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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

One of the reasons why I am so happy to be part of North Shore Lodge is that the Brothers actually practice friendship, charity and benevolence. Without the friendship, I would not be an active Brother. With the friendship, I am ready, willing and able to do all that I can for my Brothers. The signs of friendship range from get-togethers outside the Lodge with some of you and your families to just seeing Brothers at meetings and receiving a warm handshake and a pleasant smile. It's great to be among friends.

While some people say charity begins at home (and we certainly vote a lot of subsidies to get our members to attend various functions), I am pleased that North Shore Lodge put its money where its mouth is and wrote some important checks. At our last convention we voted to contribute \$1,000 to several different charities that are important to our members. As you will see from the story and photograph in this issue, Dave Gurock, Irv Kleiman, Tony Rivers and Sidney Weber took the time to go to St. Mary's Foundation for Children in Bayside and present our donation.

The benevolence is exemplified by the cooperation which I receive from many of my Brothers when, as Chancellor Commander, I ask for their help. For example, last year at the Annual Memorial Day Parade which I help to organize, quite a few Brothers and their families participated and marched with the Lodge banner.

Doesn't North Shore Lodge sound like a great place to be? Well, for me, it is. I am convinced that you would have the same feelings if you joined us for one of our regular conventions where we just talk and enjoy

coffee and cake or if you came to a special dinner or open meeting where we have planned activities and fantastic collations. This spring will be an especially busy time with a Wine Night (March 17th), Bingo Night (April 17th), Long Island Pythian Council Dinner (April 30th), Grand Chancellor's Dinner (May 6th) and the 10th District Deputy Dinner May 23rd. At the Wine Night we will give every Brother in good standing a bottle of wine, at the Bingo Night we will serve a super collation starting at 7:00pm, for the dinners we will offer a subsidy. Wow, what an organization!

One of our newest members is Barry Lisak, who last year transferred into our Lodge. He is a CPA and gave an informative lecture at one of our January conventions. I had told him that he could speak for about 15 minutes and that I would gauge the Brothers' reaction to determine if he should go on longer. Everyone (including Robert Banks, who is a CPA and certainly knew all the answers) paid rapt attention to Barry and I am sure gained a lot of useful information for filing in 2007. No one yawned, left the Castle Hall, or wanted Barry to stop. Even the Brothers who hire accountants to prepare their tax returns were interested in all that Barry had to say. I would love to have other interesting speakers address the Lodge at the end of our meetings. Please just let me know, if you want to participate.

Finally, I want to mention the most important matter concerning the Knights of Pythias: Membership. New members are the lifeblood that we need to survive. If you enjoy being a Knight, won't your friends like it, too? The social, economic and charitable benefits are tremendous. We need your help to keep us going. Fraternaly yours Izhak Sirota

ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

It's time to dig a little bit, but not too deep, into your pockets. This year the Annual Grand Chancellor's Dinner is being held on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at noon at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. Since last year's Dinner was also held there, I can unequivocally state that it will be a wonderful afternoon of dining and dancing. If you paid list price, the Dinner would be expensive; but who pays list price? A motion to substantially subsidize the Dinner will be made at the next meeting.

Last year North Shore Lodge had 6 couples at the dinner. If you want to hear firsthand how much fun we had, just get in touch with Barney and Janet, Itzy and Phyllis, Tony and Carmen, Irv and Anita, Ed and Irma, or Ronnie and Arleen.

There are three reasons why I am asking you to attend this affair. First of all, Grand Chancellor Martin Fasting came to two North Shore Lodge meetings for no reason other than to spend time with his Brother Knights. He joined us on October 3rd and again on February 6th. It would be fitting if we showed him our appreciation. Secondly, for the first time in the history of Douglaston, Great Neck, Glen Oaks and North Shore Lodges, a Brother is running for Grand Lodge Office in New York. Again, it would be great if many of us showed our support for Irv.

