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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

"If fraternal love held all men bound,
how beautiful this world would be!"

On Wednesday, November 1st, PC Barney Linden, Outer Guard Sidney Weber and I planned to attend a 3-in-1-rank at Majestic Lodge on Avenue Z in Brooklyn. Unfortunately, Barney was under the weather and could not join us. So I picked up Sidney and off we went. Sidney is one of our newer members, having joined our Lodge just about a year ago. He attends just about every meeting and already has assumed an office. He joined me that night to support and encourage our newest brother, Eliezer Shaprut, who was going to go through the ranks.

Eliezer was one of 12 men who joined the Knights of Pythias that evening. More than 50 Pythian Brothers witnessed the event. One of them was a very dear and close friend of mine, PACDGC Harold Carlin. He is not a member of Majestic Lodge, but he came anyway because he wanted to see me and meet our newest Pythian, Brother Eliezer.

On the way home, Eli said to me, "What a nice group of people. Complete strangers [Harold and Sidney] go all the way out to Brooklyn just to give me support". He was just amazed. I told him

that, "This is what Pythianism all about."

In my 6 1/2 years as a Knight, I have met many Pythians who have assisted, encouraged and advised me. They have generously offered me the benefit of their professional wisdom and experience and have told me just to call if I wanted help. The best part of all is that they sincerely meant it.

I enjoy attending meetings and functions. I like spending time in the company of my Pythian Brothers and I am actually looking forward to going to meetings.

To all of you who have friends and relatives who are thinking about joining our Order on joining the Order, I say: ENCOURAGE THEM NOW!

While we are ready, willing and able, to accept men of all ages, we are offering a special enticement to men who are between the ages of 18 and 50. They can join and receive full benefits (burial as well as social) with absolutely no initiation fees. Their only obligation will be to pay our annual dues. They are not required, but will be encouraged, to attend meetings and all of our social events.

Fraternally yours

Izhak Sirota

ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

Politicians seeking to unseat the incumbents sometimes ask the voters to consider whether they are better off now than they were four years ago. The hoped for answer is "no;" the hoped for result is the ouster of the party in power. Well, I ask you, is the Lodge better off now than it was two years ago? The resounding answer should be "yes;" the hoped for result is that more Brothers will join us at our fabulous conventions.

Without meaning to disparage any of our Past Chancellors, of which I am one, I want to once again praise Itzy for breathing new life into North Shore Lodge. The programs and the Brothers' responses have been fantastic. But, please, don't take my word for it. Read all about it in the Knight Light and come to an event to see for yourselves.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

It is a pleasure writing this column for the Knight Light. Our Grand Chancellor Honorable Sir Martin Fasting and Past Supreme Representative Julian Martin graced us with a surprise visit at our October 17th convention. I cannot remember the last time that dignitaries of their stature attended a regular meeting. After we took care of business, our guests addressed the combined lodges of Greater Queens and North Shore. The major part of their messages was about increasing membership. Both men are great speakers, and before we knew it, we were finishing Good of the Order and moving on to the balance of the collation. For you men who stay home, let me tell you that we now have a collation before the meeting and desert and coffee afterwards. We told our guests that they should have come two weeks earlier, when we started off the evening by serving a complete Italian dinner before the meeting.

On November 12th the Samuel Field Y honored the memory of our nephew, Robert Speisman. I call him a nephew, because our Lodge Brother and friend PC Jack Speisman and his wife Joyce are his parents. Jack was the first VC and the second CC of Douglaston Lodge. Robert was on flight #77 when it hit the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Jack had invited all his lodge Brothers and friends to show up by noon and partake in refreshments, the service and the basketball game in tribute to Robert. The ceremony was touching, not sad, and it showed the love and close relationship that exists within the Speisman family and among the friends and people at the 'Y'. In this issue of the Knight Light a poem written by, Robert's brother, Steve, and entitled "History Moves With The Sun" is published.

November 21st was the date of our annual Chicken Dinner, and I must state here and now, that the Collation Committee did an outstanding job. You didn't have to buy a raffle ticket, but you did have to be there in order to come home with a certificate for one of the three turkeys given away that night.

The performance of "Hot and Cole," sponsored by the LIPC/Humanitarian Fund, turned out to be one terrific show. You could not beat the price. The Lodge purchased the tickets and gave them to any Brothers who wanted to attend. The dinner-a testimonial to SR Sir Edward Birnbaum-was held at Leonard's and was another rousing success. Everything from the guests to the food to the music was top notch, and it was a well-deserved tribute.

