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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

When my Brothers mentioned that we need young blood to lead North Shore Lodge in 2009/2010, I knew that they must have been talking about me. So I raised my hand, and here I am, your new Chancellor Commander.

After attending our annual budget and planning meeting on August 4th, I am excited about our upcoming year. We planned a great mix of special events and regular meetings.

The highlights are the picnic in September, Bingo in October, the chicken dinner and turkey raffle in November and the Holiday Party in December. At the other Conventions, we just have fun taking care of business, enjoying cake and coffee, and trading jokes and stories. It sounds great to me, but it won't be without you, so I hope that you will BE THERE!
Fraternally,

Sidney Weber

ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

We're back! Yes, it's been awhile since you received a Knight Light and I apologize for not having more issues during the last Pythian Year. The fault lies with me. I will try harder in 2009/2010. Meanwhile, at least Ira Lugener must be happy that the Lodge saved some money.

We are very lucky that we have a great core of hard workers who are keeping the Lodge alive and well. At the risk of offending someone, I will mention some, but not all, of the Brothers who are always there for the Lodge. As I have stated many times, the greatest unsung heroes are the desk officers. Irv, Jerry and Tony just keep on doing their jobs, even though they have long been Past Chancellors and no one could complain if they retired. It's not just that they keep on working, but it's that they do such a great job. Thank you, thank you, thank you. An even-tempered Brother who never says no when asked to help out, who is our liaison to St. Mary's Hospital, who attends most of our Lodge's softball games, and who now is our leader is Chancellor Commander Sidney Weber. All who know him are confident that

we will have a good year with him at the helm. He is succeeding PC Barry Lisak, whom we thank for serving us well over the past year.

The way to a Pythian's heart is through his stomach. For keeping our Brothers happy and giving them another incentive to come to our meetings, we must thank our Collation Chairman Arie Bauer. He makes sure that all our Brothers have happy stomachs. Finally, the man who served for three years as Chancellor Commander, introduced the highly successful annual picnic, revamped the format of our Bulletin, organizes the Calendar of Events and gives us calendar books, heads the Douglaston Welfare Association, and is a true friend is PC Izhak Sirota. He has moved on to Grand Lodge, where he serves as webmaster, attends Grand Council Meetings, offers great ideas, and gives a lot of his time. Of course, the Brothers who come down to meetings and attend our functions also are an integral part of our Order without whom we could not survive. Finally, the dues paying Brother who rarely if ever attends a meeting is also essential to our survival. We are all volunteers. For whatever you give us of your time and money, we are grateful.

A FAREWELL TO DEPUTY ED

You may have known him as Eduvigas, as Ed or as Junior, but if you ever spent some time with him, you knew him to be an exceptional man. Ed Rasquin served as Deputy Grand Chancellor of the 10th District from July 2008 until his untimely death on June 17, 2009 and he performed his duties well. Unfortunately, severe health problems made it a difficult year for him. Still, he did not complain and did the best job that anyone in his situation could.



At meetings, Ed always spoke his mind. Like Danny Deckler, Ike Roffman and Isidore Friedman, he cared about the Lodge and refused to be a rubber stamp. Like them, he, too, told great stories, had strong opinions, and did what he thought was right.

In recalling the times that I spent with Ed, not one unpleasant memory comes to mind. Ed was a fun-loving person. He loved to regale his friends and family with stories of his youth, days in the navy, and most of all, his loved ones, of whom he was very proud. The New York Yankees lost one of their best

fans when Ed passed away. He could have served as their public relations person, because he knew all about them and admired them so much.

Irma lost a dear husband, Carol, Gerard and Jennifer lost a devoted father and father-in-law, and Megan, Kristin and Michael lost a loving grandfather and a special friend.

North Shore Lodge lost a fantastic Brother and a special friend. I will always remember Ed for his bravery, exemplified by the way he took on his kidney problems and cancer. He underwent dialysis and endured chemotherapy without a whimper. He just accepted them as part of his life and ignored them as much as he could. His goal was to live as long as he could, while being a good husband, father and grandfather and not being a burden to his loved ones. No matter what weights were shackled to his legs, he just kept on plodding along, dragging them with him. He continued to tell his stories with a wink and a twinkle in his eye. Ed, you are an inspiration to all of us who knew you and we miss you.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

With summer almost over, a good time of the year is almost upon us. Now we will have lots of Lodge meetings, collations and exciting activities.

