

On Sunday morning, the Lodge was opened at 9:30 am . The rest of the day was spent doing workshops in regards to the officers and their responsibilities, explaining the duties of every office, floor work and how to set up the lodge for all ranks. The team covered everything one on one and as a group.



**The installing team and new members of Sapphire Lodge # 1 Helena, Montana back row left to right:**

**PDC Gerry Beatty, DSC E. Ian Rothnie, Ken Munch, Mike Mitzkus, Curtis Milledge, Chancy Ballard 2nd, Chris Lane, Doug Minor, PGC Jack Balfour, PGC Kevin Coulter.**

**Front Row L-R: PDSC Reg Webber, GC Donald Miller, Jonathon Straughn, Shane Dodd, Heath Mason, Wally Cox, Lewis Morris, PDSC Ivan Johnston**



# Grand Lodge News

## British Columbia

British Columbia Grand Sessions convened at Harrison Hot Springs, enjoying the presence of Supreme Chancellor Gerry Dietch, who took an active part with presentation of Supreme Lodge programs. He gave messages of motivation; installing the officers and giving assistance where needed.

Grand Chancellor Don Miller of Duncan is carrying out an active program of membership "Recruitment" with the theme of "Together we can" and "Together we must".



Seated L-R: Ian Rothnie DSC, Roger Murray GVC, Gerry Dietch SC, Don Miller GC, Ivan Johnston GT.

Standing L-R: Garry Miller GOG, Dale Ward GIG, Richard Anderson GMA, Ted Eagles GS, Raymond Cretelli GP.

Gold Range Lodge #26 of Revelstoke B.C. Canada has 4 to 6 devoted Pythian Brothers who donate approximately 6 hours of their time each towards the weekly Knights of Pythias Bingo's.

Some of the proceeds go to Bingo winners; the remainder goes towards various groups and individuals requiring medical assistance. These are: Revelstoke Cancer Support Group, Lake Revelstoke Dragon Boat Society (Cancer Survivors and Families), various minor sports clubs, and Revelstoke Secondary High School Bursaries, etc.

## Indiana

Crescens Lodge #33 held a Three Rank Class at their lodge hall in New Castle, IN on October 27, 2013. There were about 21 Brothers in attendance to do the rank work for 7 new members.

A delicious dinner followed the meeting.

Five new Knights took the obligation on the Rathbone Bible and finished Rank of Knight.



From left to right: Indiana Grand Chancellor Richard Neal, Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle; Rob Carroll, Crescens Lodge #33; Rick Bryrer, Crescens Lodge #33; Jim Lancaster, Welcome Lodge #37, Muncie; Stephen Whisman, Crescens Lodge #33; Matthew Whisman, Crescens Lodge #33.

Jeff McCarter and Caleb Scharbrough, both of Crescens #33, also took the obligation of the Rank of Page on the Bible, but are not in picture.

## Maine/Maritimes

Each year we rotate the Domain hosting the sessions, this year the Maritimes were the host, next year Maine will be the host. Both Domains gather at each Monument, the GL Officers of Maine dressed in their Red and the Maritimes dressed in their Black. GC's lay the wreaths and the GP of the country whose monument we are visiting offers a prayer. At the meeting on the bridge we get great co-operation from the officers on duty. Traffic comes to a complete halt as the GMA leads the GL Officers of his country to the centre of the bridge where the greetings and plaques are exchanged. A reception line is formed and greetings are exchanged by all the officers. At the session in the PM, three ranks were put on a candidate. A busy afternoon! Supper was attended by 75.

From the Maritimes we had representation from Amherst, Oxford, Springhill, NS and Moncton, Saint John, Saint Stephen, Queens Lodge, Fredericton, NB. In fact this year, we were only missing representation from two lodges, not bad after 61 times. Just a little more info, hope you will be able to come some year.

This year was our sixty first Pythian International Jubilee of Hands Across the Border. Each year the Knights and Sisters from Maine and Maritimes meet on the last full weekend of Sept. On Friday evening we meet for registration and a social evening of fellowship and entertainment. On Saturday the GL Officers place Memorial Wreath's at the Cenotaph in Canada then cross the Border and do the same in US then the Americans march from US and the Canadians from Canada and meet in the centre of the International Bridge for greetings and exchange Plaques. This year we had rank work as well. It is a wonderful event.

## Maritime Provinces

At the Grand Session in Fredericton, SC Gerry Deitch presented Artur Irvine, Sr. PSR with his 50 year certificate.