On a more personal note, a number of you must remember PACDGC Michael Stein of Rubin Americo Lodge. He was a Deputy with me and he went on to become an Assistant Chief. He had planned to visit us on October 3rd, when the Traveling Gavel and the Grand Chancellor's Message were held at our Castle Hall. However, his mother-in-law passed away, so he and his wife Susan flew to Florida. Then, in order to keep the country's population above 300,000,000, his daughter presented them with Thomas Sherman, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces and measuring 21 inches. All is well in the Stein household and I expect all of us to be present at Thomas' three-in-one ranks in 2024.

Fraternally,
PDGC LM Irv Kleiman,
Secretary

THE HOLIDAY PARTY

It's being held at a special time and you will have a special time.

**THE HOLIDAY PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY,
DECEMBER 19TH, FROM 7:30 P.M. UNTIL 9:45 P.M.**

Don't be late and don't stay home. As usual, it will be food first, so please don't eat dinner before you join us. We will have musical entertainment and a fantastic evening. The great time will be even better, if you and your wife, girlfriend or significant other join us.

BE THERE!!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE COLLATION COMMITTEE

We are glad to serve you the best collations in the Order, but we need your help. We have a limited budget and must conserve as much as we can. So while we have the authority to spend money on food, we do not have money to waste. That is where you come in. You can help us by simply letting us know if you will be joining us when you see one of our special events with a super collation announced in the Bulletin. Whether it's a Christmas/Chanukah Party, a chicken dinner, an honor

night, or an installation, please let us know if you expect to make it. If we know that you're coming, not only will we order more food, but we will order the right amount without guessing. So please, don't be shy, call Arie at 718-423-8983 and let us know that you will BE THERE!!!

Fraternally,
Prelate Arie Bauer
PCLM Monty Leschen

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

The good news: The good news is that we have a lot of good news to report. From the picnic to the Italian collation to the Thanksgiving chicken dinner and turkey give-away to the upcoming Holiday Party, it has been and is continuing to be a great end-of-summer and fall season. No one had or will have a bad time. Over 90 Brothers and their families and friends attended the Second Annual North Shore Lodge Picnic on September 10th. With Arie in charge of the grill, the hamburgers and hot dogs sizzled and were quickly consumed, only to be replaced by more. No one left hungry. With a complement of salads and topped off with dessert, with children and grandchildren playing in the park, with everyone relaxing and trading stories and news, it was a fantastic Sunday in New York.

The October 3rd meeting was a festive affair with visitors from other Lodges here for the Traveling Gavel and with DGC Sheldon Soloway delivering the Grand Chancellor's Message. Of course, the highlight was Arie's Italian dinner that preceded the meeting. Once again, we outdid ourselves. Then, on October 17th, we had a regular convention (which, for us, is anything but regular). This time it turned out to be especially significant when our Grand Chancellor Martin Fasting appeared. PSR Sir Julian Martin accompanied him. Not only did they act with great decorum and speak well, but after the meeting they stayed around to chat with us and to answer all our questions about the Order.

On November 21st we held our Annual Chicken Dinner. As usual, the food was deeeeeeeeeeeeeeeelicious!!! I don't want to sound like a broken record when I say for the third time in this part of the Knight Light, "Thank you, Arie, for a wonderful collation." As has become our custom, we held our free turkey raffle. The winners were yours truly, Sidney Weber and PC Warren Vogel. We also had a brief and somewhat different presentation on numerology given by Brother Philip Kahn of Greater Queens Lodge. Thank you, Philip, for your talk.

The bad and very sad news: This summer, after a long illness, we lost Brother David Aboulafia. We express our condolences to Ruth and her family and pray that many happy memories help to sustain her in these difficult times.

The happy news: Last year we announced that Brother Michael and Rosalind Rosenkrantz are the ecstatic grandparents of Lauren Paige Rosenkrantz, born on November 3, 2005. This year, we say happy

birthday Lauren and congratulations on the birth of your newest cousin--Alex Jonathan--born on November 18, 2006 to Seth and Jennifer Rosenkrantz. Congratulations, Mike and Roz, on the birth of grandchild number four.

The celebratory news: In the last issue of the Knight Light we announced the 50th wedding anniversary of PDGC Tony and Carmen Rivers. Now, we are happy to report that they took almost their entire family (3 out of 4 children and 12 out of 14 grandchildren) with them for Thanksgiving in Puerto Rico to celebrate their 50 years together. They were joined by their close friends, PC Ed and Irma Rasquin.