On Saturday, September 12th, from 9:00 A.M. to about 2:00 P.M., the fall games of the Special Olympics will be held at Cantiaque Park in Hicksville, just off old Country Road. Please do yourself a favor and join us. Not only will you have a good time and walk away with a glowing feeling of satisfaction, but you will be helping handicapped young people who just love being Olympians. Participants and volunteers will receive lunch and T-shirts. Even if you cannot be there for the entire day, please try to join us for a little while. You can sign up to assist in any special sport from ball throwing to golf by calling PACDGC Steven Kohn at 718-431-3483 or by e-mailing him at Pythian109@optonline.net.

On Saturday, September 26th the Special Olympics Regional Softball Tournament will take place at Cunningham Park. For more information, please contact ACDGC David Stanger at 718-336-2533 or Steven Kohn at the above number and e-mail address.

Please remember our charities. We still collect eye

glasses and hearing aids to donate to various charities and we support AHF. By joining for as little as \$18.00 per year, you will help AHF and receive many benefits, including medical, optical and ambulance services.

Gosh! How time flies. It was on August 7th my wife Anita and I joined other members of the Order and visited Sunrise Day Camp. I cannot convey the wonderful impression that the Camp made on us. The facilities are fantastic. Children with cancer and their siblings aged from 3 ½ to 17 years enjoy a wonderful stay with caring and devoted counselors. When it's time to go, they all ask when they can return. For more information, go to the website www.kopny.com.

I sometimes wonder how many of you carry a Pythian Business card with you. Just by giving a card to a nonmember, you may end up bringing a man into our Order. I have some with me at all meetings, so just come up and ask.

As promised, once again we are including one of our late PC Jessie Levine's poems. Look for it and enjoy.

Fraternally,

Irv Kleiman, Secretary

KENNETH I. AARONSON

Brothers,

It has been quite awhile since I sent a message to you guys. Last time I wrote about the enjoyment Evelyn and I had at the Lodge picnic. What do you know? It's time for another one. Last time we made it because my boss Simon had a cancellation of a wedding due to the best man running away with the bride.

This time it is different. The catering business is slow and nothing is booked for September 13th, so look forward to Evelyn and me showing up. You may find it difficult to recognize Evelyn. She dyed her hair blond and it is a little longer. I preferred her as a brunet, but don't tell her I said so.

As mentioned before, please schedule more programs for Knights and their wives or girl friends. With the economy in the doldrums, we don't get out much. The free meetings are swell and if we get my mother-in-law to baby sit, the night becomes a freebee.

Fraternally,

Kenneth I. Aaronson

DISTRICT EVENTS

On September 15, 2009, DGC Sidney Soloway of Wavecrest Five Towns Lodge will visit our Lodge to deliver the Grand Chancellor's Message and to take part in the Traveling Gavel. The Message is short, but the comraderie will be long. Then on December 2, 2009, his Homecoming will be held at his home lodge. Quite a few of us expect to go. For information or a ride, contact Itzy, Ronnie or Irv, and BE THERE!

NOSTALGIA CORNER

Some things change and some things remain the same. Twenty-five years ago, Ed Rasquin served as Chancellor Commander, Tony Rivers was Master At Arms, Ronnie Degen was Assistant Editor to Norman Hirsch, and Ira Lugener was already writing columns. Unfortunately, the rest of the officers listed in the December 1984 Knight Light, as well as Norman Hirsch, are deceased or have disappeared. All four officers of the Douglaston Welfare Association (Herman Berkowitz, Jere Lifson, Sol Schneider and Danny Deckler) no longer are with us. The Deputy Grand Chancellor for the 14th District was Sir Paul Schack, who later became an Assistant Chief, then moved to Florida where he was elected Grand Treasurer. He is now a Past Grand Chancellor. On December 18, 1984, the Lodge held an Open Meeting with a sit-down dinner and entertainment and charged \$7 per couple. WOW, WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!

GIVE THIS ISSUE TO A FRIEND

If the Knights of Pythias had nothing to offer, you would not be a member of the Order and you would not be paying dues. Therefore, why don't you ask a friend to join. Not only would you be helping the Order, but you would be giving your friend the opportunity to enjoy the many benefits that we have to offer.

