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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUN. SEP. 13	NJKOP CHARITY FOUNDATION BIKE-A-THON, PEHLE PARK, SADDLE BROOK, 9:00 AM
WED. SEP 16	BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO LODGE, FAIR LAWN, VISITATION, 8:00 PM
TUE. SEP. 22	FORTITUDE LODGE, TRENTON, NJ, GC HOMECOMING, 8:00 PM
TUE. OCT. 6	BATTLEGROUND LODGE, FREEHOLD, NJ GOG HOMECOMING, 8:00 PM
MON. OCT. 12	CHARITY FOUNDATION MTG, ST. BARNABAS EXEC. OFF. BLDG. 8:00 PM
THU. OCT 15	FRIENDSHIP PARKWAY OLD BRIDGE, NJ, INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, 8:00 PM
SUN. OCT. 18	DEBORAH DAY BRUNCH, CROWN PLAZA HOTEL, MONROE, NJ, 10:30 AM
SUN. NOV 1	GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER, HOLIDAY INN, EAST WINDSOR, 5:00 PM

From the Desk of... THE GRAND CHANCELLOR

My Pythian Brothers.

I would like to accomplish the following during my term as Grand Chancellor

First, I would like to focus our energies on making our order more up to date to attract today's younger man.

Secondly, in order to continue to keep our organization from becoming just another "club" we must remain loyal to our history, we must continue to follow our ritual procedures. We are a fraternal order, if we do not follow our long standing procedures, we will lose our identity as a fraternal order and just become another club.

Recruitment of new members has been and continues to be a real issue for our organization. We are not alone, all organizations are having a difficult time in recruiting new members, therefore we must come up with new ideas and focus on new ways to recruit and retain members. We must look at new ways of freshening up our old programs and creating modern and timely programs to keep up with current times.

In my new post as your Grand Chancellor, I want to look at continuing some of the programs that have been successful such as:

- Public Speaking & Poster contest.
- Hand of Friendship Day
- Cystic Fibrosis "We Care" Weekend and Deborah collections
- Bike-A-Thon and Walk -A -Thon.
- Selling Deborah raffle books.
- Donations to local food banks.
- The circus for special needs children and adults
- Coats for kid's program
- The Eagle Scout connection program
- The Annual Dan Feigan Humanitarian Scholarship, and The Annual Norman & Gertrude Wolf Service Award
- Miniature Golf

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GRAND CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE (cont'd)

But I am looking to you, my brothers to come up with other ideas for new programs and events to promote our organization and the wonderful programs that it has supported in the past. I need your support and assistance in this endeavor.

The success of any administration can only be made with the cooperation of each member. It is my hope to add new and successful programs. It is no longer good enough to merely be a "book" member. Our organization needs each brother to be involved in some manner, no matter how small the task. We need to remain true to the code of the order, we are each our brother's keeper in Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.

I have put together the best committee to work with me on developing new programs and events.

If you have any ideas for fund raising program, no matter how small or grandiose, please let me know. I am open to all ideas.

In this, my first issue of the *Jersey Pythian* and my term of office as your Grand Chancellor, I wish you in F.C. & B.

Harold M Weinstein Grand Chancellor

The Jersey Pythian

The Jersey Pythian will be published 5 times for the 2009-2010 year. It is most important that your articles reach our Editor by the deadline dates listed below. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Articles for publication must reach the Editor, Steven Byer, at the address shown on page 2 (or by e-mail to "sbyer19553@aol.com"), *no later than the 15th of the month preceding publication!*

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From the Grand Secretary's Desk

Internet

Post lodge activities on Internet, c/o the Grand Lodge at kofpnjgrandlodge@yahoo.com. The e-group for the Order is knights-of-pythias@yahoo.com. To become a member of these groups you must obtain a Yahoo ID (free of charge) and be approved by our Webmaster, Fred Milman at (609) 448-9447 (e-mail: fmilman@pythias.org). Note that issues of the Jersey Pythian are posted on the Grand Lodge group in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. In addition, latest news, events, and useful forms and links are posted there and you can easily arrange to have timely reminders of upcoming events sent to your e-mail address. If you do not belong to the e-group mentioned above, you can find a copy of the NJ Pythian along with a current calendar of events and the latest news on the Grand Lodge website njpythian.org

2009-2010 Directory

The Grand Council will make every effort to get the new Grand Lodge Directory published and distributed early in the new administration. To ensure accuracy, since the existing Directory will be used as the basis for the new version, if you know of any errors in the existing one, please give them to GMA PGC Sir Murry Greene, by e-mail (mgreeneone@aol.com).

