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

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Upstate Convention Report

The Upstate Council Convention, previously called the Upstate Investiture, was held at the Turning Stone Resort/Casino on Sunday, October 22nd. About 25 brothers from the three Upsatte lodges were in attendance. As expected, there were no Grand Lodge officers in attendance, but Supreme Treasurer Alan Ast, who is also a member of Albany City Lodge attended.

The meeting started with a 3-in-1 rank for 3 new members from Albany City Lodge.

After partaking of the excellent Turning Stone buffet, there was an installation of the Assistant to the Chief deputy Grand Chancellor and the deputies Grand Chancellor.

Supreme Treasurer Alan Ast delivered some bad news. A couple of years ago, Supreme Lodge made a decision to assess dues to Life Members at the same rate as other members. Those additional dues have not been collected by Grand Lodge to be passed through to Supreme Lodge. So the bad news was that at some point in the near future, those past amounts will be payable.

There was a lot of discussion about the need to attract new members, but there is no magic bullet.

The convention adjourned after electing ACDGC David Lowrey as President, PACDGC Bruce Nelson as Secretary, and PACDGC Sam Waldman as Treasurer.

November Birthdays

1 Mort Goldberg	13 Larry Bernstein
1 Milton Swartz	13 Brian Julian
2 Paul L. Goldstein	25 Seymour Gudovitz
8 Marvin Gray	25 Bruce Nelson

November Anniversaries

1 Leonard & Judy Ressel	6 Ronald & Carol Schott
2 Marvin & Barbara Gray	18 Sol & Miriam Ahitow
4 Paul & Linda Haid	18 Marc & Jennifer Fleischer
5 Morton & Diane Stein	26 Earl & Rhonda Gurell

The Listening Post

Get well wishes to Dick Kaiser, Julian Lee, and Howard Golove.

Call **Prelate Perry Myers** at 244-5209 or email elper120@frontiernet.net to report deaths, illnesses, or family events.

November Conventions

The November conventions are scheduled for November 2nd and November 16th.

Due to various circumstances, meeting attendance has been insufficient the last few meetings to conduct business. Please make an effort to attend so that we can have serious discussions about upcoming activities.

Sunday Conventions Discussion

As we mentioned in the September newsletter, Albany City Lodge recently adopted an idea to change their meeting dates to Sunday mornings, under the assumption that many of the brothers do not wish to drive at night for various reasons.

We brought the idea up for discussion at the October 19th convention. Although it is an interesting idea, it appears that for now, there are too many conflicting activities on Sunday mornings, such as JWV meetings, and bowling.

We did discuss the idea of holding more open events such as brunches and dinners. Several brothers will be working on plans for such activities

We would like to hear from the members who don't actively attend meetings.

What would we need to do to make a lodge meeting more relevant than whatever you are doing on Thursday nights? What would we need to do to attract new members so that the lodge will still be around in future years?

Please contact CC Mark Alderman at 256-3919 or any other officer and let them know. Or send us an email at rjl639@pythias.org

Your Help is Needed

Community Place of 145 Parsells Avenue has an annual toy collection, and they need our help placing toy boxes and checking them regularly for new unwrapped toys that are collected for underprivileged children. New gloves and hats are also collected. Boxes are placed in designated locations on November 21st and are picked up on December 18th. The boxes are checked weekly.



Contact Ellis Komenski at 271-3637 or email him at ekomenski@aol.com for further information or to volunteer.

"We Help People." That's what Pythians do.

Dues are Due!

Now that the annual dues bills have been sent out, we have some reminders,

Life members are no longer free. Unfortunately, Supreme Lodge has decided that Life members are now subject to the per-capita assessment, which means that our lodge must pay it. So the Life members dues are no longer optional.

Please note that we request that you make corrections to, and return, the bottom portion of the bill. We have already received some back with the top portion.

We provided return envelopes and paid the postage. So if you haven't already, grab your checkbook, and send in your dues at our expense.

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