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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

It is a great honor to have been chosen Chancellor Commander. I sense that it will be very hard to follow in the footsteps of Sid Weber, who did a fantastic job these last two years. I plan to try my best and with the good wishes of many of my lodge brothers who have said they will help and support me, I will attempt to make this year a success.

When I became active in the lodge during the spring of 2009, it was really not my intention to hold any position. My purpose was to be active, have a little fun, and to give something back to the community through the philanthropic efforts of the lodge. Though our lodge has much strength—especially, through the insights that most of our officers bring to the table through their many years of experience—we can and must do better. My goal is to try to attempt to have a more active membership and some growth in our ranks. If any of our members have any ideas, email me at agetzel50@gmail.com. I do not care how crazy the idea may seem. Let's brainstorm together.

Thanks to Elliot Frankel, we now have a poker game after every convention, and I plan for this to continue. I plan to play as many times as I possibly can and I hope that many of my brothers will join me. Our Executive Board meeting on August 9th has put together some great events during the next few months. On September 11, we will have our annual picnic and I am putting in a good word to Mother Nature so that she will help make it a success. In October, we will have the Grand Chancellor's Message while

November will be our chicken dinner. December will be a fantastic holiday party with some musical entertainment. Future events will be announced in forthcoming bulletins and at our meetings.

During this forthcoming year, I hope many will join me in planning a dinner to honor our Grand Secretary and the lodge's Secretary Irv Kleiman. This cannot be a one person job. We need as many people as possible to pitch in to make this event happen hopefully in the spring. When a committee is formed, we will need a lot of leg work to make such an event a rousing success. I know we can do it.

I look forward to our merger with Greater Queens Lodge. This will bring many new members into North Shore. However, we just cannot have members on paper. We need to make some of these new brothers active participants and come down to meetings. We must also try to make our presence known in the wider community as well as online in order to spark some interest and hopefully swell our ranks. For 30 years, I thought I was too busy to participate in a lodge. I soon realized that two Tuesday evenings were not going to cramp my lifestyle. I was welcomed with open arms, and managed to escape for two nights a month the tendency to overwork. If someone like me can spare a couple of hours from a very busy schedule, I think many more can. I look forward to this coming year and have high hopes that we can all join together and have many wonderful experiences in 2011-2012!

Fraternally,

Arthur Getzel

SEVENTH ANNUAL FRIENDS AND FAMILY PICNIC

We are delighted to announce that we are going for our seventh straight successful picnic on the first Sunday after Labor Day. The usual hard workers and contributors have done their jobs well and we are set. Now, we just need Mother Nature to bless us with good weather.

Please join us on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. for a wonderful time. Bring your family and friends and some

chairs. We will bring the hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, cole slaw, trimmings, drinks and dessert. It sounds like a great deal.

We will be picnicking in Cunningham Park, on the same site that we used the last two years, at 193rd Street off Union Turnpike. Just take Francis Lewis Boulevard south and go right at the first entrance south of Union Turnpike. Continue to the end and you will BE THERE!!!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It's been a long hot summer. What we need is a nice social event that does not cost a dime. How about something under the trees, especially if it is too warm? It would be good to be with friends and maybe have some great tasting food with no effort on our part. Sure sounds good to me. How about a picnic after Labor Day when there will be no crowds? What a coincidence. North Shore Lodge planned a picnic for us and the only people who will do any work are the committee members and the cooks. I have to remember to bring a chair.

There was a meeting in Grand Lodge about membership. At our first meeting I want to show and explain some exciting innovations to get members that were discussed. I am sure that you will be impressed with what is being offered to get and keep new Knights.

The first meeting of the lodge will be presided over by our new Chancellor Commander. Let us show up and give Arthur our support. Then we can rate him at our next convention.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I welcome Neil Blumenthal as the newest member of North Shore Lodge #824. Neil took the ranks on August 5, 2011 at Wendell Willkie Lodge #473. As Neil is an upstate resident, I don't expect him to attend all our conventions, but you will be able to meet him at our picnic. Be there!

We plan to have a short meeting with the card game to follow.

Fraternally,

Irving Kleiman, Secretary

KENNETH I. AARONSON

Dear Brothers,

Let me tell you guys something. If you only own one car, as I do, don't let your wife drive it. Evelyn took our car to visit an uncle at Long Island Jewish Hospital. She came back OK, but the car has over a thousand dollars worth of damage. It is all full of little dents. She tried to blame it on hail. I know better. She must have parked under an oak tree and the falling acorns did that. It does not hail in New York in the summer.