Ordering Supplies

In the future, orders for supplies and jewelry must be made in writing, on Lodge stationery, before the items will be sent out. On too many occasions, someone will meet the Grand Secretary, remember that he or his Lodge need supplies and write it on a scrap of paper with the needed articles, or even worse, they will give a verbal request, and expect us to remember who they are, and what it is they want.

Secretaries are *all* urged to keep this in mind when they need supplies. It would be a lot easier to put the requests in the mail - well in advance so you don't get caught short! It takes time to order supplies.

GOOD TIMES AND NOT SO GOOD TIMES

By PDGC Sir Mel Sher

What Makes the World Go 'Round

CONGRATULATIONS

A Grand Lodge affair for Supreme Outer Guard Sir Joel D. Fierstien's homecoming was held at a picnic on June 25, 2009 hosted by his home lodge, Sanford M. Schor. Barbara and Harold Fine (125) celebrated their Grandson Daniel being honored by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards..

MARRIAGES:

Stuart Samberg, grandson of Betty and Saul Samberg, was married to Brandy Meyers in Raleigh, NC

NECROLOGY

We mourn the loss of our Brothers: Bro. Irving Walters (163). Bro. Jonathan Parker (163) . Bro. Irwin Kleinman (100) *and Family of our Brothers.* . . Ernest, father of PC Les Weiss (163). . Susan, wife of DGC Norman Hirschhorn (22/158). . Ellen, sister of PC Ian Setless (163). . . Mother of Bro. Rick Pascal (163). . . Joy, wife of Bro. Sheldon Baller (163). . . Paul Edelstein, father of Barbara Frank and father-in-law of Dennis Frank (163)..Mother-in-law of Ben Rubin (163) *May they rest in peace .*



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Menorah Chapels Has A Pre-Arrangement Program For Our Members

Public Speaking Finals Held May 14th

The final competition of the Grand Lodge Public Speaking Contest was held on Thursday, May 14th at Sanford M. Schor Lodge's Castle Hall. The topic this year was, "Resolved, that the United States shall extend educational benefits similar to those under the GI Bill to secondary school graduates who voluntarily serve in a government sponsored non-military program for the welfare and health of people in need in the United States and abroad." There were eight participants, the top 2 from each of four earlier local "speak-offs" held at Battleground-Centennial, Benjamin N. Cardozo, Fortitude, and Sanford M. Schor Lodges. The top 3, as determined by a panel of judges were:

- Dolapo Lawal of Livingston High School won the \$1000 Prize for First Place.
- Kenneth Anhalt of the Frisch School won the \$500 Prize for Second Place.
- Uriel Epshtein of Pascack Hills High School won the \$250 Prize for Third Place.

The judges were Marc Garfinkel, The Public Defender attorney of Livingston, NJ, Louis Urban, a Managing Director of Apter Kreitzman Memorial Chapel in Livingston and a member of the Board of St. Barnabas Medical Center and Kenneth Glemby former executive VP of Tuscan Dairy. PGC GIG Sir Murry Greene served as Master of Ceremonies.

The speeches were top notch, and offered a hint of a great future as these students will be our future leaders. A crowd of over 50 attended and provided an enthusiastic audience for our speakers.

Miniature Golf Outing May 31

The Miniature Golf outings held at Paramus Golf Course, Paramus, NJ and Hole in One in Englishtown, NJ, were a major success. Between the two places, 60 people participated and Grand Lodge made \$910.

All who participated had a great time. So much so, that this is destined to become a Grand Lodge annual event..

