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*"If fraternal love held all men bound,
how beautiful this world would be."*

September 2009



Upstate Convention & Investiture October 18th

PC Frank Kazdan will take the oath of office as Deputy Grand Chancellor at the annual Upstate Convention and Investiture which will be held at the Turning Stone Casino Resort at Thruway Exit 33, on **Sunday, October 18th**. Registration and Coffee/Danish starts at 10 am followed by the meeting. A buffet luncheon will be served at noontime.

RSVPs and carpool arrangements must be made with PC Saul Rasnick at 244-8554, by **October 8th**. The cost is \$13 for members and \$19 for spouses. Spouses may participate in other resort activities while the brothers are meeting. The Casino requires that cancellations after **October 8th** must be paid for, so no-shows will result in your being billed for the \$19 cost of the meal.

Supreme Chancellor's Message

Dear Brothers,

The upcoming weekend of September 11-13, 2009 has been designated as the second Sabbath of September, in which the Pythian Day of Divine Worship has been established. Subordinate Lodges are requested to attend divine services in a body. Services may be conducted in a Pythian Hall or other suitable location, or the membership may attend services of their individual faiths in their Houses of Worship.

It is at this time that we, the Knights of Pythias, now come together and put into our Prayers, the names and memories of those who need us the most. As a Benevolent organization, let us show our communities through deeds of caring and concern, by conducting services open to the public or by attending services together as a lodge. Remember to include our fellow Brothers and Sisters, their families and loved ones in your prayers.

We ask the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to Bless us and Keep us, as we the Pythian Order, work together in the Spirit of Friendship and Love, to make our world a better place for all. We ask this in your name. Amen

Fraternally,
Dan Cowan
Supreme Chancellor, Knights of Pythias

September Conventions

Sept. 3 Regular business meeting
Sept. 17 conventions will be held on
September 3rd and September
17th.

Entertainment Books are Here!

Entertainment 2009 books are now available from PC Lloyd Krieger at 271-4196. Books are \$30.00 each.

THE LISTENING POST

Get well wishes to PDGC Phil Weinstein.

Congratulations to Art and Darlene Yaravitz on the engagement of their son Michael to Amanda Smith of Tampa, FL.

Congratulations to Evan Yanoff, grandson of PDGC Syd and Sharon Cohen on his bar mitzvah.

Call Prelate Perry Myers at 244-5209 to report deaths, illnesses, or family events.

Chancellor Commander's Ball

Saturday, November 7th
Cash Bar & Cocktails: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:30 PM
Midvale Country Club
New lower price
\$60.00/couple plus cash bar
Invitations will be mailed

A Pythian Sisters Temple in Rochester?

The Order of Pythian Sisters, is an independent auxiliary of the Knights of Pythias. Like the Knights of Pythias, the organization is engaged in altruistic efforts.



Over the past few years, it has been noted that the wives and significant others of our lodge members have worked alongside our brothers at the Thanksgiving basket project and other activities. Perhaps it is time for a Pythian Sisters temple to be formed in Rochester, not only to help with those projects, but to embark on other altruistic activities and social events.

More information about the Pythian Sisters is available at their website, <http://pythiansisters.org>.

If you have any interest in exploring the idea of forming a Pythian Sisters temple, please contact Candi Nelson, 334-5513, or email candi_nelson@yahoo.com.

Writing Checks to the Lodge

Several brothers have written their dues checks payable to our Treasurer, Mark Alderman. This creates a problem as our bank will no longer honor checks re-endorsed to the lodge. Please make your checks payable specifically to "Rochester Jay Lodge #639 Knights of Pythias".



Our lodge website has
a new home

<http://rjl639.weebly.com>

Register Your Volunteer Hours

Supreme Chancellor, Sir Dan Cowan has set a goal of two million volunteer hours given by members of the Pythian Order for the period August, 2008 to July, 2010. It may seem like an impossible task, but it can be done. Our Supreme Chancellor is asking that those who have performed 100 or more volunteer hours to send this information to Secretary Bruce Nelson to be forwarded to Supreme Lodge. All those that qualify will receive a certificate and have their name placed on the Supreme Lodge Website.

These volunteer hours can be performed on behalf of the Pythian Order or outside of the Pythian Order. If each of the 30,000 or so members of the Pythian Order volunteered three hours a week we would have volunteered 4,500,000 hours. To those members who have volunteered their time, please send in your time with details and you will be recognized for your good work.

Restaurants Suggestions Needed

The lodge passed a motion several months ago to the effect that we would have one open meeting, most likely at a restaurant for dinner, and one business meeting each month. We asked if any brothers had connections to dining places, or if there were any suggestions for moderately priced restaurants which could accommodate us. To date, we have not received any responses. We are also looking for speakers for open meetings.

Please contact Sec'y Bruce Nelson, 334-5513 or nelson@pythias.org if you have any suggestions.

