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### CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

I guess I did a pretty good job as Chancellor Commander, because you asked me to do it again. Anyway, I enjoyed being your leader (now, that sounds weird) and I am happy to continue.

This year was a very positive one for North Shore Lodge. We took in new members, held two Bingo Nights, celebrated our Holiday Party, had another successful picnic, benefitted from guest speakers, hosted a Man of the Year Award Dinner, and feasted on some mighty fine collations. My only disappointment was in the attendance at some of our functions.

Of course, while I helped, I am not the one who made it a successful year. The credit goes to the hardworking officers and members, who generously gave their time and expertise. Itzy Sirota was always there when I (or anyone else) needed him. He has been the catalyst for most of the special events and has done a magnificent job as President of the Douglaston Welfare Association. Vice Chancellor Arthur Getzel is a rising star, whose willingness to work and whose writing skills (as evidenced by an article appearing in this month's Bulletin) could very well make him not only our next Chancellor Commander, but also an Editor of the Bulletin. Our desk officers, once again,

performed fantastically. No one is more efficient than Irv Kleiman, Tony Rivers and Jerry Geier. Arie Bauer, as always, did a great job as Collation Chairman and Fred Wayne thought of, put together, and almost single-handedly ran the Man of the Year Dinner. Also, thanks go to Ron Degen, who with Irv is our liaison to the outside world known as Grand Lodge, for his continuous contributions to our meetings and for being master of ceremonies at the Dinner at Bruno's. Finally, I thank the Brothers who have helped in the past and will undoubtedly serve again, for coming to meetings and for making the Lodge work. These Brothers include Robert Banks, Elliott Frankel, Dave Gurock, Mark Kilmnick, Barney Linden, Monty Leschen, Richard Maddy and Michael Rosenkrantz.

Thank you, my Brothers for the generous gift you gave me at the Installation of Officers on June 1st. I especially appreciate Arie's hard work and great selection of Chinese cuisine. The beautiful looking and delicious tasting sheet cake honoring Irv's and Anita's 60th wedding anniversary was the perfect cap to a festive meal and fun evening.

I look forward to greeting and leading you after the summer in our Castle Hall.  
**BE THERE!!!**

Sidney Weber

### MAN OF THE YEAR

On May 16, 2010, North Shore Lodge honored brother Tony Mercado at Bruno's with a wonderful dinner for his contributions to our lodge and his hard work as manager of our softball team. We had about 100 people at the dinner which included members of the Grand Lodge as well as the family and friends of many of our brothers. Everyone enjoyed the fine food and beautiful music at this gala event. Congratulations have to be given to Brother Fred Wayne who almost singlehandedly put together this event through hours of hard word and dedication. Throughout the evening, there were many speeches that touched our hearts. There was also a very fine speech by Robert Kaufman of the Grand Lodge in which he gave a broad historical overview of the Knights and described the fine philanthropic work we do to the many nonmembers who attended this wonderful occasion.

All the proceeds from the event including the raffle were donated to the Humanitarian Fund to support the Serviceman's Committee program to pay for postage of packages being



sent to our soldiers in Iraq, Afghanistan and other parts of the world. Above is a picture of some of the attendees.

From left to right: Grand Webmaster PC Izhak Sirota, GMA Craig Shink, GS Irving Kleiman, VGC. Michael Sukenick, Man of the Year Tony Mercado, GC Jerome Bernzweig, PGC Alan Greenberg, GP Robert Kaufman and GA/PACDGC Ron Degen.

Arthur Getzel, VC

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## FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

We have had a wonderful year. In some respects, yes and in others I disagree. We can all think of things that we wish did not happen and thing we wanted to happen but did not. Also there were unexpected thing that brought us a degree of happiness.

It has come to my attention that we have a brother in the Lodge by the name of Emanuel H. Gottesman who has not attended meetings for quite a while. I think we have to forgive him as he resides in Coconut Creek, Florida. Manny is over ninety years of age and we congratulate him. When I think about it is no big deal. After all, it took him over ninety years to accomplish it. Anyway, congratulations Manny from the secretary of North Shore Lodge and I am sure your other brothers wish you many more years of good health. Always remember, "There is a better day tomorrow".

The Knights had so many enjoyable activities and so few of us participated. One of these was the second annual Comedy Night. The Knights, their friends and families that did attend had the laughs of their lives. Each succeeding act, of which there were three comedians, was funnier than the other was. I think it was agreed, that the last one was

funnier than or at least as funny as the big names of today and yesteryear.