Our motto is Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. What better reasons could there be for joining an organization. Not many. Well, we have more. We offer members and their families the chance to make business contacts, college scholarships, free graves, a burial allowance, minimum hospitalization benefits, the chance to help others through Special Olympics, golf outings, subsidized dinners, and collations at every meeting.

You can spend time telling your friend about the Knights of Pythias or you can give this issue to a friend and let him read about it for himself.

ONE OF OUR LATE PC JESSE LEVINE'S POEMS

HOW CAN THIS BE

Have you ever had a day when nothing goes right?

You strive to correct, with all of your might?

Nothing seems to work, no matter what,

Turn on the cold, but the water runs hot?

Why are these things happening to me?

But do not despair; these days come to all,

Just go on as always, your world will not fall,

Think of tomorrow, when your day starts anew,
And problems you had, will disappear, from view.

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION-Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month-October, 2009

Whereas: Volunteerism is not only part of my Supreme Chancellor's Program; it is part of our American tradition. We can go back to the very beginning of our nation's history and find that pilgrims were involved in volunteering their time and effort to help others. Centuries have gone by and being a volunteer is still looked upon as one of the most honorable and caring acts that men and women do for each other, and

Whereas: We as Pythians can use our numbers for good, by volunteering at the very least, a few hours during the month of October, 2009. Many local organizations can use help; hospitals, nursing homes, soup kitchens, day care centers, elderly folks needing a ride to a doctor, answering phones for charitable organizations and much, much more. Listings can be found on many web sites or supplied by the Supreme Lodge, and

Whereas: The act of volunteerism has its rewards; the genuine feeling of doing something for someone in need is a powerful incentive for each of us, the help or assistance you provide for someone in need lets them know you care and gives them hope; and the recognition given to the Knights of Pythias is priceless. I am certain that individual Knights have personal reasons why they would want to volunteer to aid others; perhaps during their lifetime a hand reached out to help them or someone they know, and

Whereas: As a Page we were told "You go to claim the golden spur that knighthood wears. To wear it, you must win it". Volunteerism is on one of those roads traveled to claim the golden spur. This program will succeed with the participation of all Pythians; please join with your Brothers in helping those in need.

NOW THEREFORE, the month of October, 2009 is hereby proclaimed as the Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month and I do hereby instruct every Subordinate Lodge to plan at least one event that will involve performing Benevolent and Charitable service through volunteering their time to their local communities.

Fraternally submitted this 18th day of August, 2009,
Dan Cowan, KGS, Supreme Chancellor

HOMEcoming FOR DGC EDUVIGES RASQUIN

On May 20, 2009, North Shore Lodge honored and thanked Ed for serving as Deputy Grand Chancellor. No one knew that in four weeks to the day, Ed would pass away.

For those of us who attended, it was good to see Ed smiling and to hear him give an upbeat speech, even though he was fighting serious health battles.

The evening was a success. Family and friends, Pythian dignitaries (including Grand Chancellor Roger Siegel) and Ed's Lodge Brothers came down to toast and thank a good man. Unlike the picnics, bingo nights and chicken dinners, this event will not be repeated. Those of us who were there will treasure the memory of that evening with Ed.

DUES INCREASE

At the Budget Meeting, it became apparent that the increase in life members and the loss of Brothers is hurting our treasury. One answer might be a dues increase. What do you think? Please give us your suggestions. Otherwise, you will have no grounds to complain, should we do something that you do not like.

CHICKEN DINNER AND TURKEY RAFFLE

As long as anyone can remember, the third Tuesday in November has been Chicken Dinner and Turkey Raffle Night for North Shore Lodge and its predecessors. This year is no exception. If you know of a place where you can do better than a free chicken dinner and a free raffle on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, please tell me about it. I would like to go there. Otherwise, please join us for dinner, beginning at 7:30 P.M. BE THERE!

10TH DISTRICT KICK-OFF DINNER

On August 18, 2009, 25 Brothers attended the Annual Kick-Off Dinner at Giardino Restaurant in Douglaston. The food was fantastic, the company was great, and a wonderful time was had by all. If you missed it, as the Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, wait until next year.

THE MIRACLE OF FRIENDSHIP

PACDGC Sir Sy (Sigh) Barmash contributed the following message:

There's a "Miracle Called Friendship"
That dwells within one's heart.
You don't know when it happens or
Just when it gets to start* . . .
But, the special happiness it brings
To you gives a big lift.
And by then, you begin to realize
That all endearing "Friendship"
Is Life's Most Precious "Gift."