I just heard that the picnic is on for Sept 11th. Evelyn wants to visit her grandmother as it is grandparent's day. But it will be a lot of fun for Hillary, so you can count on us coming. Hillary does not eat hot dogs, but, we give her small

hamburgers on English muffins. I hope you have something to drink besides soda. We may bring iced tea.

You will recognize us when you see the 1955 Buick in blue with dents.

Your Brother,

Kenneth Aaronson

Dear Kenneth,

Why doesn't Evelyn bring her grandmother to the picnic? We'll get a designated runner for her in the softball game. Keep the car a few years, and Sid Weber will want to add it to his collection of antiques (if you get rid of the dents).

Fraternally,

The Editors

FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY

The Servicemen's and Veterans Committee is doing a magnificent job sending personal items that are needed by the men and women in harm's way. Packages also go to service people who are in hospitals. This Committee, chaired by PC DGC Sir Joseph Robinson, has sent hundreds of packages to them.

Many things are donated. Popular items are socks, candy bars, phone cards and toiletries for both men and women. This letter is not mainly a request for same, but we can use them.

The reason for this letter is to ask lodges and individual members to cover the cost of mailing. The United States government does not give us a break. It costs us \$13.00 per package and it adds up to a lot of money, because packages are shipped weekly.

Every package contains a letter stating that it comes from the Knights of Pythias. If we receive a donation of \$13.00, a second letter is included that states who donated the shipping costs.

Please contact me, if you are able to help this worthy cause.

Thank you. Yours in F. C. & B.,

Irving Kleiman, Grand Secretary

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Thanks, Jerry Geier

ONE OF OUR LATE PC JESSE LEVINE'S POEMS**SOUNDS**

A summer's morn in a garden I sit
Surrounded by nature my world is lit
By the sun shining down light filtering through
Flora abounds grass wet from dew
The sounds of life enhance this scene
Birds singing dogs barking help make it serene
Soft conversation in the background I hear
Tinkling laughter of my loved ones near
I think to myself how fortunate for me
To be in this world, in this land that is free
If only one could share this simple pleasure
Our world would be God's heavenly treasure.

BUDGET AND PLANNING MEETING

On Tuesday, August 9, 2011, North Shore Lodge held its annual budget and planning meeting at Sinai Chapels. Everyone in attendance seemed to have a good time and we planned a great year, as our Chancellor Commander describes in his Message. The Budget will be voted on at our first meeting in September. If you want to take a look at it and give us your input, BE THERE!!!

NOSTALGIA CORNER

September 1988 Knight Light

The following articles were published in the September 1988 edition of the Knight Light. The names and the events should bring back good memories to all who were there and should give the rest of you some insight into our history. As mentioned in past Bulletins, Ike Roffman was entertaining and insightful and kept us on our toes. We had to justify what we were doing or else he would let us know how we were straying. Harold Saldinger was one of the most fun-loving and funny men to ever be a Knight. When he entered the Castle Hall, often yelling out his 10-letter non-printable word, the laughter would begin. Others could not get away with his antics. Coming from Hal, it was not a problem. He also did a good job as Chancellor, as did his predecessor, Mike Flam, who also ranked high on the list of men with a good sense of humor. The article about the softball team could have been written today. Finally, Ira Lugener's column shows that a leopard does not change its spots.

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" that 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.

CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Hi Mates:

Welcome aboard the Douglaston K of P 824. As your present commander, my crew and I have planned a pleasant cruise for you through the 1988-89 season.

We have come up with a tentative program to revitalize the "ship of state", so that its future course will keep it afloat. What we need are many more crew members to insure us that most of your passengers will have a fun trip for this year, and years to come. Come aboard as a crew member, or passenger, with a friend or more, but come aboard.

Our sailing will be taking place from our fairly new port, the Floral Park Jewish Center. Come to shul twice a month and become a born again Pythian.

See you at our first meeting this September 6th and break bread and coffee with us. Get permission from your "boss". Maybe you can get an OK for twice a month. Give yourself a "break". See you,

H. SALDINGER

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. (Cont. page 6)

ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

For two years PC Sidney Weber has served as Chancellor Commander. It is not a job he pursued or even wanted, but he took it and he did it well. Thank you, Sidney. It seems that someone always comes along just when things look bleak and we don't know which way to turn. It was the same way, when his predecessors—Itzy, Barney and Robert—stepped forward. Not only did they take over as Chancellor Commander, but after they left office, all three of them remained active Pythians. We always seem to get a blood transfusion when we need it to keep us going. This year is no exception. We now have Arthur Getzel, who came out of "retirement" as an inactive member and decided to become an integral part of North Shore Lodge. I, for one, look forward to watching Arthur lead us and to helping him make it a successful year.

