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I am writing this message as the year ends, while impatiently waiting for another to begin. I do not think I will ever forget this year. Some years leave a permanent imprint upon one's heart and soul. Hurricane Sandy and the school shooting in Connecticut caused so much damage and heartbreak. Furthermore, we lost too many members of our Lodge. I especially miss Irv Kleiman and Dave Gurock and I still enter the Castle Hall expecting them to greet me.

However, I have learned that adversity brings out the best in many people. Many people volunteered to help the hurricane's victims. I have seen a lot of money raised and supplies found to help kids get to school. I watched a nation come together in support of the families of the victims of this senseless shooting of innocent children and dedicated adults. But what I am really watching is the Pythian ideal in action. What the American

people are doing is what Pythians do every day—fraternity, benevolence and charity. Dave and Irv, to me, exemplified this ideal. Whenever something had to be done, both volunteered their energy and their hearts.

In this next year, we must honor Dave and Irv by trying to live up to the ideals of our fraternity. We must redouble our effort to give and to help selflessly. Even though we are planning a wine night, possible game night, dinner meeting and a homecoming for Robert Banks, as well as continuing our regular poker games, we must continue to think about the true purpose of our lodge—to give and to help. If you have not attended a lodge meeting in some time, come down and help. We need you and you need us.

Fraternally,

PC Arthur Getzel

NO MORE E-MAIL FROM IRV

At least once a day, I received an e-mail from PGC LM Irv Kleiman. Most of them concerned the Knights of Pythias or consisted of political commentary. Now, there are no more e-mails from Irv. It is too quiet.

On Friday, November 2, 2012, Irv went to Long Island Jewish Medical Center. The doctors told him that he was dehydrated and that on Monday he would be going home. The next day he called me and I went to visit him. He had eaten lunch and we were hopeful that he would recover. We talked about his testimonial dinner and I told him that he now had time to write his speech. Being the efficient man that he was, Irv said that he already had written it. Dinner came, but Irv was not hungry. It was a bad sign.

The next day Cindy called me. In the morning her dad's blood pressure had dropped like a lead balloon. Now he was in



ICU. By the evening he was in a coma. The next morning Irv passed away. It seemed to go so quickly.

You can read about Irv's life in the biography printed, on page 2, from the program prepared for his dinner. I'll just mention three things that Irv did for the Bulletin.

One of two fictitious Brothers who write columns in the Knight Light was Kenneth I Aaronson. He was created as a response to the writings of Ira S. Lugener. Kenneth was a pseudonym for Irv, so his contributions will no longer be in the Knight Light. Irv also had a collection of the late Jesse Levine's poems. We will try to continue to publish them. Finally, Irv wrote "From the Secretary's Desk." I'm sure that you enjoyed reading the news he reported.

I wish his wife Anita, daughters Cindy and Kim, son-in-law Jean Michel, and grandson David comfort from the memories which Irv left behind.

ALL MEETINGS, UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, WILL BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. IT WILL MAKE IT EASIER FOR THOSE BROTHERS WHO WANT TO GO HOME EARLY AND IT WILL GIVE THE CARD PLAYERS MORE TIME TO GET RICH.

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PGC ABRAHAM IRVING KLEIMAN

PGC Abraham Irving Kleiman holds the distinction of being the only Past Grand Chancellor to have run a marathon. His best time in the 4 New York City and 4 Long Island marathons in which he has competed is 3 hours 22 minutes. His worst time is the longest he has ever gone without eating a dessert.

Irv came into this world at the beginning of the year 5688-Yom Kippur Day--and says he has been hungry ever since. As the second of four children and the only male, he started out in Brooklyn and came to Hollis, Queens at the age of 5. There he attended school, graduated from Jamaica High School, and waited for the army to get him. In November, 1945 he was drafted and served until 1947.

Irv's life has many parts, including, family, work, hobbies and the Knights. On June 25, 1950 he and his beautiful bride Anita tied the knot. They have two lovely daughters, Cindy and Kim, and a great son-in-law in Cindy's husband Jean Michel Doire. Perhaps, their greatest joy, however, comes from being the grandparents of David, who now lives in Ohio. He is a computer whiz, who introduced his grandfather to the internet. If you call Irv, chances are that you will find him downloading something or e-mailing someone.

