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A Message from the Supreme Prelate

Now that the hustle and bustle of the Holidays are upon us and as we look to a New Year, let us look ahead to the future of our order. As we all know we are a declining order, if we continue to lose membership as we have in the last few decades. In our quest for new members let us not forget all the other organizations under our banner.

The Pythian sisters are also losing members and temples. How many knights out there have wives, sisters, daughters, that could join our sisters and increase their membership? If you don't have a temple in your area they would love to start one. **Ask** and see if we can help the sisters gain members.

The Knights of Khorassan are also looking for new members. Remember that to be a Dokey you must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge.

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Grand Lodge Conventions Winter/Spring 2017

(not all dates and locations have been finalized)

Supreme Council Meeting February 25 Rockville Centre, New York

South Carolina Columbia	March PSC Stooksberry
Nebraska Hastings	April SP Brown
Oklahoma Tulsa	April SMA Mead
Maine Bangor	April 22-24 SIG Ward
New Hampshire/Vermont Laconia	May PSC Stooksberry
British Columbia Harrison Hot Springs	May 9-11 SVC Fierstien
Massachusetts	May 12 SC Krell
Florida Miami	May 8-12 SMA Mead
California Santa Ana	May SC Krell
Arizona Tucson	June 9-11 SS Morris

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Supreme Prelate's Message

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When have you **Asked** a brother knight to join the Knights of Khorassan. Don't have a Dokey Temple? They would be happy to help you start one. **Ask** and see if we can increase their membership.

The Nomads of Avrudaka also are looking for new members. I wonder how many knights know of their existence. **Ask** and see if we can increase their membership.

The Sunshine Girls who are young girls that are not old enough to join the sisters is a good way to prepare them to become sisters when they are older. **Ask** your daughters and their friends to join.

The Junior order for young boys not old enough to be a knight. **Ask** your sons and their friends if they would like to join our order so that when they are old enough they can become knights.

We also have originations such as the South Eastern Pythian Association and New South Khorassas Society which hold meetings twice a year with knights and sisters who are from many states. If you would like to join, **Ask** a member from, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Florida, Tennessee, at our last meeting we were glad to have our Supreme Inner Guard Mark Ward in attendance.

Brothers these are all organizations that I believe enhance the Knights of Pythias and strengthen our order and we need to promote them.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Holiday season and **Ask** God to bless you and our order.



*From the
Supreme Secretary's Desk*

The Subordinate Lodge Secretaries should be readying themselves for their Annual Reports as of the end of this calendar year. Those reports are due into the Grand Secretaries no later than January 31; to allow sufficient time for the Grand Secretaries to prepare and send their Annual Reports to the Supreme Lodge by the end of March. Please remember, there is a penalty for late filings – we are not looking to turn this into a fund raiser for the Supreme Lodge, so please make sure your reports are filed on time.

Please let the office know (as soon as possible) if you need additional blank copies of either the Subordinate Lodge or Grand Lodge Reports, either electronically or by mail.

The office will be closed on December 26 in observance of Christmas and on the following Monday, January 2, for the New Year.

Vivian and I would like to wish all a very happy, safe holiday season – and the best for the New Year.

The Supreme Lodge Office hours will vary, but generally they are Monday thru Friday, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. The phone number is 781-436-5966. Please leave a message if no one answers.

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IN MEMORIAM

Marc Cadoff, SR (MA) 11/08/16

Jules Factor, PGC (PA) 11/18/16

MASSACHUSETTS

CANTON LODGE #6 MAKING A DIFFERENCE



GVC Harvey Slobodkin, CC of Canton Lodge #6 (left) presenting a check in the amount of \$1,250 to a member of Rolling Thunder of Massachusetts – a national 501(c)(4) non-profit organization, with two chapters in Massachusetts. While many of its members are veterans and many ride bikes, neither is a prerequisite. Their motto is: “We will never forget.” On October 23rd both Canton Lodge and Rolling Thunder participated in a Motorcycle Run to benefit wounded veterans. The donated funds will help build wheel chair ramps, make homes more accessible to handicapped, and provide so many services to heal wounds. An additional \$1,250 will be added to that amount by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

ILLINOIS

EAGLE SCOUT PATCH AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION



Jackson A. Hunsicker (left) receiving his Pythian Eagle Scout Patch and Certificate from PSR Perry Foltz