Keep reading the NJ Pythian for further details.

Volunteer Month

The Supreme Chancellor has declared October 2009 as Volunteer Month. Please give as much time as possible to help those who need it.

Support the Supreme Lodge Volunteerism Program. Show what it means to be a Pythian.

Charity Foundation Highlights

CALENDAR

- Sep. 13 Bike-a-Thon/Walk-a-Thon in Bergen County
- Oct. 12 Charity Foundation Meeting
- Oct. 18 Deborah Day Brunch and Presentation

FOUNDATION NEWS

Sept. 13 Bike – A-Thon. The annual Bike-A-Thon will be up in Pehle Park, Saddle Brook, NJ. It begins at 9:00 AM. Registration forms are available on line thru the Foundation Website [NJKOP Charities.com](http://NJKOPCharities.com) or the Grand Lodge website, njpythian.org. Registration fee \$25 per person. Make checks payable to NJKOP Charity Foundation and mail to Jeff Zerowin, 3 Fransiscan Way Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

Coats for Kids: The Coats for Kids program will be starting up again in September. Start gathering warm coats to contribute to those who need...

Lodge Requests: Submit requests for donations. Forms are available on the Foundation website, NJKOPCharities.com. The Foundation is again supporting the Cardozo Circus this September as a co-sponsor, and may support the charitable events of other subordinate lodges upon request...

Compliance: Donations should be made through the Foundation to comply with IRS Code and NJ charitable Registration requirements for public fundraising to avoid penalties or other limitations or a ban on collections. But, aside from legal requirements, using the Foundation for donations allows for domain-wide Public Relations for the collective effort and the charitable causes that WE as Pythians support...

F—CHARITY—B!

BENEFITS FOR OUR PYTHIAN BROTHERS

The dire state of our National Economy has adversely affected many individuals. Our Pythian brothers are not immune from this problem. The Grand Lodge many years ago instituted programs to help address this situation. Please check with your Lodge Secretary as to what they are.

The Pythian creed not only is designed to help others but to also recognize the need of our brothers. To inform you of one of these benefits, the following is worth addressing at this time.

THE GRAND LODGE BENEFIT (INDIGENT BROTHERS) FUND

... *This is not the time to be proud.* It is the time to avail yourself of this benefit as a Knight in Good Standing and you meet the criteria. As stated previously, contact your lodge Secretary to initiate the program. *All contacts and information are confidential.*

... You would be asked to fill out an application which would be validated by the Lodge Committee, Secretary and Chancellor Commander. A funding check would be attached to the application and submitted to the Grand Lodge Benefit Fund Committee for validation and the appropriate signatures would be applied. The Grand Lodge would supply a matching dollar amount and a total of both amounts would be sent to the applicant. The funding would be forthcoming monthly for six months. If the situation requires a continuation, it can continue for six months periods after another certification and application for each period is submitted.

...(Submitted by the Benefit Fund Committee)

COATS FOR KIDS

Now that your children and grandchildren are going back to school and they will be needing fall and winter clothing soon, please save their old or too small coats for our "Coats for Kids" program. And if you are thinking of a new coat for the winter, now is the time to save the old one for an adult who needs warm outerwear for the cold winter weather.

Men, women, boys, girls - coats, coats, coats. Clean and not torn. That is what the New Jersey Grand Lodge is collecting as they have for many successful years.

This year David Judovin is chairing this committee with Sir Martin Birnbaum, Sir Murry Greene, and Mel Feldschneider's help.

We need the Chancellor Commander of each lodge to get this program announced at every meeting starting now through early December. We hope to deliver them for the beginning of winter. Last year we donated hundreds of coats that were very much appreciated.

There are many ways to collect coats:

- If you work in an office or facility, place a large container, where everyone will see it with a sign on it, "Please Donate to 'Coats for Kids' - Adult and Child Sizes Needed- Knights of Pythias".
- Go into your favorite dry cleaner and ask them if they have any unclaimed coats that they will donate.
- Treat your spouse to a new coat and donate the old one.
- Buy a Knights of Pythias Coat from the Grand Lodge donate your old one.
- Garage Sales - see if people will donate any used coats

A Pythian is a person who cares about people. Only you can help. Let's stand together to be there for others.

