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A Message from the Supreme Master at Arms

Fellow Pythians, Sisters and Friends,

Each day we are faced with challenges- financial, work, social and yes even computer challenges. I may be able to help, at least with the computer challenges. I hope to provide insight to some of the computer issues that we all face. My first commentary is about password managers, a tool that is nearly as essential as virus protection. Enjoy.

Have you ever heard of a password manager? You can get it for whatever type of computer you have (tablet, desktop/laptop) Prices vary. Let me tell you why I think it's important.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Summer/Fall 2017

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| California Fresno | June 16-17 SC Krell |
| Arizona Tucson | June 9-11 SS Morris |
| Texas Temple | June 9-11 SC Krell |
| Alabama Bessemer | June 17 SOG Stamm |
| New York Ellenville | June 28-30 ST Ast |
| West Virginia Elkins | July 6-8 SMA Mead |
| Indiana Lafayette | July 20-22 SS Morris |

Supreme Council Meeting

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| Westlake, Ohio | August 6 |
| Maritime Provinces Fredericton | August 25-27 SOG Stamm |
| Ohio Fairborn | Aug 28 – Sept 2 ST Ast |
| Maryland Ocean City | September 7-9 SVC Fierstien |
| Nevada Las Vegas | September 10-12 SS Morris |

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Supreme Master at Arms Message

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Every day when we log in to something on the internet, we're told to change our passwords every five minutes thanks to the latest massive breach, it's hard to imagine life without a password manager. Yet, many of us continue to use a simple Word document or even a sheet of paper to jot down every password. The rules for password are never consistent. Use uppercase, numbers, and special characters. Furthermore, we are expecting to each system to maintain our privacy.

Once you've started using a password manager, you realize just how insane things have gotten that you are expected to not only remember a hundred passwords, but also to spontaneously make up words and phrases that follow all the different and bizarre password-creation rules that sites require.

If you are not using a password manager, you're in a high-risk category for getting hacked and exploited. A password manager is an application that remembers your passwords for you and stores them in an encrypted vault. One master password unlocks the vault when you need to retrieve a password or create a new one.

For those of you who've long known about the risks of allowing a browser or operating system to remember and autofill password fields, trusting a password manager doesn't come easily. But the risk of an attack is significantly minimized with a manager.

A password manager usually has other nifty features too, like helping you search for (and change) duplicated passwords. One common way people get their social media and email accounts hacked is when malicious hackers comb through old breach dumps online, grab the logins and passwords, and then try them on their current accounts in the hopes that you've reused the password since.

Supreme Master at Arms Message (Cont.)

Password managers also give users a way to automatically create new, long, complex passwords that follow all the crazy rules sites make for us: things like including upper- and lowercase letters, numbers, symbols, and a given number characters.

Some of the most highly regarded password managers include mSecure, KeePass, 1Password, and Dashlane. I prefer mSecure, but each is a worthwhile alternative. Take a couple of minutes to review your options and select a solution that best meets your needs.

You might not be comfortable trusting any company with your most sensitive data, I'll just say it is better than the alternative of keep putting passwords on sticky notes.

Want to know more about password managers, do a Google search for Password Manager. PC Magazine did a 2017 review of many different password manager comparing the feature (www.pcmag.com/article2/0,2817,2407168,00.asp)

Let me know what has worked for you. Contact me at meaddm@gmail.com, also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/d.mark.mead>



From the Supreme Secretary's Desk

It's the end of May and the summer months are almost upon us, yet there are still a few domains that are delinquent with their Annual Reports. I would like to have those outstanding reports and per capita tax payments before mid-June so I can complete my Mid-Term Report for the Supreme Lodge.

I'll be doing a lot of traveling during the next few months, visiting Grand Lodges in Arizona, Indiana, Nevada, and Oregon; plus, the Supreme Council Meeting at the Imperial Palace Convention on August 6. It will be nice friendly faces and rekindle friendships.

I Wish you a safe and healthy summer. Stay well.