September Anniversaries

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| 1 Paul & Beverly G. Klass | 6 Bennie & Betty Donsky |
| 2 Harry M & Fran Lederman | 7 Meyer & Rebecca Baker |
| 2 Manuel & Gerry Fine | 8 Paul L. & Cynthia Goldstein |
| 2 Howard & Ita Weingarten | 9 Sidney & Doris Heyman |
| 2 Ed & Toody Rusnak | 10 Gerald & Vera Norry |
| 3 Dr Jesse & Rose Bresloff | 11 Shlomo & Rochelle Gabay |
| 3 Saul & Abbey Rasnick | 18 Ben & Muriel Hobel |
| 3 Albert & Gertrude Sheinfeld | 20 David & Sally Robbins |
| 4 Michael H. & Selma Berger | 21 Selwyn & Millie Snow |
| 4 William & Ethel Farash | 27 Allen M. & Marsha Schwartz |
| 5 Julian & Carol Lee | |

September Birthdays

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| 1 George Ritz | 8 Daniel S. Goldman | 22 Harry M Lederman |
| 1 Solomon Shinder | 10 Julian Lee | 23 Ben Levy |
| 3 Arnold Bernhard | 11 Ronald Valinsky | 30 Raymond Hurwitz |
| 3 Clayton Bittker | 12 Alan Offen | 30 David A. Levy |
| 7 Morris Lovinger | 17 Ted Baker | |
| 7 Irving Black | 20 Morton S. Schwartz | |
| 8 Milton Friedman | 21 Sidney Rosenbloom | |

Why Should you Ask Someone To Join The Knights of Pythias?

We are a Worldwide Non-Sectarian Fraternal Organization Composed of men who believe in "Friendship-Charity-Benevolence"

Here are some of the activities and services that are available to you when you join the Knights of Pythias.

- Establish lifetime friendships with men from all walks of life.
- Family social events: dances, dinners, parties, cards, weekends away and entertainment.
- College scholarships for Pythian related children and members.
- Health & financial programs.
- Assistance in gaining admission to skilled nursing facilities, rehab centers and hospices.
- Summer camps for underprivileged children.
- Affiliations with drug rehabilitation facilities.
- Fund raising for charities.
- Free burial plots or equivalents.
- Business contacts.
- Holiday food baskets for needy families.
- Attendance at meetings is optional, but very rewarding

PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE

Call 585-334-5513

120 Cobblestone Dr
Rochester, NY 14623

Help the Prelate

Over the years, we have published anniversaries for brothers whose wives have passed away, because nobody told us.

We have missed visiting brothers in the hospital, because nobody told us.

We have missed congratulating brothers on their accomplishments, because nobody told us.

There have been extremely few notes in the *Listening Post* lately. Few people have called Perry Myers to let him know.

Prelate Perry Myers does not have a crystal ball. We have over 400 people who read this newsletter and have contacts all over the place. Please, if you know of a brother or his family ill or in distress, or celebrating a significant event, call Prelate Perry Myers at 244-5209 to let him know.

When You Move ...

As you move back and forth from your seasonal homes, or when you permanently move, please file a Change-of-Address with the Post Office. Then, even if you forget to let us know, they'll let us know (even though they charge us 50¢ for the service). Thanks for your cooperation.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month October, 2009

Whereas: Volunteerism is not only part of my Supreme Chancellor's Program; it is part of our American tradition. We can go back to the very beginning of our nation's history and find that pilgrims were involved in volunteering their time and effort to help others. Centuries have gone by and being a volunteer is still looked upon as one of the most honorable and caring acts that men and women do for each other, and

Whereas: We as Pythians can use our numbers for good, by volunteering at the very least, a few hours during the month of October, 2009. Many local organizations can use help; hospitals, nursing homes, soup kitchens, day care centers, elderly folks needing a ride to a doctor, answering phones for charitable organizations and much, much more. Listings can be found on many web sites or supplied by the Supreme Lodge, and

Whereas: The act of volunteerism has its rewards; the genuine feeling of doing something for someone in need is a powerful incentive for each of us, the help or assistance you provide for someone in need lets them know you care and gives them hope; and the recognition given to the Knights of Pythias is priceless. I am certain that individual Knights have personal reasons why they would want to volunteer to aid others; perhaps during their lifetime a hand reached out to help them or someone they know, and

Whereas: As a Page we were told "You go to claim the golden spur that knighthood wears. To wear it, you must win it". Volunteerism is on one of those roads traveled to claim the golden spur. This program will succeed with the participation of all Pythians; please join with your Brothers in helping those in need.

NOW THEREFORE, the month of October, 2009 is hereby proclaimed as the Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month and I do hereby instruct every Subordinate Lodge to plan at least one event that will involve performing Benevolent and Charitable service through volunteering their time to their local communities.

Fraternally,
Dan Cowan
Supreme Chancellor, Knights of Pythias