*We believe it starts when you become an active member of the Knights of Pythias.

BUDGET AND PLANNING MEETING

On Tuesday, August 4, 2009, quite a few Brothers attended our annual Budget and Planning Meeting at Sinai Chapels. We set the agenda, although it is not written in stone, and we are looking forward to a great year.

SEPTEMBER 1ST

This year the first Tuesday in September precedes the first Monday in September, which means that our first meeting will be earlier than usual. We realize that it still feels like summer, but the fact is that September is here and we don't want to meet without you. Join us for fun and to catch up on what's new at our first meeting on Tuesday, September 1st, at the Castle Hall. BE THERE!

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?

Don't tell me you missed the great meetings we had last spring? What? You did? Well, here is what you missed. Please don't let it happen again. We had Wine Night (March 17th), Dinner Meeting Night (April 7th), Bingo Night (April 28th), First Nominations and Memorial Night (May 5th), Second Nominations and Elections (May 19th), DGC Ed Rasquin's Homecoming (May 20th) and Installation of Officers (June 9th). YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!

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TEN TAX-SAVING STRATEGIES By Barry Lisak, EA, IRS Enrolled Agent

1. "Making Work Pay" tax credit. For 2009 and 2010, the law would provide a refundable tax credit of up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for working families. This credit would phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income (AGI) in excess of \$75,000 (S), \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly (MFJ). Taxpayers can receive this benefit through a reduction in the amount of income tax that is withheld from their paychecks, OR through claiming the credit on their tax returns. Under the credit, workers can expect to see perhaps \$13 a week less withheld from their paychecks starting around June. Next year, the extra take-home pay will go down to around \$9 per week.

2. Social Security, SSI, Railroad Retirement and Veterans Disability. Benefits recipients will receive a one-time payment of \$250. The delivery method for this payment has not been determined.

3. First-time Homebuyer Credit. This will enhance and extend the law that was passed last year, which required a fifteen year payback period. The new law will eliminate the repayment obligation for taxpayers that purchase homes (condos and co-ops) after January 1, 2009 and before December 1, 2009 and raise the maximum value of the credit to \$8,000. The credit will phase out with AGI over \$75,000 (S) and \$150,000 (MFJ). The purchaser can use this credit for the 2008 or 2009 tax year.

4. "American Opportunity" Education Tax Credit. The law will provide financial assistance for individuals seeking a college education. For 2009 and 2010, the package will provide a tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition and related expenses (including books) paid during the taxable year. It is available for the first four years of college and temporarily replaces the Hope credit. Again,

TAX SAVING STRATEGIES...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4

there is a phase-out for taxpayers with AGI in excess of \$80,000 (\$160,000 for MFJ).

5. Sales Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases. All taxpayers will receive a tax deduction for State and local sales taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, light trucks, SUVs, RVs, and motorcycles through 2009. It only applies to the first \$49,500 of the vehicle's price. The deduction is allowed to both those who itemize their deductions as well as to nonitemizers. This is subject to phase-out rules with AGI in excess of \$125,000(S) and \$250,000 (MFJ).

6. Temporary Suspension of Taxation of Unemployment Benefits. Under current law, all federal unemployment compensation is subject to taxation. This provision temporarily suspends federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits per recipient. Any unemployment benefits over \$2,400 will be subject to federal income tax. Additionally, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program will provide up to 33 weeks of extended

unemployment benefits through December 31, 2009 and will increase weekly benefits by \$25.

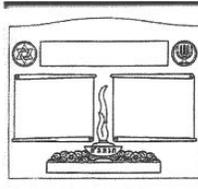
7. Tax Credits for Energy-Efficient Improvements to Existing Homes. For 2009 and 2010, the law will increase the amount of the tax credit to thirty percent (30%) of the amount paid for qualified energy efficiency improvements; such as new furnaces, hot water tanks, energy-efficient windows and doors, or insulating materials during the taxable year. The cap on the tax credit has been raised to \$1,500.

8. Premium Subsidies for COBRA. To qualify for premium assistance, a worker must be involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. To help people maintain coverage, this section of the law provides a 65% subsidy for COBRA continuation premiums for up to 9 months for these laid-off workers.