I have been there, done it, and yet I still enjoy it. In 1977, I joined the Order, and in 1981, I began contributing to the Knight Light. I am still active and I am still one of the Editors. My message to my Brothers has not changed, but my experience makes me a more credible advocate. Even with a diminished membership and an older crew, we know how to have a good time. What we have not figured out is how to persuade the rest of our Brothers to come down and give us a try. We are competing with computers, e-mail, cell phones, and 1,000 television stations, but, at least Monday night football does not draw away members.

My requests that you give us a try once had to compete with your jobs and the needs of your young children. Now that many of you have cut back or retired and no longer need to bring up the kids, surely you would enjoy getting out to meet with the guys and to have a good time.

When I walk along Bell Boulevard, I pass many bars with people hanging out the doors. Sure, the giant screen televisions are on, but people don't go there to see sports. They go there for the social life. Well, isn't getting together with your Pythian Brothers better than meeting with strangers? I think so. So please, come on down or else give me a hint as to what our meetings are missing.

BE THERE!!!

HIGH ON FUN!!!!

It's not quite the good old days, but it sure is a lot of fun. Low stakes poker has become a staple of our meetings, has enticed a few more Brothers to the Castle Hall, and is just another reason for you to join us. You don't even have to know how to play poker. In fact, we prefer it if you don't know how, so that we can separate you from your money (Just kidding!!!).

It ain't Las Vegas or even Atlantic City, but it beats just about anything else you could do for an hour or so on Tuesday evenings. The most that you will lose is not much more than the price of a movie ticket, and you could even win.

BE THERE!!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

PROPOSED CONSOLIDATION OF NORTH SHORE LODGE NO. 824 AND GREATER QUEENS LODGE NO. 550

At the convention to be held in our Castle Hall on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, the Articles of Consolidation of North Shore Lodge No. 824 and Greater Queens Lodge No. 550 will be presented for consideration and action by the members of North Shore Lodge.

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IRA S. LUGENER

To My Brothers,

Where were you? Yes, you, my Brothers. I warned you last month that the Budget Meeting would be a fiasco and that fiscally responsible Brothers should attend. It turns out that I was the only reasonable voice among the 50 Brothers who showed up. Yes, my Brothers, the spenders recruited every available, breathing Pythian (even if he did not belong to our Lodge) to come down to the Budget Meeting and lobby for big spending.

All my ideas were battered down as the spenders had their day. Will we save money by having our meetings in diners? No. Will we print fewer Bulletins? No. Will we cut back on collations? No. Will we reduce subsidies? No. Will we replace expensive envelopes and postage with e-mail and tell the dinosaurs to buy a computer or go to the library to find out what's new? No. What kind of an organization is this? All the Brothers in charge want to do is have a good time. We're not here to have fun.

When Uncle Ira meets his Maker, he will not be at ease unless he knows that Iris will be getting a death benefit and that his grave will not have been sold to pay for the lavish lifestyles of his fellow Pythians.

But, it's not too late! The budget has to be ratified. Oh, I hope that this letter reaches you before our meeting on September 6th. It will be your last chance to bring sanity to our Lodge.
BE THERE!!!

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Ira S. Lugener

GRAND LODGE CORNER

Robert Banks, Irv and Anita Kleiman, Dave and Roz Gurock and Ron and Arleen Degen attended the Grand Lodge Convention at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in upstate New York from July 5th through July 8th. The place is beautiful and a good time was had by all. Our new Grand Chancellor is Robert Kaufman, who looks as if he will be a fine leader of our Order. Next year, the Convention will be during the second week of July at the Villa Roma. If you want to have a great time, join us.

On July 26, 2011, once again, the Annual Investiture was held in our Castle Hall. It was great seeing a nice contingent from North Shore Lodge in attendance. The Grand Chancellor delivered his message and gave us hope. You can visit the Grand Lodge website at www.kopny.com to keep up with Grand Lodge activities.

A SPECIAL CONVENTION

Please do not come to the Castle Hall for the Regular Convention on September 20th, because we will not be there. We are meeting at a secret, undisclosed location. You must attend the meeting of September 6th to find out where. All we can say is that you will not be disappointed.
BE THERE!!!

NOSTALGIA CORNER (CONT.)

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.

A WORD TO THE WISE . . .

