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

Make a difference:

1) With April 22 being Earth Day, what can be done, how to protect our planet, its beauty, the environment? These issues impact our children, grandchildren, progeny. Every step may be meaningful for health, life, and quality of life. This term's Poster Contest, "Go green, help save the world," directs focus on the environment.

2) With our presence and participation in the World Scout Jamboree 2019 - North America this July August, this is the opportunity for visibility, promotion, recruitment, and showing what we do and what is important.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Spring/Summer 2019

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

Oklahoma Tulsa	April 5-6 SOG Schwartz
Maine Bangor	April 25-27 PSC Wright
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	May 3-5
Florida Miami	May 5-12 SMA Ward
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 8-11 SP Mead
Massachusetts Peabody	May 9-10 SVC Brown
Tennessee Pigeon Forge	June 7-9 ST Ast
Arizona Tucson	June 7-9 SP Mead
Texas Fort Worth	June 7-9 SC Fierstien
California Santa Ana	June 13-15 SIG Stamm
Alabama Florence	June 15 SVC Brown
Quebec	
New York Ellenville	June 26-28 SC Fierstien

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3) The Knight of the Golden Spur honors Pythian for extraordinary service as Pythian. But, be mindful that the procedure must be followed literally or the honor will not be approved. Make sure you are aware of the process so as not to jeopardize the selection. Once begun, only the chairman of the second committee may communicate with the Supreme Lodge chairman.

By our actions as Pythians, we hope to make a difference to a broad spectrum.



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

155 Anniversary Pins are selling for \$5.00 each. However, if your Grand Lodge would like to purchase 100 or more of them in the same order, the Supreme Lodge will sell them for **\$4.00 each and waive the cost of shipping, to one address.** All of Our Brothers should be wearing one.

Fraternally,

Allen S. Morris, SS/KGS



From the Desk of Supreme Chief Joan Way

I am very proud to announce the opening of a new Pythian Sister Temple in Cheyenne Wyoming, Cheyenne Temple #1, on March 30, 2019 when the Constitution was signed and dated. It was a great honor for me as Supreme Chief to meet and obligate 11 women whom I can now call my Sisters. This group of Sisters were so excited that words cannot express their feelings however once the Installation of Officers were complete and I introduced the new temple to the Knights that attended there were plenty of tears of joy. I have to congratulate the Knights of Wyoming for their encouragement to the Sisters of Cheyenne Temple #1, I believe they will work very hard together to make Wyoming great again. Also a big shout out to Yolanda Chatwell for helping me thru this, could not of done this without her over this past weekend.



Back row left to right: Aspen Duran – Trustee; Shawna Waer – Guard; Dallas Palso – Protector; Kathy Hartwig – Treasurer; TJ Hollingsworth – Secretary; Leana Hartwig – Musician; Jennifer Chambers – Law Committee

Front Row starting left: Mariana Lyons-Smith – Manager; Laurie Hutchinson – Excellent Senior; Audra Hartwig – Most Excellent Chief; Mary Kreye – Past Chief; Desiree Smith – Excellent Junior



*From the Supreme Secretary's
Desk*

Pythians All:

Congratulations are being sent to Supreme Chief Joan Way on the institution on the new Temple in Wyoming. I've been told there is a possibility for another new Temple later this spring. Way to go Supreme Chief.

To Maharani Linda Bridges, PSC, on the institution of a new Santha in Brooklyn. It is rewarding to see what these two Sisters are doing.

Spring is here, snow is gone, spring showers are forecast, flowers are peeking out of ground, and there is flooding across the nation.

With spring comes spring breaks, with the rest of my family having all returned from theirs, I will be taking a spring break cruise. I looking forward for the sunshine, a slower pace and to be rested and ready to get back to work afterwards.

With spring we need to get out and support our local lodges and temples, and why not get a car load and visit a neighboring lodge or temple. It is a joy to help out our fellow Pythians. If you might have a person who you think with be interested in joining, take

them to a fun event, given them a brochure on the order or a copy of the Pythian International or Pythian Tidings to read. As they review the information , they will see we are a service organization, with many projects to help others. And JUST maybe they will want to join

I'm receiving the Sisters Annual Reports, they are showing that our numbers are shrinking every year. We need to stop, look around us and try to get new members.