Finally, I would not urge any Brother to spend money on an affair if I did not think that he was going to have a great time. I am sure about it.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Since my last contribution to the Knight Light, we have had one of the best, if not the best, Holiday Party that the Lodge has ever had. The substitute entertainer was surely enjoyable. It took a little time, but once started the Brothers and their guests got up and did the kind of dancing that the music called for. Once again the Collation Committee, chaired by Arie Bauer, presented a feast for all to enjoy. Can you imagine that we had latkes, but no potato latkes? There were spinach, zucchini and carrot latkes with apple sauce, and they were delicious. The latkes and the rest of the delicatessen food were supplied with all the trimmings by Ben's Delicatessen. The guests from other Lodges that attended, all enjoyed the evening. Pictured are Arie Bauer (Chairman of the Collation Committee) and his right-hand man Jerry Geier.

Any one who wants to make some easy money and who feels lucky can see PACDGC Ron Degen at the next convention and get a sealed envelope containing a date in the Grand Lodge Calendar. For \$20.00 you will receive a number, and each time the number hits during a weekday in the year 2007, you will receive \$20.00. If it hits on a weekend or holiday, your award will be \$50.00

We have been striving to have functions where wives and friends are invited. Well! We have been invited to a Square Dance. Don your jeans and cowboy shirts and come to the "Hoedown and kick up your heels" at FDR Lodges 2007 Hoedown. Date is March 24th at 8:00 PM. Place is Temple Shalom at 263-10 Union Turnpike in Floral Park. Reservations must be made by March 9th. See me or Ted Pashko at 718 793-2379. Check for \$10.00 per person should be sent to Ted at 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd, Apt 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

It has been brought to my attention that many Brothers know nothing about the Dr. Smoller Social Services Fund. This fund donates large amounts of money to various institutions, such as hospitals and rehabilitation and nursing homes. If any Brother in good standing needs access to this type of facility for themselves, parents or in-laws, they should contact PGC Murray Lipton. His phone number is 516 763-4342. Calling me or Grand Lodge will only delay approval.

Did you know that Grand Lodge awards scholarships for children or grandchildren of members? Once again, the person to call is Murray.

Let me interject a sad note. Life Member David Aboulafia passed away in August. David was active from the outset of Douglaston Lodge. He helped to hand out flyers informing the community of the formation of a new Lodge in the Pythian Order. Early on he was a regular at Lodge conventions. He and his wife Ruth very seldom missed an open meeting. Dave will be missed.

As you know, PC Jesse Levine is no longer with us. But did you know that Jesse was a poet? CC Itzy Sirota, published a booklet of some of his work. I, in my infinite wisdom, have decided to add one of Jesse's poems to each of my columns. I know you will enjoy this one that is titled "The Waltz".
Fraternally,

PDGC LM Irv Kleiman,
Secretary

AND THE NEXT GRAND SECRETARY IS...

We are pleased to report that our own Irv Kleiman has thrown his hat in the ring and is running for the office of Grand Secretary of the State of New York. So far, no other hats are in the ring, so his chances of success are quite high. Good luck, Irv, we know that you would make an excellent Grand Lodge Officer.



THE WALTZ

Walking in a mall on a lovely summers day
A whisper of music came floating my way
The sound intrigued me, calling me there
I had to follow, I had to know where
The volume grew louder, but not to much so
A piano was playing, I felt my spirits grow
As I came to the source, I was rooted in awe
This elderly gentlemen was out on the floor
Waltzing in time, dancing alone
A smile on his face, oh how he shone
His right arm extended as though touching a waist
Left hand up raised, a picture of grace.
Both eyes were closed, lost in a time
Of a by gone age when a waltz was sublime
The years dropped away, like a gentle rain
Steps-became youthful, firm, with no pain.
His partner, his wife too frail to dance
Was smiling and nodding completely entranced
My eyes became misty watching these two
I could see their love gently flowing through
This marvelous force that bound them together
Had united two lives, for ever and ever
The music ended but his thoughts were not now
To his wife he bent in a courtly bow
He extended his hand as he helped her arise
Memories of two, could be seen in their eyes
They walked away slowly lost in thought
Of golden years with the life they had sought
They seemed not sad, just happy to be,
The dance of their life, was witnessed by me.

Jesse

CHARITY AT ST. MARY'S FOUNDATION



North Shore Lodge presented a check to the St. Mary's Foundation for Children of Bayside. Pictured from left to right are Eileen Weiss (Director of Development), Anthony Rivers, David Gurock, Sidney Weber and Jan Mittan (Vice President of Philanthropy). Seated is Matthew, the "Mayor" of St. Mary's. Behind the lens taking the picture is Irv Kleiman. Standing next to him and getting everyone to smile is Roz Gurock.