Barry Lisak, EA
IRS Enrolled Agent

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO PYTHIAN MEMBERS

THE GOOD NEWS, THE BAD NEWS, ETC.

The good news: We have at least one special meeting each month.

The better news: We have at least one special meeting each month.

The best news: We have at least one special meeting each month. Please read about them in the Knight Light and join us.

The bad news: We have entries in the Necrology Section of this publication.

The celebratory news: PC Itzy and Phyllis Sirota proudly report the marriage of their daughter Deana to Haven Bernstein. Congratulations to the Sirotas.

PC LM David and Roz Gurock also celebrated a wedding on Jul 3, 2009, when their granddaughter Linda McGarry married Albert Vota. Best wishes to all.

The Lindens and the Birnbaums have a lot of celebrations to announce, starting with Barney's birthday on May 12th. Alan Birnbaum's (grandson of Barney and Janet and son of Brother Rod and Michelle Birnbaum) 7th birthday on August 2nd. Meanwhile, Rod and Michelle toasted 13 years of marriage on August 18th. Still coming up are Barney and Janet's 42nd anniversary (September 12th), Rod's birthday (November 8th), Michelle's birthday (November 27th) and Janet's birthday (December 8th). Congratulations and best wishes to all!

Happy Anniversary PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman (40 years on August 16th), Elyse and Joseph Isopo--daughter and son-in-law of PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman--(8 years on September 8th), PDGC Tony and Carmen Rivers (53 years on September 15th), PC Marvin and Delma Scharfman (61 years on September 19th), PC Izhak and Phyllis Sirota (36 years on September 29th), PC David and Irma Gratt (60 years on October 29th), PC LM Jerry and Fran Geier (49 years on October 22nd), Noah Gabriel Sims, grandson of PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman and Brother Donald and Judy Sims (2 years on November 12th), and CC Sidney and Marion Weber (62 years on November 29th).

Belated Happy Birthday Pearl Lann, wife of PC Sidney Lann (May 8th), Ruth Levine, wife of the late PC Jesse Levine (June 5th), Senator Ben Altman (90 years young on June 14th), Justin Scarano, great grandson of PC LM David

THE CHAMPS!

First they were the Tribe and now they are Chaos, but anyway you look at it they are a great bunch of guys. On August 16, 2009, our softball team, led by its Captain and Manager OG Tony Mercado, played the Terror Squad for the League Championship. Before the games began, Tony, who considered Ed Rasquin a friend, announced that the team hoped to take the title home in his name. Showing poise and skill, the players put the terror in their opponents and won 6-2 and 2-1. The games were exciting. In the bottom of the last inning, the first two men on the Terror Squad got on base. The next man was a pinch hitter who struck out without coming close to the ball. The next two men followed suit, thus preserving the victory. On hand were Sidney Weber, who missed but a few games this year and last year, Irv Kleiman, who also attended quite a few games, and Ronnie Degen.

A HARDWORKING BROTHER

When the Lodge was in desperate need of a Chancellor Commander, PC Robert Banks was there. When the Douglaston Welfare Association needed a president, he took on the thankless job. Now, he has agreed to be Vice President of the Long Island Pythian Council, following in the footsteps of great North Shore Lodge Brothers, such as Irv Kleiman, Danny Deckler, Jere Lifson and Isidore Friedman. Good luck, Robert. (Next year he will be President of the LIPC, so save your money for his dinner).

and Roz Gurock (one year on June 26th), Anna Firestein, wife of Brother Al Firestein (June 30th), and Tony Chirel (the big "40"), son-in-law of Arleen and Ronnie Degen (July 5th).

Belated Happy Anniversary to the June brides and grooms, including PC Sid and Pearl Lann (66 years on the 27th), Senator Ben and Rose Altman (63 years on the 8th), GS LM Irv and Anita Kleiman (59 years on the 25th), Arleen and me (41 years on the 22nd) and our children, Jeffrey and Jill Degen (9 years on the 11th) and Tracy and Tony Chirel (8 years on the 30th). The Kleimans are also beaming over the anniversary of daughter Cindy and her husband, Jean-Michel (April 13th), and the birthdays of their grandson, David Lopez (29 years on July 17th) and of their, daughters Cindy (July 21st) and Kim Lori (July 30th).