Other awards : William Field, PSR, KGS presented Arnold Libby, PSR, KGS with his 50 year certificate. Bill was CC of Fredericton Lodge#6 when Arnold joined and presented him with his first pin in the order.



William Field, Past Imperial Regent, presented Past Imperial Prince Brian McGuire with his Past Imperial Prince Certificate and jewel.



## Maryland

**The 2013-2014 Maryland Grand Lodge Officers who were installed by SVC Keith Stooksberry.**



**Seated L-R: Shawn Moss, GOG; Keith Stooksberry, Supreme Vice Chancellor and Installing Officer; John Shockey PGC, Grand Chancellor; Paul David Moss DSC, GVC; Sir Thomas Patton PGC, GMA.**

**Standing L-R: Robert Hester, GP; Adam Young, GIG; Al Stevens PGC, Grand Sec.; Charles Beatty PGC, Grand Treas.; Sir Thomas Beall PGC, Installing Supreme Master at Arms.**

**Presentation of mock check for Grand Lodge / Temple project for 2012 - 2013 "Buckles"**



**In Front L-R: Grand Chief Michelle Videlock, Barbara Boshier - Project Chairman.**

**Back Row L-R: Charlie Beatty, GT; Mr. Larry Ronald, PPAW's representative; Brosh Boshier, Grand Chancellor; Vicki Allen, Project Co-Chairman.**

## Massachusetts

**On Monday evening, November 18, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts made a donation to the U.S. Marine Corp's "Toy's for Tots" Program. They donated a check in the amount of \$500.00, a box of stuffed animals and a large bag of toys for the kids.**



**Pictured left to right: Sergeant Rich Dobbyn, USMC; GIG Edward Paderson; GVC Joseph Haskell, Chairman of the Charitable Presentation Committee; Master Gunnery Sergeant Jack Kinsherf, USMC; and GP David C. Kahan**

**On Tuesday evening, September 24, at the Annual Meeting of Handi Kids, a camp for Special Needs Children founded by the Massachusetts Knights of Pythias 50 years ago, the Grand Lodge made a donation of \$30,000, while a \$1,500 donation was made by Peter Woodland Lodge #72.**



**Members of the Charitable Presentation Committee - pictured left to right: GIG Edward Paderson; GP David C. Kahan; GVC Joseph Haskell presenting the checks to Brother Thomas Walsh, President of Handi Kids**



## New York

The Peter Woodland Monument Refurbishment Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York held a Re-Dedication Ceremony of the Peter Woodland Monument on October 26, 2013 at the Bayview-New York Cemetery in Jersey City NJ.

Peter Woodland was a Pythian and a hero who gave his life so others would live.

The event was attended by Pythians and numerous guests from New York and New Jersey as well as the Past Imperial Prince and President of the DOKK Foundation Sir William Huber who also was in attendance. Representatives of the Sandhog Union of New York and New Jersey also attended and spoke during the Dedication Ceremony.



L-R: Committee Chairman, Sir David Peltzer, PDSC, Allan Greenberg, DSC, Matthew Silverman, PCDGC, Robert Kaufman, PGC, Sir Michael Sukenick, PGC & Imperial Azim, Craig Shink PGC and Henry Gutterman, ACDGC.

## Ohio

On the afternoon of Sunday, October 20th, 2013 North Jackson Lodge #343 hosted a 3-Rank Class. 3 new Knights were knighted by Grand Chancellor Tom Mount, Domain of Ohio. The Grand line was assisted in the rank work by Grand Trustees, Past Grand Chancellors and visiting Knights. It was a crowded lodge room filled with Brother Knights. Following the rank work the Lodge provided a meal to all. The new knights were James McLean, Shawn McLean and Jason Glasspell.



(L to R) PC Harry Price, Jason Glasspell, PGC Ed Neese, James McLean, Shawn McLean, Prelate George Haney and PC Mel Megown

## Tennessee

Oak Leaf Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Rockwood, Tn. provides 40 Thanksgiving Food baskets for deserving families for a full course Thanksgiving meal. The brothers and sisters packed and delivered these food boxes on Tuesday during the cold and rainy weather. We provided these Thanksgiving Food Baskets at a cost of over \$1000.00. This is an annual charity project for our lodge. Thanks to everyone who participated and donated to this project.