Remember, it is up to each of us to do our part in getting new members. The Supreme Chief has started, so let us follow her.

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



WHAT IS COMMITMENT?

By SMA Mark Ward

Commitment is *dedication to a* particular organization, belief or cause and a willingness to get involved. People who are committed truly believe that it is important and they show up, stick with it and follow through. Even a person who misses one meeting can still be committed, regardless of what is said behind their backs. The more people who are committed to your lodge, the greater the momentum you can generate to get things done.

The more committed people are, the more effective they can be in influencing others. If the whole lodge acts with commitment and determination, large numbers of people will really pay attention. People cooperate at a higher level when commitment is shared. Commitment fosters comradery, caring and trust- the kinds of things lodges need to help them keep going for many years. Groups need fresh new ideas to be successful. Organizations such as ours thrive when they have a diverse team of people who can provide individual ideas. Brainstorming is a good way for members to consider ideas and come up with new ways of doing things for the good of the lodge. It is one thing to have the lodge as a team but without teamwork the chances of success are slim. Lack of trust is a prime reason for a lack of commitment. Do new ideas, especially from new members, get shot down immediately?

Commitment can be lost when members don't communicate well, become embroiled in unresolved conflicts, don't live the principles of the organization, don't build relationships to support others, and don't see leaders demonstrating commitment. As a member of your lodge, welcome whoever asks about your group. Get to know them and make them feel valued. This produces the basis for developing a relationship and acts to cement commitment in the future.

INDIANA IN THE NEWS

Longtime North Newton cross country and track coach Tim Loughmiller was surprised and honored during halftime of the North Newton/West Central basketball game Friday night as it was announced that the high school track will be named the Tim Loughmiller Track at Dick Gilbert Field. Brother Tim has been volunteering his time and talent for more than twenty years.



PGC Tim Loughmiller, a member of Morocco Lodge #492 in Morocco, Indiana was surprised and honored with the announcement that the high school track is going to be named after him. PGC Loughmiller is shown being presented with the a sign that will be placed at the track from his wife.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

By Brother Michael H. Horowitz MichaelMhh6@verizon.net

COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ARE THE KEYS TO BRING OUR FRATERNITY INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

Please read the following with an open and positive mindset. We should use all modern technology to increase communications from the Supreme Lodge to all the Grand Lodges, to their subordinate lodges and to their members. All subordinate lodges should disseminate the following to its entire membership: "Supreme Chancellor's Program" and the editions of the "Pythian International."

The Supreme Lodge should have a position called, "Communication & Public Relations."

Your Grand Lodge, each Grand Lodge and every subordinate lodge should have a position called, "Communication & Public Relations." Make up a press kit to give out to all editors of your community newspapers, local community leaders and organizations so everybody knows who we are and what our mission is: "To Help People."

Have your council meetings and committee meetings open to all members with the right to express their ideas and suggestions. All minutes of all the Grand Lodge Meetings should be disseminated to all the subordinate lodges so they can be disseminated to all their members. We must be more open and transparent to all our members on everything.

Subordinate Lodges

Sponsor Scouting units and sport teams in your communities.

Order a table banner, so you can display it in all pictures at events.

Put your website and phone number, on your banner. Go to www.vistaprint.com, cost about \$30.

We should encourage all subordinate lodges to disseminate all information that they receive from the

Supreme Lodge and the Grand Lodge to all their members.

Put the following web-sites in all your bulletins, Face Book Page, etc., www.pythias.org, Grand Lodge, District, and your lodge.

- Make your meetings more interesting and have one meeting per month open to the public with a guest speaker. You can get free speakers from your local police precinct, school district and other organizations in your area. Join local community organizations. Inform your local Scouting Council about the "Pythian Eagle Certificate & Patch Program."
- Set up information tables at community events, street fairs, get more involve in your community.
- Use modern methods to keep in touch with your members, telephone, e-mails, texting, Face Book, Skype, Zoom (Video Conferencing) telephone conferencing, it's free. Issue monthly press releases to local community newspapers with pictures of your activities and events. Open your fund raising events to the public.