After four months of being confined to bed, Tracy Chirel, daughter of Ronnie and Arleen Degen, fully realized that the sacrifice was well worth it. On March 4, 2009, Tracy and Tony became the ecstatic parents of Brian's sister, Emma Catherine. She weighed in at 4 pounds and measured just 17 inches in length. We are happy to report that she is another example of a good thing coming in a small package and she is doing well.

AMONG THE MISSING

We are looking for the following Brothers, who may have moved and whom we cannot reach: Donald Fink, Harold Goldberg, Harold Goldstein, Alfred Lorin.

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

Fraternally,

PC Jerry Geier, Financial Secretary 718-428-0379

BINGO

Our annual bingo evening became so popular that we made it a semi-annual event. The April 28th meeting was fun for all. Our next Bingo Night will take place on October 20th, starting at 7:30 P.M. PLEASE, DO YOURSELF A FAVOR, BE THERE!!!

GRAND LODGE CORNER

The Grand Lodge Convention was held in the Eden Resort in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The most important thing that happened was the re-election of Irv Kleiman as Grand Secretary. Irv and Anita, Barney and Janet Linden and Ronnie and Arleen Degen shared a table with Stuart and Ginger Lawrence and had a real fun time. The facilities were beautiful and the area has a lot to offer. North Shore Lodge was represented at the Investiture on July 28th by Irv and Anita, Itzy and Ronnie. They heard Jerry Bernzweig deliver the Grand Chancellor's Message and saw Ronnie installed as Grand Advocate for the 21st time.

FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC

We are batting 1000 and plan to continue the good work. Yes, we have had 4 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 13, 2009 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:

I was ready to report my mail carrier for not delivering the Knight Light. After all, we have not had an issue this year, and I could think of no reason other than that she was goofing off. Fortunately, I checked with the Editor and found out that no Knight Light had been published. That was close. Now, I am ecstatic. After all, what Brother wants to read about meetings that he did not think were worth attending? None! Therefore, we do not need the Bulletin. Also, this way we saved lots of money. Kudos to Barry Lisak and Ronnie Degen or whoever is responsible for this great idea.

Meanwhile, the Knight Light may have been in hibernation, but the subsidies just kept rolling along. I attended the LIPC Dinner and the Kickoff Dinner and, with Iris, the Grand Chancellor's Dinner at great discounts. Iris, the kids and I also went to last year's picnic. Do you know how many leftover hamburgers, hot dogs and tubs of potato salad and coleslaw we saved from going to waste? Lets' just say that we didn't have to go shopping for dinner for a couple of weeks. On September 13th, we will be back for the next picnic. You will be able to easily recognize us. We will be the first and later the last people on the food line. Well, as I always say, if you can't beat 'em, join 'em.

Fraternally,
IRA S. LUGENER

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WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

Our newest members are Brother Arthur Getzel, who became a dual member on April 7th, and Emanuel Charles "Chuck" Hartman, who became a dual member on February 24th. Welcome, Arthur and Chuck. We look forward to spending time 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 of their families.

ROSE ZUKOR

December 25, 2008

Mother-in-law of Prelate Arie Bauer

BROTHER HYMAN SPRINGER

February 7, 2009

BROTHER BARRY GEIER

May 17, 2009

HENRY ZUKOR

May 31, 2009

Father-in-law of Prelate Arie Bauer

DGC EDUVIGES J. RASQUIN, JR.

June 17, 2009

PDGC LM HOWARD TURCHIN

July 24, 2009

*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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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.

Sep 1 -Regular Convention

Sep 13 -Annual Picnic 11am - 3pm

Cunningham Park 193/Union Tpk

Sep 15 -Regular Convention, GC Message &
Traveling Gavel

Sep 22 -Executive Meeting

Oct 6 -Regular Convention

Oct 20 -Bingo Night- (open meeting) 7:30 pm

Oct 27 -Executive Meeting

Nov 17 -Chicken Dinner & Turkey Raffle 7:30 pm

Nov 18-Traveling Gavel, GC's Message,

Thanksgiving dinner at Wavecrest Lodge

Nov 24-Executive Meeting

Dec 1 -Regular Convention

Dec 2 -Homecoming for DGC Sidney Soloway At
Wavecrest Lodge 8 pm

Dec 15 -Holiday Party 7:30-9:45 pm (Open meeting)

Dec 22 -Executive Meeting

Jan 5 -Regular Convention

Jan 19 -Regular Convention

Jan 26 -Executive Meeting

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