One of the controversial topics of discussion at our meetings over the past couple of years has been the expense of fielding a softball team. Some Brothers are opposed to footing the bill for Brothers who never attend any of the meetings. Other Brothers want to maintain the team for the benefits which accrue to the Lodge as a result of having Douglaston represented on the softball diamond. So far, the Lodge has supported the team. What the future holds is anyone's guess. The entire problem could be easily eliminated if some of the team members began attending meetings. This year we have many special meetings planned, including three open meetings, two dinner meetings and special entertainment. If a few of the ballplayers came down together, how could they not have a good time mixing, eating and enjoying whatever events are planned for the evening? A word to the wise . . .

To My Brothers:

What a relief it is, I'm sure, to all of you Brothers who went through the summer woefully wondering if Uncle Ira would be back in the fall with his winning pearls of wisdom, wit, and warmth and his winsome ways. Well, wucky for you, here I am.

I have spent the summer trying to think up new ideas to help Douglaston Lodge survive its major problems: lack of support, lack of money and lackadaisicalness (No that does not mean that we are short of daisies.). The national conventions of the major parties have inspired me. The answer is: IRA FOR CHANCELLOR!!! Yes, my Brothers, you need me as your leader. So right now, I am kicking off my campaign for the June 1989 election. This Lodge doesn't have time for me to work my way up the chairs. Therefore, I shall start at the top and slide right down. Of course, you all are no doubt wondering who my Vice Chancellor running mate will be. That decision is still in the thinking stages. I would want a balanced ticket, so perhaps a Floridian Brother would be the answer. We shall see.

I am making this announcement now so that CC Harold Saldinger is forewarned. If he wants to run for reelection, he better do a good job. Uncle Ira will be looking over his shoulder, ready to pounce and make political hay out of any mistake he finds. I know that Harold and his Vice Chancellor PC Sol Schneider are formidable opponents, but Uncle Ira is ready.

During the coming months I shall outline my platform and carefully monitor the work of King Harold. Until then, VOTE IRA!

Fraternally,

IRA S. LUGENER

DEPUTY'S VISIT

Deputy Grand Chancellor Mark Abramsky will be visiting our Castle Hall on Tuesday evening, October 4th, to deliver the Message of Grand Chancellor Robert Kaufman. I have heard the Message and can report that it is succinct and worth hearing. So, please join us at this important meeting.

BE THERE!!!

CHICKEN DINNER

SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE (AND THAT'S GOOD)

Every year the second meeting in November is identical to the meeting held one year earlier: Fabulous Chicken Dinner and Free Turkey Raffle. It just goes on and on. All I can say is: thank you, Arthur, for continuing the tradition. How can anyone object to a free kosher chicken dinner with the trimmings, the company of his fellow Pythians, and the chance to win a \$30 gift certificate (it got too difficult to bring the turkeys to the meetings and they made a lot of noise)? If you have something better to do, please tell me. I cannot imagine what it is and I would love to know about it.

BE THERE AND ENJOY!!!

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TIGERS ROAR

The North Shore Tigers finished the regular season in first place with a 16-6 record. They will be playing in the Championship series (2 out of 3 games) on Sunday, September 11, 2011, starting at 9:00 A.M. You could not see 2 or 3 games and still make the picnic. However, you could go for awhile and cheer our Brothers on. They are playing quite close to our picnic site in Cunningham Park on Field No. 9, which is located at 73rd Avenue and Francis Lewis Boulevard. Anyone who wants to come down and cheer them on can contact Sidney Weber or Tony Mercado for further information.

ANOTHER MERGER?

First we were Douglaston Lodge and we lasted for more than 40 years. And it was good. Then we became Douglaston Great Neck Lodge and we stayed that way for a few years. And it was good. When Glen Oaks Lodge joined us, we became North Shore Lodge. And it was good. Now, Greater Queens Lodge would like to merge with us. This time the name would remain North Shore Lodge. And it should be good. If you would like more information, come to one of our meetings. The vote on the merger is scheduled for October 4th. **BE THERE!!!**

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.

MEYER FLAM

2/?/11

SAMUEL GOLDMAN

8/11/11

*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.

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20 Regular Convention (See article)
27 Executive Board Meeting

Oct. 4 Regular Convention/GC message
18 Regular Convention
25 Executive Board Meeting

Nov. 1 Regular Convention
15 Chicken Dinner/Turkey Raffle 7:30 pm
22 Executive Board Meeting

Dec. 6 Regular Convention
20 Holiday Party 7:30-9:45

Seventh Annual Friends and Family Picnic

September 11, 2011
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.

For information E-mail: kop@littleneck.net