THE GOOD NEWS, THE BAD NEWS, THE IN-BETWEEN NEWS

The good news: The good news is that spring is just around the corner and it is going to be filled with great events. The better news, is that our annual Holiday Party was a rousing success, our January meetings evaded the snow, and our February meeting was enlivened by a visit from Grand Chancellor Martin Fasting, PDSC Joel Bergenfeld, DGC Sheldon Soloway and PDGC Carl Broder. The best news is that PDGC LM Irv Kleiman has announced that he is running for Grand Secretary of the Domain of New York.

The bad news: PC Barney Linden has been under the weather during his winter stay in Florida. He and Janet will be returning to New York this spring. We wish him good health and hope that he will be strong enough to attend our meetings and enjoy his family and friends. Meanwhile, Brother Gerald Guber is at Parker rehabilitating from an operation. He should be there at

least one month. We wish him a speedy recovery. Marion Weber, wife of Outer Guard Sidney Weber, required open heart surgery. We pray that soon she will, once again, be on her feet, feeling as good as new, and brightening our open meetings with her presence.

The celebratory news: Everyone has a birthday and most of our Brothers have wives, children and grandchildren with birthdays and anniversaries. However, no one told me about them. So, all I can do is congratulate my family members. In the last issue, I wished my grandsons happy birthdays and in the next issue I will wish my children and wife a happy anniversary. Now, it is time to call attention to the spring birthdays and say, you are all the greatest! I'm talking about my daughter Tracy Chirel (March 24th), my daughter-in-law Jill (April 11th), my wife Arleen (April 27th), and my son Jeffrey (April 29th).

KENNETH I. AARONSON

DECEMBER COLUMN

Big Deal! So the lodge had a picnic with over ninety people in attendance. Big Deal! So, everyone had a good time. Big Deal! Everything including the food and weather was great. Big Deal!

This is sour grapes talking. Evelyn and I could not make it, as I had to work. You know that I work for a caterer, and we were doing a job in the Twinkle Ballroom that started at noon. My boss Simon did jobs there before and at that place they usually don't eat like Pythians. This time they did. The only goodies I had to take home were a cherry pie and a piece of brisket.

I do plan to attend the meeting with the chicken dinner and a chance to come home with a free turkey. I know I'll be working the evening before where the ladies auxiliary will be holding their annual pre-Thanksgiving affair. I'm quite certain I'll be coming home with enough for my family's Thanksgiving dinner, but having the extra turkey as insurance can't hurt. With a little luck Simon won't have an affair scheduled and Evelyn and I will get a baby sitter so we can attend the Holiday party scheduled for December 19th.

I gotta be there, so see you soon.
Your Brother,
Kenneth I. Aaronson

FEBRUARY COLUMN

It is still early in the year and the Lodge does not hold elections until May. I know I have not gone to any meetings in the last few years, but I would love to attend and enjoy the evenings with my fellow Pythians.

I thought that I had the perfect solution when I suggested the purchase of the Junk Yard on Liberty Avenue in Jamaica, but no one wants to chip in toward the purchase price. I have another idea. If I run for office, for instance, Chancellor Commander, things could change. Izhak Sirota is on his second year. I think one year is enough, let alone two or three. If I became the Chancellor Commander, perhaps I would garner some respect. Then I would be able to add to my resume, that I hold that coveted position. The door for more employment opportunities would open. Still if I am not offered a job with better hours, then maybe pockets will open and we will end up owning the junk yard. Then I would have a job that would allow me to get to meetings.

Remember my two mottos. You have to spend money to make money and the other that I just recently adopted: "If at first you don't succeed, wait again and put it in the next Knight Light."

Your Brother,
Kenneth I. Aaronson

IRA S. LUGENER

To My Brothers:

I am proud to report that since the last edition of the Knight Light, when I announced the formation of my website www.iralugener.com, it has had 2,081 visitors. Also, sales are brisk for my volumes of Letters from Ira.

As you know, I am constantly thinking of ways to improve North Shore Lodge. I was even toying with the idea of getting publicity by claiming to be the father of the late Anna Nicole Smith's daughter. However, I can do just so much for the Knights and, after all, I am married.