After leaving the army, Irv started working in his father's junior department store, which he eventually took over. He added a second floor and remained open until 1977. Thereafter he went into the jobbing business from which he retired in 1999. For a while he also worked as a travel agent and got to see Hong Kong, Korea, Ireland and California, to name but a few of his destinations. Only recently, he stopped working part-time at Pathmark.

Irv and Anita love the outdoors. They enjoy camping and birding (Irv's life list has over 400 birds and he is still counting). Of course, Irv is best known for his running. Many first place trophies and ribbons adorn the Kleiman home. He was the first Pythian to cross the finish line in the 1998 Pythian race. He has run sub 7-minute mile 5- mile races and sub 8-minute mile half marathons.

PDGC FRANKLIN MILLER

Perhaps no one else who now regularly goes to lodge meetings knew Franklin Miller. Quite a few years ago he moved to the State of Washington and then further north to Canada.

He was admitted to the bar of the State of New York in 1949 and for many years was in private practice. Instead of retiring, he took it a little easier by taking a job as an attorney for the Office of the New York State Attorney General. Without the pressures of getting clients and running an office, he was able to concentrate on one thing: the law.

While he resided in New York, he was a very active member of Douglaston Lodge. I joined the Lodge in 1977 and I recall attending meetings with him. As a young attorney, I had questions which Franklin, with his experience, could and graciously did answer. While the miles kept him away, he will always be an important member of North Shore Lodge and a fine Pythian. To his wife Bernice and the rest of his family, we extend our sincere sympathy on the loss of a true gentleman and a worthy Pythian.

In 1950 Irv joined Claremore Lodge. Five years later, he and Murray Schwartz formed Douglaston Lodge. He became the first Secretary of the new Lodge and earned his PC pin in 1960. For many years Irv was content to be one of the workers, chairing the Membership, Charity Aids, Fund Raising and Entertainment Committees and being a member of just about every other Lodge committee. In 1996 he became a life member.

When his Lodge needed him, Irv responded and became Vice Chancellor in 1995. Then he served as the last Chancellor Commander of Douglaston Lodge for the 1996-1997 term and the first Chancellor Commander of Douglaston Great Neck Lodge for the 1997-1998 year. Now he has come full circle. Once again, he is working hard as Secretary of his Lodge.

Irv served as Deputy Grand Chancellor for the 14th Pythian District from 1998-1999. While no exact count was made, if he did not set a new record for visitations by a Deputy, he must have come close. Whenever the event was an open meeting, Anita was by his side, lending support. Then he served as President of the Long Island Pythian Council from 2004-2005. He is especially proud of the success of the Humanitarian Fund's money raising efforts and the many pairs of eyeglasses collected by Eyes for the Needy during his term.

In 2007, when the Grand Domain of New York called on him to run for the position of Grand Secretary, once again Irv did not hesitate to answer, "I'm ready, willing and able." In July 2012, he finished proving that he was right, as he concluded five years of dedicated service in the Office of Grand Secretary and attained the title of Past Grand Chancellor. As Grand Secretary, Irv always got things done quickly and efficiently. Nothing lingered for long on his desk.

Irv, your Lodge, your District, the Grand Council, the Order, and everyone who knows you, thanks you for all you do and for the many jobs you have done so well.

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

Two enormous tragedies struck our country since the last edition of the Knight Light. Memories of the rage of Hurricane Sandy and the horror of the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut will remain with us for as long as we live. While I have no pearls of wisdom to add to the mountain of comments and reporting which you have seen on the media and on the internet and have read about in print, I did not think that these tragedies should go unmentioned. We live in the real world and cannot isolate ourselves from what is going on around us. North Shore Lodge extends its condolences to all those people who suffered losses and feel pain.

In days of old, the crowds would shout, "The king is dead! Long live the king!" Of course, it wasn't hard to find a new king. For North Shore Lodge, it isn't so easy. Each loss that we suffer (and we suffered so many in the fall of 2012) makes it harder for us to go on. Yet, Brothers always have and Brothers continue to step in to take up the load. Half of the leaders of today were not even Lodge members 15 years ago.