There were the basketball, baseball, and hockey games. There was football at West Point and the Golf Outing. There were open meetings there were dinners by North Shore Lodge and others that we were invited to attend. There were the weekends away. There were the Special Olympic activities that for which some of us volunteered. We had the successful Man of the Year dinner. Do not forget the lodge picnic and the one forthcoming on September 12th.. That will be the first big activity of the coming Fraternal Year. Most of the above activities will take place again so join us at meetings and be informed and involved. It is extremely important that we bring friends and family into the Knights so we can enjoy these things together.

The poem by our lat brother Jesse Levine is to be found below, in this issue of the Knight Light. I am sure you will enjoy reading it. I am also quite sure Ruth Levine will enjoy reading it again

Irving Kleiman, Secretary

## KENNETH I. AARONSON

Boy, am I disappointed! I did not know about the Man of the Year dinner. I am disappointed for two reasons. First, you know that I work for a caterer and no one told me you were planning the dinner. How come? If I knew about it, I could have told my boss, Simon and if he got the job, I would get a commission. Secondly, not only that, I could have worked the job and would have been paid.

Even if we did not get the job, for such a reduced price I could have and would have gone. Evelyn would have been thrilled to get out of the house. We heard it was great and that Fred, did a marvelous job. I do not think I know Fred. Is he a new member?

OK! I know it is partially my fault, If had gone to meetings I would have known about the dinner.

I know there will be a poem in the Bulletin from Jesse. I'd like to add one more.

One fine day in the middle of the night  
Two dead men got up to fight  
Back to back, they faced each other  
Drew our swords and shot each other.  
A deaf policemen heard the noise  
Came in and shot down the two dead boys.

They would have been OK if they were Pythians.  
Fraternally

Ken I. Aaronson

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## ONE OF OUR LATE PC JESSE LEVINE'S POEMS

### LANGUAGE

Language today has gone astray,  
I hear new words, from day to day.  
If something is good, its very bad,  
Hat language gone? If so I am sad.

The dress code today, is considered cool,  
Certainly not, when I went to school.  
Is my age showing, or is this a fad,  
When good comes out, as being bad?

How does one know, when things are cool?  
Speaking well, is not the rule.  
Am I from this world, or another place?  
Perhaps conversing with another race?  
Should visitors come from outer space,  
Dare we meet them face to face?  
Will they know of now o what we say?  
Or perhaps, they should not stay?

Freedom of expression this gift we have,  
But language used is hardly salve,  
Rather an irritant with obnoxious verbs  
Such as felines, who spit out curds.

Perhaps one day, this fad will go.  
And hopefully again all will know,  
Language.

## NOSTALGIA CORNER September 1988 Knight Light

### IT SEEMS TO ME by Sen. Ike Roffman

The open meeting last June was a memorable one. Rarely does Douglaston Lodge award Life Membership to a Brother. The scroll, listing some of PDGC Jere Lifson's numerous accomplishments and conferring the honor of Life Membership upon him, had so many "whereases", it reminded me of the Bible listing of so and so begot so and so, etc.

CC Hal Saldinger spoke and not once did he use the ten-letter word he's famous for. PC Ronnie Degen acted as Master of Ceremonies and waxed poetic. GS Sir Morris Siegel in honoring PDGC LM Jere Lifson waxed eloquent. Now if only we had someone who waxed cars.

Besides the awards given to several Brothers for services rendered, there were two "Women of the Year" awards. No, not to Lauren Bacall and Raquel Welch, but to two other lovely ladies. The open meeting was well attended. The Berkowitzes were in from Florida. Gussie looked great. Herman looked big. It was a pleasure to see them as well as Jerry and Annette Cohen among others.

It seems to me we should have open meetings more often. We probably wouldn't accomplish anymore then we do now but at least we'd get a better looking crowd.

## BANKS IS BACK

Actually, PC Robert Banks never left, but he is back leading us. He served for two years as Chancellor Commander and was President of the Douglaston Welfare Association at a time when we desperately needed someone to take over. Now, after going up the chairs of the Long Island Pythian Council ("LIPC"), this month he was sworn in as its President.

Robert follows in the footsteps of some great leaders of North Shore Lodge, including Philip Kravitz, Isidore Friedman, Alvin Shapiro, Danny Deckler, Jere Lifson and Irv Kleiman. Undoubtedly, he will do his predecessors' legacy justice.