Education

Have orientation classes for new members on all programs available to them on all levels.
Have Town Hall Meetings in each District, so members can provide input with their ideas and suggestions.

Please make sure you give the following to new members.

- A copy of your Lodge's By- Laws
- A copy of your Benevolent Association's By-Laws
- Inform Members that they can purchase the following from their Grand Lodge Secretary:
Grand Lodge's Constitution & Statutes, Ritual for Subordinate Lodges
- From our Supreme Secretary: Supreme Lodge's Constitution & Statutes

OUR FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

MAYOR PROCLAIMS 'KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS WEEK' IN MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS

The Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 212 in Mineral Wells is celebrating this year 125 years of continuous service in and for the city.

With that, and the fraternal organization's 155th birthday on Tuesday, February 19, Mineral Wells Mayor Christopher Perricone has proclaimed February 19-23.

Representing the local lodge for Tuesday's reading and accepting of the proclamation at the City Hall Annex was Don Whisenhunt Sr.

Whisenhunt hold the title of Grand Secretary for the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Texas. He is the first Mineral Wells resident and member of Lodge 212 to serve in that position.

The local lodge was established June 22, 1894. The State Grand Lodge convention held annually was been hosted in Mineral Wells on seven different occasions – 1905, 1930, 1935, 1950, 1957, 1958 and 1962.

Past Grand Chancellors from Mineral Wells include John W. Birdwell (1935); Norman Jones (1975); James R. Daniels (1979); James Bateman (1988); Cecil Holifield Jr. (1991); Gerald Valentine (1996); Don Whisenhunt Sr. (1999); Walter S. Choate (2004); and Oscar Choate (2014).

Steve Butcher served the Order as the only Grand Treasurer from Mineral Wells.

At this year's convention in June, Mineral Wells resident Doug Liles will be installed as to serve as Grand Chancellor. He is the son of J.M. and Wilma Liles, of Mineral Wells.

"The members of the Texas Grand Lodge await expectantly for completions of the city's renovations and remodeling so that again they might return to Mineral Wells for a future convention," said Whisenhunt.

The Knights of Pythias has operated its Texas Pythian Children's Home in Weatherford since 1910. The local lodge in recent years have successfully coordinated and supported the "See A Child, Save A Child" program by installing reflective orange flags on children's bicycles and tricycles and distributes safety books in the library, schools and public facilities.



Mineral Wells Mayor Christopher Perricone, right, reads to GS Don Whisenhnt Sr. a proclamation, making Feb. 19-23 'Knights of Pythias Week' in the city.

LODGE SAFETY CONCERNS

Questions for your lodge to address:

1. Do you have a functioning defibrillator and can the members operate it in time of need?
2. Do you have enough fire extinguishers and have your members been instructed in their proper use?
3. Have you had update training in your lodge for proper CPR in times of need?
4. Have you addressed general safety concerns for your lodge, such as adequate lighting outside and inside, enough smoke detectors in good working condition.

Knights Night Out!

Damon Lodge #4 has started a new program aimed at promoting attendance and family involvement in our lodge programs. We call it "Knights' Night Out". With this program we select a location in our city to have dinner and a night out with our wives or invited guest. This is a perfect way to introduce prospective members to our organization and to involve families in our program. Family involvement has always been a desired goal of our program, and this makes it fun and something to look forward to each month. At each meeting we ask the wives and guests to choose a location for the next month's meeting, so everyone has a voice in choosing. The objective is getting better acquainted with Pythian families, so we do not talk shop during our night out.

Our lodge would like to present this idea to all the lodges in Oregon as a way to promote our lodge and have fun doing so. Who is in? Will your lodge take the challenge and schedule your own Knights' Night Out?