Some Lodges have disbanded, divided their assets, and faded into the sunset. North Shore Lodge has never even contemplated taking that path. I am so relieved that Brothers still work hard to make our charitable and social activities a success. We truly are a remarkable group. If you don't believe me, come down to a meeting and see for yourself.

THANK YOU DAVE

Instead of saying “farewell” to a Brother who sadly has left us, I would rather say “thank you” to David Gurock for all he did for everyone whom he knew. Dave was special in the most positive ways. He was a great family man, who marveled at his three great grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and grandfather, and a hardworking Pythian. With his death, only two members of what once was Glen Oaks Lodge still attend meetings on a regular basis.

Dave’s wife Roz will tell you that Dave had a good life. They “met” while Dave was stationed in Korea and Dave’s sister asked Roz if she would like to write to him. Roz still has the picture of the handsome young soldier which her then future sister-in-law showed her. When Dave came home, they dated, and soon married. Dave was just 21. He did not know that he and Roz would spend 60 happy years together.

Dave never looked for the limelight, but always worked hard enough to deserve it. He served as Chancellor Commander 7 times, attended Grand Lodge Conventions, headed the Glen Oaks Benevolent Association, was Editor of the Glen Oaks Bulletin, excelled in Pythian ritual, and ran our memorial meetings. Just before he died he worked with Tony Rivers in finding a catering hall for Irv Kleiman’s Dinner.

His talents were never ending. He painted, played the piano, built a tremendous train set, amassed an enviable record collection, and never found a challenge which he could not meet. If a special tool was needed, he did not look for it, he invented it. Although he went to school before electric typewriters were invented, he learned and mastered the computer, which he used every day.

Just before his 75th birthday, we thought that a death warrant had been written for Dave. It looked as if he would be leaving us soon. But the miracle of an unexpected remission gave him five more years of life. He took advantage of them by continuing to do everything that he had been doing. He was blessed by being able to meet three great grandchildren he otherwise would not have known.

I always will remember Dave’s calm demeanor, his soothing voice, and the great stories he loved to tell. I wish Roz, Geoffrey, Debbie and the rest of the Gurock family happiness and peace.

ACDGC ROBERT BANKS: A SHINING STAR

One of our bright stars is Robert Banks. He works hard for the Order and for North Shore Lodge. This year, he is serving as the Assistant Chief from Queens and Long Island and as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Finance Committee. He already announced that at the Grand Lodge Convention in July, he will be running for Grand Treasurer. Just to make life interesting, recently he decided to go into business on his own. He is a CPA and purchased a practice in Westchester County. Since he lives in Suffolk County, no matter where you live in New York, he should be able to serve you. Of course, with e-mail, no place is too far away.

On April 30, 2013, North Shore Lodge will thank Robert for his work by holding his Homecoming in the Castle Hall. Please mark that date on your calendar, so that you can join us in saying thank you and good luck to a worthy Pythian. BE THERE!!!

WE MISS YOU DAVE

One of the reasons why going to meetings of Douglaston Lodge and its successors was so rewarding was because of David Gratt. It was rare indeed to see him without a smile on his face.

Dave was a man who enjoyed being a Knight. He loved coming to meetings and taking part in Lodge activities. He did not want to be in charge, but was satisfied with being a line member. Nevertheless, when his Lodge called upon him to step up to the plate, he did not hesitate. For two years (1992-1994), he served as Chancellor Commander of Douglaston Lodge and did a fine job.

Dave also served his country and was a World War II veteran. While stationed in Europe, he was captured and for one year was detained as a prisoner of war.

Dave died nine days before his 63rd wedding anniversary. He leaves behind his wife, Irma, daughters, Bonnie Frain and Ellen Rakofsky, twin granddaughters, Marcy and Alyson, and great grandson Jordan. He was especially proud of his granddaughters and loved to talk about them. The Knight Light consistently reported their successes. For example, in June 1993, we congratulated them for coming in first and second in the 12-year-old group of the Grand Lodge Bowling Tournament. Marcy finished with a 158 average and Alyson averaged 155. The previous month we reported that they had been inducted into Arista—the scholastic honor society. Dave was so proud of them.