You can also E-mail us at:
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IN MEMORIAM

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| David Maurer, PSR (MI) | 05/05/17 |
| Howard Greif, PST (NY) | 05/11/17 |
| Hayden Woolum, PGC (OH) | 05/17 |

MASSACHUSETTS READ AND RIDE PROGRAM

The Domain of Massachusetts was first introduced to the Read and Ride program about two years ago; we thought it was a great way to get our name out to the public and get some great publicity at the same time. A committee was set up to consider the feasibility of Massachusetts getting involved in this program. We considered libraries that would be interested and what kind of deal we could get on the purchase of multiple bikes.

We started with the Stoughton Library, the town where our Grand and Supreme offices are located. A set of guidelines were discussed. The Texas program dealt with city or town school systems, but we needed to change to a library, because the libraries in Massachusetts run the reading programs in the summer months. We then negotiated a deal with Toys R Us to purchase assembled bikes and helmets; we got a great deal from them. Each bike and helmet has a label on it stating, "Donated by The Knights of Pythias / Provided by Toys R Us". A label was given to the manager at Toys R Us, which he faxed to his VP - they were extremely thankful that we added their name to the label.

The program we developed is for grades 1, 2 & 3. We give the library three female and three male bikes (20") and helmets to be raffled off. We also give information forms and certificates to be given to each child that signed up for the program. The library draws the winning raffle tickets and then calls the winners with a day and time the bikes will be presented to them. The Knights attend that giveaway in red jackets and tie to award the bikes to the winners. Pictures are taken and they are hopefully sent to the local papers. We give a short speech about the Knights of Pythias, who we are, what we do and what charities we donate to. We pass out applications to the fathers and all parents receive a Knights of Pythias tee shirt.

After our first year of involvement, which was very successful, we decided to give away thirty-six bikes and helmets to six library systems.

In 2017 we decided to expand the program and give away sixty bikes and helmets to ten local libraries. We know this will again be very successful. As a side note, a message was left at one library, for the children's librarian to call me back. I left a short message of what we do. I called her back the next day and I asked the operator to connect me to her phone. I mentioned I was from the Knights of Pythias and before I could finish, she told me that they were so grateful that we were donating six bikes to their reading program. They could not believe that we were donating to multiple libraries, sixty bikes and helmets for the children.

All the libraries were very thankful for our donation. Hopefully this program will help people to be more familiar who the Knights of Pythias are and what we do for the community.

Alan Zamansky, PSR/KGS
Overall Domain Chairman

MASSACHUSETTS DONATES TO CHARITY

On Saturday evening, April 8 the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts held an Appreciation Night for all of the members of the Pythian Order living within the state, Brothers and Sisters alike. During the evening GVC Harvey Slobodkin, Chairman of the Charitable Presentation Committee presented checks to two of the charities the Massachusetts Grand Lodge Supports.



Left, GVC Slobodkin presenting a \$4,000 to Todd Katz, director of United Cerebral Palsy of MetroBoston.



Left, GVC Slobodkin presenting a \$15,000 check to the director of My Brother's Table – a food pantry that services more than 30,000 needy families yearly.

GRAND LODGE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE/VERMONT – RELAY FOR LIFE

The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire/Vermont has been a supporter of Relay for Life for a number of years, this year raising and donating \$2,500.



Left, a member representing the American Cancer Society accepting a \$2,500 from members of the New Hampshire/Vermont Grand Lodge in Manchester, NH – left to right: Grand Treasurer Kenneth Warren, SR; PGC Howard Kagen; and Grand Prelate James Tebo

A 50-YEAR VETERAN PRESENTATION IN VIRGINIA



Friends; This is a photo of 50-Year Life Member Jesse Shelton being presented his Certificate, Card and Pin. On the left is Chancellor Commander Marvin Thornton, Jesse and Supreme Rep. Mike Thornton. Jesse's wife Lucille took this picture, the first time she had taken a picture with a phone. As a side note, Jesse and Lucille donated land so a person living in a "shack" could have a place of his own. The community came together and volunteered work and material, some bought at reduced prices. The project will be done soon and made the front page of local paper...
Mike

2018 SUPREME CONVENTIONS



I am Craig Shink, Deputy Supreme Chancellor of New York. I am a member of Franklin Delano Roosevelt Lodge #613, the Home Lodge of Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell.