**SHINING STAR TEMPLE #1, PYTHIAN SISTERS
2019 OFFICERS - FAIR LAWN, NJ**



Standing left to right: Excellent Junior Gayle Musnikow; Manager Vicki Gordon; Excellent Senior Sandy Starr; Protector Harriet Prenselaar
Seated left to right: Secretary Susan Jaffe; Outer Guard Liz Gelstein; Most Excellent Chief Andrea Platsky; Treasurer Sue Schwartz; Musician Brenda Leichtnam

**BENJAMIN N CARDOZO LODGE #163/157 OFFICERS 2019
NEW JERSEY**



Back row left to right: Larry Morgenstein, OG; Seth Diamond, IG; Bob Starr, Prelate; Michael Seligman, MA; Harvey Weber VC
Seated left to right; Weiner, Sec/KGS; Dave Weiner, MW; Dan Winston, CC; Jeff Zerowin, FS/KGS

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

Congratulations to Benjamin N Cardozo Lodge's new Pythian Knights. They are proud to have you all in the hardest working lodge in the domain.



L to R: Gary Balaban, David Tratner, Alex Galperin, Howard Sperling, Sal Tumminello

To all Pythian Brothers,

Have you signed up for the Relay for Life -TEAM CARDOZO, KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS? It's so easy. Go to http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=92320 Team Cardozo to create an account. Just click on DONATE & follow instructions. You can set up your own name (sponsor) or just donate to ACS through our TEAM CARDOZO. It's a 501(3)(c) tax deductible contribution. And if the site prompts you to click on facebook, do so. It gives access to your facebook friends to know you care about fighting cancer.

The American Cancer Society is a Supreme & NJ Grand Lodge Charity we support.

Let's show Fair Lawn and Glen Rock what Benjamin N Cardozo Lodge can do for the community. The more family, friends, acquaintances, fellow workers we sign onto Team Cardozo, the better standing we'll have in donations. The Relay for Life is on June 1, 2019 starting at 6:00PM

Last year we had many donors, but very few asked family & friends to sponsor them on the walk. That way your family & friends can support you by donating to the Relay for Life. Last year's Team Cardozo raised a few dollars shy of \$6000, coming in **4th** of all teams. **We were able to be a Gold Sponsor.**

If you have any questions, please see me at meetings or contact me at (201) 673-4335, dhsloves@yahoo.com.



Fair Lawn NJ - Benjamin N Cardozo Lodge #163/157 makes a donation in supermarket gift cards to the Fair Lawn Food Bank.



Cardozo Lodge members Nick Magarelli; Marvin Diner, KGS; Jim Van Kruiningen; Fair Lawn Food Pantry Director Ellen Finkelstein, Larry Metzger, Jerry Weiner, KGS

GASTON LODGE #104, OREGON

Cub Scout Pack 168 of Cascade Pacific Council sponsored by Gaston Lodge #104 Knights of Pythias located in Gaston, Oregon held their annual Pinewood Derby in the lodge on March 25, 2019. A potluck dinner was held before the Derby with about 35 parents ,brothers, sisters , and proud grandparents in attendance.

After a ham dinner prepared by GC Don Allen, the fun began. Twelve proud boys raced their cars in a double elimination race. The winner this year was Chris Medina. After the finals were completed grudge matches were run for bragging rights. A great time was had by all.



GASTON'S PYTHIAN SISTER'S TEMPLE ORIGINAL CHARTER

The Oregon Grand Lodge Officers returned the Gaston Pythian Sister's Original Charter back to them after being restored. It was in extremely bad condition from being stored folded instead of being rolled up. Where one of the folds were, it had a large hole in the middle of the charter, the hole took part of the signature of one of the original signers. The Gaston knights took the charter to a frame shop to be restored and framed. Terry Clark researched the signature and found it on another Document. We took it to the restorer, and they reproduced the signature onto the charter. After about 3 months, they had it finished. On March 7, 2019, the Knights surprised the Sisters at their meeting with their charter. It looks great!!!!!!! The Knights of Gaston Lodge will hang it on the castle wall next to Gaston's charter.



Left to right; Charlie VanDomelen GS; Ed Yates GT; Terry Clark PCC; Jordan Delay CC; Don Allen GC; Amber Morgan, Most Excellent Chief; Valerie Oakes Secretary; Erica Stark, Excellent Senior; Stephanie Crop-Hedin, Excellent Junior

THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
OF THE DOMAIN OF NEW JERSEY



The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of New Jersey is proud to announce that we will be hosting the 2020 Supreme Lodge/Supreme Temple Convention which will be held at the Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel in Newark, New Jersey, U.S.A. from Saturday August 1st, until Wednesday August 5th, 2020.