## Quebec

**Syracuse Lodge #9 and Sportsman's Lodge #41, Domain of Quebec, is very pleased to have held rank work to officially welcome 5 new Brothers to our Pythian Order.**



**Pictured, left to right) Brothers Mortimer Besner, Michael Baron, Murray Nadel (a member of the Pythian Order for over 60 years) Allan Berish and Jerry Shendelman.**

## Virginia

**Grand Chancellor, Lyle Joyner, presenting Irvin Friedman award to DSC Mike Thornton at Virginia Grand Convention**



**Dean Harding received the Knight of the Golden Spur pin from his wife**



## Virginia



**Those in Picture are Left to Right:**

**Grand Sec. Al Sims, Pythian of the Year; DSC Sir Mike Thornton, Irvin Friedman Award; Grand Vice Chancellor Steve Chitwood holding Bobby Riggs membership award; Grand Chancellor Steve Marquardt and MEC Teresa Foley, Pythian Sister of the Year**

### Ohio Grand Lodge Officers 2013-2014



Ohio Grand Chancellor Tom Mount and Ohio Grand Chief Mona Morrison

### West Virginia



Grand Chancellor, Donald Stamm and Grand Chief, Janet Bartlett opening cards wishing them a successful and enjoyable year, at a reception held in their honor September 29th at Fairmont, WV.

### West Virginia

Elkins – Tygart Lodge No. 76 of the Order of Knights of Pythias hosted a membership initiation on Nov. 2 at the Elkins IOOF Lodge Hall on the Beverly five-lane.

Keith Stooksberry, Supreme Vice Chancellor, represented the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias. State officers for West Virginia included Donald Stamm, Grand Chancellor; Emil Suder, Grand Vice Chancellor; W. Larry Ferguson, Grand Secretary; Monte Miller, Grand Treasurer; Charles McClure, Grand Prelate; Sherman Riffle, Grand Master-at-Arms; Warren DeBarr, Grand Inner Guard; and Marvin Wyatt, Grand Uter Guard.

New members included Paul Brady, III; Claude DeBarr; Ray Chewning; Gail Cogar; Robert Bulion; and Kenny Truer.

The Order of Knights of Pythias was founded by Justus Rathbone and approved by an act of Congress with its charter signed by president Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 19, 1864, in Washington, D.C. It is founded on the principles of friendship, charity, and benevolence and its aim is to promote friendship and goodwill toward all.



## Wyoming

The Cheyenne, Wyoming Knights of Pythias, Lodges #122 and #123, hosted a Zombie Prom on September 28, 2013. The Zombie Prom was part of Zombie Fest 3, a fundraiser for the Cheyenne Little Theater Players and Historic Atlas Theater.



Providing the venue, security and concessions were (front to back, left to right): Haven Wester, Leana Hartwig, Mike Mansfield, Laurie Hutchinson, Marianne Mansfield, Kathy Wenger, Sebastian Holcomb, Pat Gallizzi, Gideon Chavez, Bryan Wenger, Solveig Gasner, Greg Searls, Brian Hartwig, and movie actor Ken Foree. Not pictured are: Audra Hartwig, Robin Coppinger, and Dean Jeffries.

**Robert Wenger and Bridgette Maurer were crowned Zombie Prom King and Queen**

### Pythian International Deadlines

Articles need to be sent in to the PI Chairman by the following dates to be printed in the next issue.

March 31st for May issue

July 30th for September issue

November 30th for January issue

If you have timely news articles that you would like to share with other Grand Domains, please e-mail them to: [KeithS848@aol.com](mailto:KeithS848@aol.com). Pictures are always a plus. Thank you for your help!



**The 77th Convention of the Supreme Lodge  
Knights of Pythias and the 62nd Convention  
of the Supreme Temple will be held at the  
Riviera Hotel and Casino In Las Vegas,  
Nevada from August 3-6, 2014.**

**Tours are being planned by the committee.**

**Call 1-800-634-6753 & use Code SKOP714. Luxury room is \$94.00 plus tax. Room Reservations Cutoff date June 30, 2014.**

**Tentative Schedule**

**Sunday, August 3**

**Noon Sunshine Girls Lunch  
Installation of Officers  
2 PM Joint Opening &  
Memorial**

**7 PM Supreme Banquet**

**Monday to Wednesday AM,  
August 4-6**

**Supreme Business Sessions**

**Wednesday, August 6**

**2 PM Joint Installation  
7 PM Reception Dinner  
honoring the new  
Supreme Officers**