Excerpts from Jackson A. Hunsicker’s Eagle Court of Honor brochure:

“..... Jackson served in several leadership positions including Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He was selected by his peers for Order of the Arrow in 2014 and completed his Brotherhood in 2015,”

This Scout Attended many of the scouting events at Camp Bunn, Camp Ingersoll, Cache Lake, Tomahawk for Snowbase and dog sledding, and the first National Jamboree at Summit Bechtel in West Virginia. “.... His Eagle project was building a memorial for the 2013 tornado that destroyed part of Washington (Illinois) by building three benches for the three people that passed away, repairing the flagpole at Crossroads and creating a brick pathway. The project will serve as a memorial area for the community and Crossroads United Methodist Church”.

REDEDICATION OF PETER WOODLAND MONUMENT

On Saturday morning, November 5, Pythians from Ontario, Canada, Arizona, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts came together at the Bayview – New York Bay Cemetery in Jersey City, New Jersey for the rededication of the Peter Woodland Monument, a structure that had fallen many years earlier. More than four-years in the making, the funds were raised and the monument was re-furbished and erected.

Brother Peter Woodland, a member Hector Lodge #49 in Philadelphia, PA died at the age of 32 on July 31, 1880, killed during a collapse of the Hudson River Tunnel (running between New York and New Jersey) but not before he saved the lives of 6 of his co-workers.

In attendance for the Rededication Ceremony were: SC Alan Krell (NY); ST Alan Ast (NY); GC Barry Winston (NJ); IP Bernard “Red” Hollander (AZ); PIP Wayne “Buddy” Huber (ONT), Chairman of the Imperial Foundation; SR Joseph B. Haskell, GC (MA), a member of Peter Woodland Lodge #72 – the only lodge in existence named for this fallen hero; as well as many other members of the Order Universal and the Dramatic Order.



A GRANITE PYTHIAN LOGO NOW SITS PROUDLY ATOP THE MONUMENT WHERE ONCE STOOD A STATUE OF BROTHER PETER WOODLAND

CALIFORNIA

BEVERLY HILL LODGE #393

Depicted are the Los Angeles, California 2016 High School Speech Contest Winners of the 16th Annual Beverly Hills Lodge #393 Speech Contest. The theme subject was "THE AMERICAN DREAM, IS IT STILL ACHIEVABLE?"

The contest was conducted on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at our Lodge Hall. Each of the twelve contestants was granted up to five minutes. They were graded on Content, Delivery and Ability to Convince.

Approximately 75 people were in attendance for the pre-Contest dinner, the Competition and post Contest dessert. The 1st Place winner accepted the perpetual trophy which will be displayed at her School for the ensuing year. She also receives a personal trophy. The yearly event was MC'd by Master at Arms Ben Kosberg and Chaired by PC Richard "Dickie" Bernstein, who was the spark plug innovator who envisioned the Contest 16 years ago and has continued to chair it every year since. Everyone had a good time and the speeches were impressive.



Members of the Southeastern Pythian Association at the Fall Meeting held in Spartanburg, SC September 30 - October 2, 2016

The Southeastern Pythian Association meets once in the spring and once in the fall. The meetings have recently been held in South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia; the DOKK meet at the same time. The representative from each domain provides a report on what their Grand Lodge, Subordinate Lodges and Temples are doing to get our name out in the community; they also report on their membership and a memorial service is held at the spring meeting.



Front Row: Bobby Crowe, PSC; Ruby Brown; Debby Brown; Ed Friday, PIP; Vonn Thornton; Karmen Kennerly; Christine Bickley; Reta Mercer; Belle Berman; Ann Nestor; Pat Thompson; Lee Bank
Back Row: Butch Gantt, SR; Mike Thornton, SR; Dick Bond, SR; Jo Sosbee; Jack Pelfrey; Mark Ward, SIG; Bruce Brown, SP; Pat Nestor; Stuart Berman; Debbie Lanham; Wes Lanham

THE OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME LODGE WOULD LIKE TO WISH
ALL OF OUR BROTHERS AND THEIR FAMILIES



A HAPPY HANUKKAH



A MERRY CHRISTMAS



**AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!**