The LIPC is an organization made up of the Lodges from Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. It has one major purpose--raise money for charitable purposes. It meets on the first Sunday morning of each month and plans money-raising activities.

The LIPC is an important organization and Robert is the right man to take the helm in 2010. Good luck, Robert, in the upcoming year.

## ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

It's been awhile since we published our last Knight Light and the fault lies with me. I apologize to you, my Brothers. Fortunately, Itzy has taken the reins and Irv, Arthur and others are giving him a hand.

In spite of a heavy work schedule and his distance from our Castle Hall (he lives in Suffolk County), for the past 13 years PC Robert Banks has been an important part of North Shore Lodge. Recently, he was sworn in as President of the Long Island Pythian Council. I ask everyone to support him. If you cannot attend Long Island Pythian Council meetings, at least please join us at his dinner next spring.

PC Barney Linden had a rough winter and still is not in the best of health. He is our Grand Lodge Representative and I look forward to joining him at the Grand Lodge Convention in July with our wives, Janet and Arleen. Barney is a fighter. The joy that he gets from grandson Alan, Janet, Michelle and Rod is too great to give up. I wish him a speedy recovery and many more years of happiness.

The budget meeting in August and the picnic in September are important upcoming events. If you can squeeze us into your schedules, please join us. To paraphrase the man from the men's clothing store commercials, "You're gonna like the way it makes you feel."

## 2010 GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

This year's Grand Lodge convention will take place July 5th through July 8th at the Eden Resort in Lancaster, PA. This will be the second year at this location. Previously most conventions were held in the Catskill's but due to the closing and deterioration of the hotels in that region it was decided to look at other venues.

I have been a rep or alternate for a number of years. It has been very rewarding in terms of getting to know members of the other lodges and the camaraderie that we all have.

Both morning and afternoon sessions are held for three days. The budget, committee reports as well as propositions and resolutions are presented and voted on. Our own Irving

Kleiman is Grand Secretary and publishes a proceedings which details every detail of what went on at the convention. All resolutions and propositions are checked for proper wording by our own Sir Ron Degen who has served as Grand Advocate for many years. If changes are needed, Ron rewords as necessary after advising the Chair.

Every year a new Grand Outer Guard is elected who then will go through the chairs eventually becoming Grand Chancellor.

I recommend that more of our own brothers consider serving as rep or alternate in future years.

Barney Linden, Grand Lodge Representative

## FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

Brothers, there are so many good things that the 'Knights' do that it seems that no one seems to know it all. We put a lot of effort in fighting diabetes. We are involved in the American Diabetes and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. Awareness of Diabetes is a major concern of Pythians. Many people suffer from this dreadful disease and many others are unaware that they may have diabetes. Through the efforts of Pythians, information about Diabetes is given not only to our Brothers and Sisters and their families, but also to the public. Working with various Diabetes Advocate Groups, our efforts have helped many people to recognize this terrible illness. We have yearly events to raise much needed funds to fight Diabetes and since the inception of our Diabetes Research Association in 1997 we have donated well over \$500,000.00 to these Research Groups.

Irving Kleiman, Grand Secretary

## BUDGET AND PLANNING MEETING

On Tuesday, August 10, 2010, our annual Budget Meeting will take place at 8:00 P.M. at Sinai Chapels. As in past years, we will set out agenda for the upcoming year. If past budget meetings are an indication, it should be an interesting evening. BE THERE!!!

## JOKE

A 54 year old woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital.

While on the operating table she had a near death experience. Seeing God she asked "Is my time up?"

God said, "No, you have another 43 years, 2 months and 8 days to live."

Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital and have a face-lift, liposuction, breast implants and a tummy tuck. She even had someone come in and change her hair color and brighten her teeth! Since she had so much more time to live, she figured she might as well make the most of it.

After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was killed by a truck.

Arriving in front of God, she demanded, "I thought you said I had another 43 years? Why didn't you pull me from out of the path of that truck?"

God replied:  
(You'll love this)

*"I didn't recognize you."*

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**NOSTALGIA CORNER** September 1988 Knight Light

**EXIT MIKE, ENTER HAROLD**

The June open meeting marked the end of Mike Flam's reign as Chancellor Commander and the induction of Harold Saldinger as the new leader of Douglaston Lodge. The evening, as pointed out by Sen. Ike Roffman in his article, was a memorable one. The speeches were amusing and polished and no one went home hungry.