...(Submitted by the "Coats for Kids" Committee)

Grand Chancellor's Testimonial Dinner Nov. 1

Mark your calendars for the evening of Sunday, November 1, 2009 for the Testimonial Dinner sponsored by Fortitude Lodge No. 160, honoring GC Harold Weinstein. The event will be held at The Holiday Inn of East Windsor, 399 Monmouth St, East Windsor, NJ and will include a sumptuous cocktail hour from 5 to 6 pm and a full-course dinner with choice of entrees.

There will be an open bar throughout the evening. Entertainment and dancing will be provided throughout the night. All this for only \$47.50 per person. Mail your reservations to Sir Sheldon Gould, 618 Warwick Road, Fairless Hills, PA 19030, phone number 215-949-1043.

There will be an Ad Journal to help defray the cost of this affair and to honor the incoming GC. See Ad Blank on this page, but information is available from the Journal Chair, Sir Murry Greene 973-422-0330.

DEBORAH DAY

...October 18th. 2009 at 10:30 AM the Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital will be hosting and honoring the Knights of Pythias at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Monroe NJ. off exit 8-a of the Turnpike. a Brunch will be served *In addition, brothers and lodges should be prepared with their donations*

... This was arranged so that a greater number of Pythians can attend this function. The location is centrally located from both the North and South.

... Please make arrangements to attend this worthy and important *Pythian event*.

...As a Pythian we and our family have a special priority to admission, if needed.

... Please contact your Secretaries re. how many of your party will attend. The Secretary should then inform the Grand Lodge so appropriate reservations may be made.

... *Please get the out to our brothers. A good showing is necessary. Please your cooperation is essential.*

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Supreme Lodge Programs

American Cancer Society: This is the Knights of Pythias charity. The ACS shows the Knights of Pythias as a supporting organization on its promotional material. Support and contributions are requested. Next year we look forward to supporting and participating in the ACS “Relay for Life;” contact PGC Harvey Hamerling for details. Golf shirts and lapel pins with the ACS K of P logo are available through GP Steve Byer and SOG Joel D. Fierstien. Shirts are \$20.00 or \$25.00 depending on size and Lapel pins are \$5.00

Volunteer Service: Please tell your lodge Secretary your volunteer service each month so that the information may be furnished to DSC Dave Bellask: Supreme Chancellor Dan Cowan is trying to have Pythians contribute 2,000,000 hours of service to charitable and community causes during the 2008-2010 term.

Travel Discounts: These are available to Pythians for hotel and car rentals.

Eagle Scout Program: Represent the Order at Boy Scout Courts of Honor for Eagle Scout presentations of the Knights’ Scout Connection Badge and accompanying certificate, and participate in scout activities.

Membership Medallions: Earn a medallion by introducing three new members into the Order.

Promote Supreme Lodge programs by e-mail, website links to the Supreme Lodge website, newsletters, and mail; and consider a one-year free membership to eligible Eagle Scouts and family members. Pythian programs help in the pursuit of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence.

Congratulations to New Officers

Congratulations and good luck to GC Harold Weinstein and our Grand Lodge officers for the new term; Mel Feldschneider, on becoming Grand Outer Guard, and Dave Bellask as our new Supreme Representative.

Installation Time

It is almost that time of year again -- Installation time (November). We hope by this time your Lodge has set its date for your installation. Clear the date with the Grand Secretary to minimize conflicts and to permit the Grand Council to schedule visitations. Also let our Editor know as soon as possible. It would be nice to publish it in our *Jersey Pythian* for all to know. Every Lodge enjoys visitations, and it makes for a more interesting evening. So, get the information in as soon as possible. Let us know if the installation is open or closed, and if there is a fee to attend.

Happy Jewish New Year

On behalf of Grand Chancellor and the entire Grand Council, I would like to wish all our brothers and their families of the Jewish faith a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year 5768. L’ Shana Tova!

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