The media attention generated by the death of Ms. Smith and the sad deterioration of Britney Spears makes me think that the Knights of Pythias may be too nice to draw

members. Maybe, we should change our motto to Fiendishness, Callousness and Betrayal. Then each week we could leak a repugnant (albeit untrue) story to the media. Since quite a few newspapers and TV stations just want to sell advertising, the truth is not essential. The publicity could be just what we need to boost membership.

Turning to King Itzy and his extravagant agenda, Iris asked me to thank him and Arie for the fine collation at our Holiday Party. We look forward to stocking up on Passover wine at Wine Night and stuffing ourselves at Bingo Night.

Fraternally,

IRA S. LUGENER

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ONE OF THE EDITORS APOLOGIZES

Last month, in praising our Chancellor Commander for the fine job he has been doing, I asked you: "Is the Lodge better off now than it was two years ago?" While I did not mean to disparage anyone, upon re-reading the article I realized that it did not say what I wanted it to say. Therefore, I apologize to all the past Chancellor Commanders whom I inadvertently maligned and especially to our most recent Chancellor Commander, PC Barney Linden, at whom the remark may have appeared to have been directed. In fact, Barney is one of the Pythians whom I consider a good friend and a hard worker for the Lodge. During the two years that he was Chancellor Commander, he planned and executed the combination 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance and Testimonial for Izhak Sirota held at Leonard's, arranged many successful activities, such as the holiday parties, chicken dinners, turkey raffles and open meetings with entertainment, and pitched in when needed, such as helping Arie with the collations.

Last month I wished a happy birthday to Ethan Sims (3 years on March 25th), the grandson of PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman. However, I neglected to mention that his other grandfather is also a member of North Shore Lodge. So, congratulations Brother Don and Judy Sims and have a great time celebrating Ethan's birthday.

Finally, Kenneth Aaronson's column was left out of the last issue. For that reason, two of his contributions are being published in this Bulletin.

THE LIPC MEETING SCHEDULE

The Long Island Pythian Council's remaining meetings are on the following Sundays:

March 4, April 1, April 29, June 3.

GRAND LODGE CORNER

Baby, it's cold outside, but the Grand Lodge Convention is not that far away. It will be held at Kutscher's Country Club from July 10th through July 13th. Attending from our Lodge will be Grand Lodge Representative PC David and Roz Gurock, Alternate Representative PDGC LM Irv and Anita Kleiman and Ronnie and Arleen Degen. We would love to have more company. As mentioned elsewhere in the Knight Light, the Grand Chancellor's Dinner is scheduled for Sunday afternoon, May 6, 2007, and should be a great affair.

THE LONG ISLAND PYTHIAN COUNCIL DINNER

Like night follows day and spring follows winter, each year the Long Island Pythian Council honors its president at a gala affair. We have had quite a few presidents from our Lodge and we have had many great dinners. This year it will be held on Monday, April 30, 2007, at the Shish Kebab Restaurant in Plainview. The cost is just \$35 and a subsidy should be voted at the next meeting to bring the price down.

BE THERE!!!

THE GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER

On Sunday, May 6, 2007, you will have the opportunity to attend a dinner that can best be described as a wedding without the bride and groom. An hour-long smorgasbord will be followed by a multi-course feast. Speeches will be short and dancing will go on all afternoon. Of course, we will be honoring our Grand Chancellor Martin Fasting. The Dinner is being held at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center where last year's dinner was a rousing success. Just ask the six couples from North Shore Lodge who enjoyed the dinner.

THE 10TH DISTRICT'S MEETINGS

The Tenth District meets on the following Mondays at the Sherwood Diner in Lawrence: March 12 and June 11.

On May 17, 2007 the District will hold its installation of officers at Rubin-Americo Lodge. Anyone interested in attending Council or District meetings can call Irv or Tony for directions or to keep them company.

THE DEPUTIES', I MEAN DEPUTY'S DINNER

The changes keep on happening. In the last bulletin we asked you to keep the evening of Tuesday, May 29th, 2007 open for a joint testimonial dinner honoring the four Deputy Grand Chancellors of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties. Well, you can book that night, because the joint dinner is off. However, the 10th District will be having its own dinner to honor DGC Sheldon Soloway on May 23rd at Piccolo Monde in Inwood, and it will be subsidized.

BE THERE!!!

WHO, I MEAN WHOM, DO I CALL FOR DINNER PLANS?