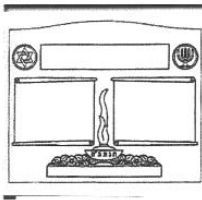
Harold outlined some of his plans for 1988/1989 and emphasized that he was not going to be a "titular head". He also told us that when his wife learned of his new position, her first question was how much does it pay? Danny made one of his usual entertaining, amusing and warm

presentations when he gave Mike the Lodge's gift to him as outgoing Chancellor. Mike was also funny as he thanked the Brothers who helped him and handed out certificates of appreciation. Ike Roffman also spoke briefly and gave a moving speech. A fine presentation of the Hy Jaye Award to Allen Plotkin, son of Brother Robert Plotkin and his wife, Sandy, was made by PC Ike Margulis.

The evening came to a close with the wheeling out of the super collation of fresh bagels, rolls, 4 spreads beverages and a delicious sheet cake. All that can be said is a good time was had by all.

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## WHY I REMAIN A PYTHIAN

I'm not even sure the dates I took my ranks. Excuse me. I said the dates I took my ranks. There was no three in one. It was every other week. It was really interesting and I might even say exciting. There is a lot taken away at the 3 in 1. But that is the way it is. People have no time to spare. It is too bad.

Back to the subject at hand. I remember the softball games on Underhill Ave. We had a great team. I remember the bowling league. I was especially active with the father and child league. My daughter loved it.

The charitable events still stick in my mind. One of the greatest was the dances with a live band at Hillside Hospital. That went on for a long time. I do not know why that ended. We went to the trotters and had dinner there. That was a first for me. I remember losing, but it was fun being with the guys and their wives.

I remember our bar mitzvah event at the Shell House in Oceanside. The food was fantastic and plentiful. I even remember after it was over, there were complaints from the management that we parked in their garden and destroyed it. I wondered earlier why the parking lot was so soft and almost muddy.

## NORTH SHORE TIGERS ROAR!!!

Our softball team, the North Shore Tigers, is eating up their opponents and has zoomed to the top of the standings. Even though it is the first year for the Tigers in the A Division, heading into the second half of the season they have a won/lost record of 13 and 1-the best in the League.

Led by Brother Tony Mercado, the team shows its adversaries no mercy. The pitching staff has a combined ERA of 1.78, the men behind the pitchers seem to have Velcro in their gloves and cannons for arms. Team leaders include Edgar Nouel, batting .442 with 5 homeruns and 24 RBI, AJ Griffin, hitting .318, and Alex Mercado, up there with a .353 average. As Tony put it, they are a force to reckoned with. For the fourth straight year Tony has been selected to manage the All Star Game, which will take place on Thursday, July 10th, at 6:15 P.M. at Juniper Valley Park. Anyone who can make it to cheer Tony and our men on should be there. You can also get more information about the team and its schedule by visiting its website at [www.northshoretigers.info](http://www.northshoretigers.info). The team would love to have Brothers come to games to give their support. GO TIGERS!!!

## WHAT'S COOKING?

In North Shore Lodge if something is cooking, you can be sure that Arie Bauer is cooking it. Nine years ago, Arie joined Douglaston Great Neck Lodge and immediately became Inner Guard. Later he became Master-At-Arms and for the last few years he has served as our Prelate. More importantly, he has been an outstanding Collation Committee Chairman. In fact, more often than not, he has been the entire Committee. In April 2005 we had an honor night for Arie to thank him for his selfless work on behalf of our tummies. For the last five years, he has not rested on his laurels or on anything else. Instead, he has continued to do his job as Collation Chairman and he has done it well. Whenever we have an open meeting, Susan Bauer is also there to lend a helping hand. Thank you, Arie and Susan for your years of service to our Lodge.

We do not have as many activities now as we did in those days, but the Man of the Year Dinner is a reminder of things in the past and that can be again in the future.

So you see why I remain a Pythian. It brings back such fond memories and helps me visualize what will probably be in the near future.

GS Irving Kleiman

## WHY DO WE DO IT?

This is the busy season and a few of us are out many nights each week in April, May and June. Some of you might think, thank God I don't have to go. From the outside, the many honor nights for the Grand Chancellor and other Pythians may seem to be nothing more than a series of boring speeches in which the honoree is extolled for his hard work and dedication to the Order, and everyone is counting how many more speakers must talk before collation is served. Sometimes you are right. But other evenings are truly moving events, with much camaraderie, funny speeches, and heartfelt tributes to a Pythian who holds the Knights of Pythias together and makes it work.