Unfortunately, ill health kept Dave away from our Castle Hall for the last couple of years. We missed him and we miss him now. May fond memories of times spent with him ease the loss his loved ones are suffering.

ONE OF OUR LATE PC JESSE LEVINE'S POEMS**Fiftieth Anniversary**

Time has flown, where did it go?

Seems that we were married
just a moment ago.

Met when as youngsters

Love blossomed and grew,
knew there was nothing we could not do.

A world at war, yet with it all
clung to each other, spring through fall.

Peace at last, time to go,

start a family, watch them grow.

Learn with them, hear their minds,
teach them values, love mankind.

Explore new worlds, horizons expand
minds stretching as a rubberband.

Years passed by, children said,
met our soul mates, wish to wed.

Blessing you gave, with a twinge of sadness.
thought much too young, but wanted their happiness.

One by one grandchildren came,
and with all, started the game of teaching.

With each child, vigor returned,
life was renewed, though slightly upturned.

Time has come, sit back and rest,
rushing is over, you passed the test.

Surrounded by love, with each other,
when visits become much, they go

home to Dad and Mother.

But do not take too long to rest,
new journey ahead, another test.

To show more offspring how to grow.
There's another fifty years to go.

Fifty more years of love.

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IRA S. LUGENER

To My Brothers,

The passing away of so many of my dear Pythian Brothers causes me to pause and remember. They were fine men whom I will miss. It also makes me realize how important I am. Who knows if they would have received their graves and their death benefits if I had not been so vigilant in watching our purse strings and pushing so hard for reasonable spending? (Although, I must admit, that Iris and I have taken advantage of the free meals and other giveaways.)

What better way to honor our departed Brothers could there be than to make sure that when we follow, our families will be protected. Therefore, I propose that at each meeting, the Lodge write a check to the Welfare Association in the amount of money saved for not having to send the deceased Brothers a Knight Light and for not having to buy as much food for the collation. True, the savings will be moderate, but a penny saved is . . .

If you missed the Holiday Party, all I can say is GOOD! It was so exquisite that I would not want too many of you to get used to such lavish spending. Some guy was playing great music all night long, Arie and company served this delicious Chinese food, and the desserts were so good, that Iris and I took a whole bunch of them home.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Ira S. Lugener

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT NEVER HAPPENED

In the last edition of the Knight Light, we reported that a testimonial dinner was planned for Sunday, November 11th, for PGC LM Irv Kleiman. No one earned it more than he did. More than 100 people would have attended. On Sunday morning, November 4th, the Dinner Committee met to finalize arrangements for the Dinner. Of course, we did not know that the next day Irv would pass away. Thank you everyone who planned to attend and would have made this one of the premier events in the history of North Shore Lodge. Full refunds were given to all and the only loss to the Lodge was the \$500 contract deposit.

HURRICANE SANDY

The devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy hit close to home. Some Brothers lost power, others had flooded basements, and some, like Elliott Frankel, suffered significant damage. Grand Lodge has raised a lot of money for the victims of Hurricane Sandy, because charity is what we do. Just go to the New York Grand Lodge website at www.kopny.com to see for yourselves.

HAPPY TIMES

In spite of all the gloom reported in this issue, North Shore Lodge had some happy times. For the 8th consecutive time, the weather was kind to the annual picnic and we had a great time. The food, the friendship and the fun were in abundance. The Ninth Annual Picnic is scheduled for September 8, 2013. We hope that you will do yourself a favor and BE THERE!!!

Everyone left the Dinner Meeting held on October 2, 2012 at Grimaldi's Restaurant in Douglaston Plaza sated and smiling. It was a great evening!

The Brothers who came to the annual Chicken Dinner in our Castle Hall on November 20th had a relaxing and enjoyable meal. This year we served turkey and chicken and the dinner was even more delicious than it was in previous years. We also held our annual turkey raffle. The winners were Michael Rosenkrantz, Barry Lisak and Itzy Sirota.