The Supreme Chancellor has honored me by appointing me as the Chairman of the Supreme Convention which will be held in New York City on August 5, 2018 to August 8, 2018. Our committee has been hard at work for the last 4 years planning and arranging the Convention and the Excursions being offered.

The Convention will be held at the Sheraton Times Square Hotel located at 811 7th Avenue, in New York City. The Hotel is 51 stories high with 1,750 rooms. It is located in the heart of the Times Square/Broadway area.

We are planning an Excursion to the 911 Memorial and Museum on Sunday morning, August 5, 2018. We will also be holding a banquet in honor of the Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Chief on Sunday evening.

On Monday evening, August 6, 2018, we will be having a Dinner Cruise on a World Yacht ship while circling Manhattan and Ellis Islands, the Statute of Liberty and the magnificent New York City Skyline.

Tuesday afternoon and evening, August 7, 2018 will be free to explore New York City on your own. Our committee will be available to advise you on obtaining tickets to Broadway shows, Sporting events, Madame Trussard's Wax Museum, "Double Decker" Sight Seeing Busses and World Renown Restaurants. You can contact us at KOPSupremeConvention2018@gmail.com with any of your questions.

We will be having a Hospitality Room during the Convention for your use and pleasure.

There are many Restaurants within blocks of the Hotel that serve reasonable priced Breakfasts, Lunches, and Dinners. Upon request, we can email copies of their Menus for your review. Just contact us.

We are looking for a venue to hold the reception to The Incoming Supreme Council & Temple Officers on Wednesday, August 8, 2018 and once those plans are finalized, we will advise you as to the plans.

We are negotiating with the Local parking garages around the Hotel to give us a flat rate for parking your car for the convention. Transportation from the Local Airports to the Hotel is provided by Taxi with a Flat Fee ranging from \$43.00 - \$58.00 depending on which airport you arrive at JFK, LaGuardia, or Newark. We look forward to your attending. The Supreme Convention and want you to let us know if you have any questions please not hesitate to contact us.

Pricing on the Convention Hotel and Excursions are on the accompanying article. Again, please email us with any and all questions you may have to KOPSupremeConvention2018@gmail.com.

We look forward to welcoming you to New York City and the Sheraton Times Square Hotel.

Craig Shink
Deputy Supreme Chancellor - New York
Chairman-Supreme Convention 2018



SUPREME CONVENTION 2018 AUGUST 5, 2018-AUGUST 8, 2018

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Room Rates (Rates shown include all taxes & fees)

| Number in Room | Fri 8/3 | Sat 8/4 | Sun 8/5 | Mon 8/6 | Tues 8/7 | Wed 8/8 | Thu 8/9 | Fri 8/10 | Sat 8/11 |
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| 1 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 |
| 2 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 | \$199 |
| 3 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 | \$229 |
| 4 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 | \$259 |

Room Reservations (Mark Number in Room Choice & Nights staying at Hotel)

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TOURS & EVENTS

| Date | Time | Event | Cost Per Person | Number Attending | Total Cost |
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| Sun 8/5 | 9:30am-1:00pm | Trip to National September 11 Memorial & Museum | \$45.00 | | |
| Sun 8/5 | 6:00pm-7:00pm | Cocktail Hour at Ballroom Area | Cash Bar | XXXXXX | XXXXXXXX |
| Sun 8/5 | 7:00pm-11:00pm | Banquet in Honor Supreme Council & Supreme Temple Officers 2016-2018 | \$65.00 | | |
| Mon 8/6 | 5:30pm-11:00pm | World Yacht Dinner Cruise Around Manhattan | \$75.00 | | |

COST FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

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| Hotel Room Rates Chosen | |
| X Number of Nights | |
| = Total Cost of Hotel Registration | |

COST OF TOURS & EVENTS

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| Cost of Tours & Events | |
| X Number of People | |
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