Hotel stay details and reservations should be made through a secure Hotel Link which will be available shortly. The exact address of, and directions to the Hotel are attached. The Hotel is located on the airport property and cannot be missed from the air or the ground because it is right alongside the airport Tower.

Please note:

All members of the Order and Guests who are attending should make their hotel and travel arrangements as early as possible to guarantee the room rate and the special benefits that we have negotiated for our guests. Sightseeing and Trip descriptions will be offered on an additional flyer as well as details and reservation forms for the two Banquets which will be held during the Convention. There will be a Supreme Lodge/Temple Banquet on Sunday evening, August 1, 2020, and a second Banquet on Wednesday evening, August 5, 2020 honoring the Newly Installed Officers, both events are at the Hotel. A souvenir ad journal will also be produced for this Supreme Event and the pricing and details of how to place your ad will accompany the flyer for the Excursions, Trips, and the Banquets.

Three questions which you may be asking today are:

What is the room rate at the hotel? [\\$149 per night, double occupancy plus taxes which currently are 15.125%.](#)

If I arrive by car what will the parking fees be? [\\$7 per 12 hour day or \\$12 per 24 hour overnight stay plus applicable tax, which currently is 6.625%.](#)

If I arrive by plane or train, how will I get to the convention hotel? [The hotel has a 24 hour per day 365 days per year, no cost shuttle service between the hotel and all three airport terminals, which circle the baggage claim areas minimally every 15 minutes, and more often during peak airport operations. If arriving by train, the Newark Airport Amtrak/New Jersey Transit train station connects to its own Airport monorail station which connects to all terminals and then to the hotel shuttle service.](#)

We have attached an informational brochure sheet about the hotel amenities and services for you to enjoy.

The attached informational form should be detached and forwarded to New Jersey Grand Secretary, David N. Bellask, KGS, as soon as possible for us to contact you about all things related to this event.

2020 Grand Lodge Domain of New Jersey Convention and Event Informational Form

Name _____

Title _____

Domain _____

Lodge _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Please check those which apply:

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Supreme Lodge Representative

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Grand Lodge

Supreme Lodge

Supreme Temple

Subordinate Lodge

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1 Hotel Road
Newark, New Jersey 07114-3513
Phone (973) 623-0006

Directions to the hotel if you are driving

From North or South take the New Jersey Turnpike exit 13A or 14 (whichever is closer to you) and follow the signs to Newark Liberty International Airport. When you enter the airport property you will see signs directing you to the Marriott Hotel while navigating the roadway which runs around the inside perimeter of the airport terminals. If you miss the entrance, do not worry, just stay on the road, the entrance will pop up again as you circle the terminals and various rental car, parking, and taxi businesses on the airport property. Any other roadway such as the Garden State Parkway, State Routes #1 & #9 all have signage directing you to the Airport and look for the Marriott Hotel signs. Parking is on the hotel property.

Mail this form to:

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- 585 newly renovated hotel rooms and 6 hotel suites
 - 315 Kings & 276 Double/Double
 - 70 connecting rooms (not including suites that have connectors)
 - Last Guestroom Renovation 2015, Lobby Renovated 2013
 - 9 floors with guest rooms, approximately 65 rooms per floor
 - 2nd and 3rd floors all double rooms
 - Flat Screen TV's in all rooms
- 32 meeting rooms, 30,000 sq. feet total meeting space
 - Last Renovation 2013
- 10,000 sq. foot Grand Ballroom, Opened September 2013!!
- 6,264 sq. foot Junior Ballroom
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- State of the Art fitness center, 24 hour Access
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- **Restaurant, Aviation Grill**, 3 Meal Casual & Contemporary Classics
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- Host Owned/Marriott Managed

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| • Liberty Science Center | • Jersey Gardens Mall |
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Parking Rates: Overnight Self-Parking \$12.00

Overnight Valet Parking \$40.00

Meeting Guests: Day Self-Parking (12 hours) \$7.00

Room Tax: 15.5%

State Sales Tax: 6.625%

Service Charge: 24%