The grand finale for 2012 was the Holiday Party. We moved it up to December 4th (postcards went out) and the weatherman cooperated. The Chinese cuisine was scrumptious, the conversation was engrossing, and the entertainment—once again furnished by Elliot Goldberg—was pleasing. We even had a couple of people kicking up a storm on the dance floor.

COME BACK SOON, JERRY

Jerry Geier has been battling health problems. On the phone he sounds great and we hope that soon he will feel the same way. Meanwhile, we miss him at meetings and we wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

A PEEK INTO THE FUTURE

2013 should be a great year for North Shore Lodge. We look forward to a Wine Night, Game Night, Dinner Meeting, Memorial Meeting, Installation of Officers, District Dinner and Long Island Pythian Council Dinner. Most important of all, like family, we will be spending time together. At the end of the day, that's what it's all about.

DOUGLASTON WELFARE ASSOC.

The Douglaston Welfare Association holds a brief meeting at the conclusion of each meeting of North Shore Lodge. At the meetings, we discuss problems that may have arisen, inquiries from members, and our finances. If you would like to have some input, BE THERE!!!

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HAPPY NEW (TAX) YEAR

By Barry Lisak, IRS Enrolled Agent

It's that time of year again. The income tax filing season has begun and important documents should be arriving in the mail. Even though your return is not due until April, getting an early start will make filing easier. Here are the Internal Revenue Service's top 6 tips that will help your tax filing process go smoother than ever this year.

1. Start gathering your records. Round up any documents or forms you'll need when filing your taxes: receipts, canceled checks and other documents that support income or deductions you're claiming on your return.

2. Check your mail. W-2s (make sure you receive one for every job) and 1099s will be coming soon (by Feb. 15); you'll need these to file your tax return.

3. E-file. After 21 years, the IRS e-file has become the safe, easy and most common way to file a tax return. Last year, nearly 100 million people used IRS e-file.

4. Filing options. There are many different options for filing your tax return. You can prepare it yourself or go to a tax preparer. Give yourself time to weigh all the different options and find the one that best suits your needs.

5. Consider Direct Deposit. If you elect to have your refund directly deposited into your bank account, you'll receive it faster than waiting for a paper check. Best of all, combine e-file with direct deposit and get your refund in as few as 10 days.

6. Visit the IRS website. The official IRS website (www.irs.gov) is a great place to find everything you'll need to file your tax return: forms, publications, tips, answers to frequently asked questions and updates on tax law changes.

7. Check and re-check. Don't rush. We all make mistakes when we rush. Mistakes will slow down the processing of your return. Be sure to double-check all the Social Security Numbers and math calculations on your return as these are the most common errors made by taxpayers.

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FAREWELL, MY BROTHERS

There is something wrong with the Necrology section of this edition of the Bulletin. It is much too long. Nine Brothers are listed, six of whom died within a seven-week period. While thankfully, all of them were on in years, the loss is still there and still real.

We express our sincere sorrow to the families of our deceased Brothers and wish the ones they left behind comfort in the memory of their loved ones. We thank you for having let us share them with you.

NECROLOGY

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we offer our sincerest sympathy to our Brothers and their kin upon the demise of dear members or their families.

PDGC FRANKLIN MILLER

MARCH 20, 2012

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DECEMBER 20, 2012

*We thank thee, O Lord for their companionship
and the sweet memories they leave behind.*

*May their souls be bound up in the Bond of Eternal Life
and may their families know no more sorrow.
Amen*

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* Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

Jan. 8 Regular Convention
15 Regular Convention
22 Executive Board Meeting

Feb. 5 Regular Convention
26 Executive Board Meeting

Mar. 5 Regular Convention/Wine Night
19 Regular Convention

Apr. 9 Regular Convention
16 Regular Convention/Game Night
23 Executive Board Meeting
30 ACDGC Robert Banks' Homecoming

**PLEASE JOIN US TO PAY TRIBUTE TO
ACDGC ROBERT BANKS
AT HIS HOMECOMING ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2013
AT OUR CASTLE HALL
OPEN MEETING**

Membership Application

New Applicant Renewal

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

**Annual membership is
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December 31 of same year.**

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