A typical honor night in Brooklyn starts with a group of us meeting in front of Irv Kleiman's house. Then we drive, usually in Ron Degen's and Tony Rivers' cars, to the meeting. The drive is worth the price, especially when Irv, Tony and Jerry are there telling their great stories about past events of the order. Once we get to the meeting, we either listen to good speeches or make fun and joke during poor ones. Anyway you look at it, we have a great time. When the speeches end, the eating begins, and then it's homeward bound. The joking continues throughout the night and smiles fill everyone's faces.

Being active is great. Why else would we do it?

## GRAND & SUPREME LODGE CORNER

In the past issues of the Knight Light, we announced that the Grand Lodge has a brand new web site at [kopny.com](http://kopny.com) that was created by our own PC Izhak Sirota. Now we can report to you that Izhak is also the webmaster for the Supreme Lodge's Pythian International Magazine at [PythianInternational.com](http://PythianInternational.com).

We hope that everyone had the chance to view it. Just remember, that it is constantly updated. Therefore, you should visit them soon and often.

## SIXTH ANNUAL PICNIC

We have had 5 consecutive highly successful, rain-free picnics, organized by Itzy, Arie and Jerry, who shared the cooking chores. Once again, good weather is predicted, so no excuse exists for not joining your Brothers on Sunday, September 12, 2010 for a wonderful time. The picnic starts at 11:00 A.M. and officially ends at 3:00 P.M., but you can stay as long as you like. If you bring your chair, we will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, trimmings, drinks and dessert. The place is the same idyllic spot at 193rd Street off Union Turnpike in Cunningham Park with plenty of shade and a playground for the children. To get there, just go south on Francis Lewis Boulevard and go right at the first entrance south of Union Turnpike. Continue to the end and you will BE THERE!

All Brothers, their families and friends are invited.

**IRA S. LUGENER**

To My Brothers:

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! It gives me a warm feeling to know how much my literary gems have been missed and how my efforts to keep spending down (except for subsidies for my family and me) have been missed. Those e-mails from the computer literate and letters from the electronically challenged congratulating me on my past Herculean efforts and begging me to do more have been pouring in and make me feel as giddy as a school girl.

It is an open secret that my persuasive powers forced King Sidney to cancel several extravaganzas. He also bowed to my pressure and limited the number of Knight Lights to be published this past year. YES, I AM GOOD!!!

Finally, I want you to know that Iris and I have taken full advantage of the subsidies and the collations. We went to the District Dinner, the LIPC Dinner and the Man of the Year Award Dinner. Each time we stuffed ourselves with food at the buffet and took home the main course. They were highly profitable evenings.

Well, gotta go and help the kids with the homework. For math the teacher asked, if you take \$50 and deduct the \$25 subsidy, what do you get? Igor said \$25, but I told him \$25 and a real good deal.

Fraternally,  
IRA S. LUGENER

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**WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!**

Welcome to new members Elliott Frankel and Richard Maddy who have already stepped up to the plate and became active as Inner Guard and Outer Guard.

**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 of their families.

**PGC PAUL SHACK**  
2/28/10

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2/2/10

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2/24/09

**BROTHER HYMAN SPRINGER**  
2/7/09

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

### **Meeting Schedule for 2010**

CONVENTIONS ARE NORMALLY HELD EVERY FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 8:00 PM

Marathon Jewish Community Center 245-37 60th Ave. Douglaston, NY (718) 428-1580

Executive Meetings are held at Sinai Chapels 162-05 Horace Harding Expy, Fresh Meadows, NY 11365

\* Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

June 15-Final Meeting/Convention

Aug 10 -Budget and Planning Meeting at Sinai Chapels

Sept 7 -First Regular Meeting

Sept 12 -Sixth Annual Picnic (Rain date Sept 11, 2011)

Sept 21 -Regular Meeting/Convention

Sept 28 -Executive Meeting

#### **Sixth Annual Friends and Family Picnic**

**September 12, 2010**

11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Bring your chair, we will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, trimmings, drinks and dessert.

The place:193rd Street off Union Turnpike in Cunningham Park with plenty of shade and a playground for the children.

Directions: go south on Francis Lewis Boulevard and go right at the first entrance south of Union Turnpike. Go to end of parking lot.

### **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 from January 1, thru December 31 of same year.**

**Annual dues are \$55.00.**

**Make checks payable to North Shore Lodge #824.**

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