This issue of the Knight Light invites you to attend quite a few dinners (at a nominal cost). Anyone who is interested in any of the dinners should call:

Itzy (516-987-1200), Irv (718-225-4166),

Tony (516-294-9734) or Ronnie (718-428-4854)

to make reservations or to answer your questions.

OH, WHAT A NIGHT, WHAT A NIGHT!

March and April will each have a very special meeting. First, on March 20th, **IT'S WINE AND VISITATION NIGHT**. Every paid-up member will receive a free bottle of Passover wine and everyone will be greeted by DSC Kenneth Danker--one of the nicest men in the Order. He will deliver the Supreme Chancellor's Message. **COME ON DOWN!!!** Then, on April 17th, it's **BINGO NIGHT!** Bingo Night is an open meeting, starting with dinner at 7:00 P.M. sharp, so bring your wives and children along and join us for what has proven to be, perhaps, the most fun-filled evening of the Pythian Year.

BE THERE!!!

AMONG THE MISSING

We are looking for the following Brothers and widows, who may have moved and whom we cannot reach:

Alan Abbey	Albert Balopole	Max Barocas
Joseph Bottner	Hyman Brenenson	Robert Cohen
Fred Donowitz	Donald Fink	Morris Goldberg
Harold Goldstein	Norman Gottfried	Raphael Heim
Stanley Hirsh	Irving Kovalsky	Gerald Leavitt
Stanley Reich	Lawrence Ritter	Alexander
Rosenbluth	Raymond Ross	Fred Rubin
Fredrich Scheinfeld	Samfred Schneck	Jerome Silverstein
Philip Strausman	Herbert Silverman	Henrietta Sirdofsky
Stuart Sorokin	Ira S. Tillman	Edward Tuerack
Victor Weinstein	Martin Weiback	

If you know how to contact them or if you see them, please tell me or ask them to call me.

Fraternally,

PC Jerry Geier, Financial Secretary
718-428-0379

FAREWELL, FAREWELL, FAREWELL!!!

In the last issue of the Knight Light, we said welcome, welcome, welcome to Greater Queens Lodge Number 550. For a couple of months we held joint meetings with them with an eye toward merging. Well, they bid us adieu, so that while we still remain friends with the Brothers of Greater Queens Lodge, they will not be our Lodge Brothers.

The editorial policy of the Knight Light is the sole responsibility of the editors and does not necessarily reflect the opinion of North Shore Lodge No. 824 or it's officers. Copy will be accepted by the editors during any meeting, with the deadline being the first board meeting of each month. We reserve the right to accept submitted copy during the second convention of each month and to decide which copy to print and when. Only typed copy is acceptable. The editors hope that the opinions expressed will be taken in the spirit in which they were written and that no real criticism intended.

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FDR Lodge is holding a square dance at Temple Sholom on Union Turnpike at 263rd Street on Saturday evening, March 24th, at 8:00 P.M. Tickets are just \$10 per person. Anyone who wants to dosey-doe his/her partner should call Irv, or better still, send him the money.

SHOW TIME!

The Humanitarian Fund is sponsoring the production of Hello Dolly on Saturday night, April 14th. It will be performed at Smithtown High School. If you are interested in tickets, please call Irv.

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.

ROSE GUROCK

January 29, 2007

Mother of PC David Gurock

BROTHER DANIEL SOURY

January 15, 2007

BROTHER IRWIN CHIZEVER

January 5, 2007

BROTHER CARL BLUMENTHAL

August, 2006

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

Mar 6 - Regular Convention
Mar 20 - Regular Convention
Wine Night
Mar 27 - Executive Meeting
April 17 - Bingo Night - 7:00 P.M.
April 24 - Executive Meeting
April 30 - Long Island Pythian Council Dinner
May 1 - Regular Convention
1st Nominations
Memorial Night
May 6 - Grand Chancellor's Dinner
May 15 - Regular Convention
2nd Nominations & Elections

May 22 - Executive Meeting
May 23 - 10th District Dinner
June 5 - Installation Night (open Meeting)
June 19 - Final Meeting

KOP Bingo Night at Marathon JCC.
245-37 60th Ave. Douglaston
April 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Cash prizes

* Meeting dates and locations are subject to change.

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 \$45.00.

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

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