Congratulations to PC LM Monte and Selma Leschen, who will celebrate 63 years of marriage on February 12, 2006. Just 61 years behind them are Brother Mark and Ruth Kilmnick, who toasted two years of marriage on October 17th. Happy anniversary, Mark and Ruth.

A belated, but warm, happy anniversary to PDGC LM Alfred and Pearl Manning, who celebrated 50 years together on August 31st. We hope it was a wonderful day and that you created many new great memories.

PC David and Irma Gratt are pleased to announce the engagement of their granddaughter Alison Rokosky. May Alison and her fiancé have long, healthy and happy lives together.

Happy birthday PC Robert Banks (December 10th), the Leshens (Selma, December 28th), (PC LM Monte, March 1st), Chancellor Commander Izhak Sirota (January 28th), Anita Kleiman, Irv's Valentine sweetheart (February 14th), and PC Meyer "Mike" Flam (February 25th).

Happy birthday and many happy returns are wished for the family of PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman: daughter Elyse Isopo (November 9th), daughter Yvette Sims (January 22nd), granddaughter Arianna Isopo (3 years on January 22nd), Kathie (? years on February 10th), grandson Alexander Isopo (2 years on March 15th) and grandson Ethan Sims (3 years on March 25th).

Most important of all to this writer are the birthdays of Zachary Noah Degen, son of Jeffrey and Jill Degen (1 year on December 23rd), and Brian Mateo Chirel, son of Tracy and Tony Chirel (3 years on January 19th). Your grandparents, Ronnie and Arleen Degen, could not be happier and wish you a happy birthday and many, many more happy birthdays in the years ahead.

IRA S. LUGENER

I want to thank King Itzy, who, in spite of his penchant for big spending, does have some good ideas. You may know that the King is in charge of our Lodge website. Well, thanks to him, guess who now has his own website? King Itzy set me up, so that you can go to www.iralugener.com to get even more of me. Yes, you will be able to read all of my articles (for a fee of course) and to purchase Ira in the Eighties, Ira in the Nineties and More and Still More Letters from Ira. These three volumes contain all of my great contributions to this otherwise mundane publication. And as a special offer, you will receive a coupon good for a \$10 discount on the next volume of what will be simply known as Letters from Ira.

As I read and re-read my many masterpieces,

sometimes I think that perhaps I am wasting my talents on such a small organization. But then, I remember that I am a Pythian whose mantra is friendship, charity and benevolence. So I will keep on writing in an effort to make North Shore Lodge a better place for all of us. Since sharing does not necessarily come under any of these categories (and, in any event, friendship and charity, too, have their limits), please do not come to the fabulous Holiday Party scheduled for December 19th. Iris and I want to be sure that there is enough food to fill us and our doggie bags.

Fraternally,

IRA S. LUGENER

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GRAND LODGE CORNER

Many Lodges have one man who is the leader and around whom everything revolves. Without him, things can never be the same. PACDGC LM Danny Deckler was that man for Douglaston Lodge and he is greatly missed by all the Brothers who knew him. On the Grand Lodge level, things are no different. The "leader" of the Knights of Pythias for the Domain of New York is SR Sir Edward Birnbaum. For that reason, it was fitting to hold a testimonial dinner in his honor at Leonard's of Great Neck on October 22nd. North Shore Lodge was well-represented by PC David and Roz Gurock, PC Barney and Janet Linden, PDGC Tony and Carmen Rivers, and Ronnie and Arleen Degen.

It was a well-attended affair at which everyone seemed to have had a wonderful afternoon.

Sir Alan Krell has been an important figure in Grand Lodge for more than a decade. At the Supreme Lodge Convention in August, he was elected Supreme Outer Guard. North Shore Lodge congratulates Alan and wishes him much success as he climbs up the ladder in Supreme Lodge.

On a sad note, we are sorry to report the deaths over the past four months of three dedicated members of Grand Lodge. We will miss PDSC Sir Milton Schultz, PGC Lawrence Hoffman and PDSC Sir William Rubin.

THE 10TH DISTRICT'S ANNUAL KICKOFF DINNER

Pythians like to eat, so Pythian dinners are not a rare event. The 10th District's Annual Kickoff Dinner took place on the evening of August 22nd at Villa Marcello. It's the same restaurant where we held Tony's

successful dinner last spring. Once again, it was a great affair with more than a dozen North Shore Lodge Brothers in attendance.

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!!!

NOSTALGIA CORNER

Twenty-two years ago in the December, 1984 Knight Light, the following Chancellor Commander's Message was published:

This year we are closing in a flourish. Following a very successful November in which we had a hypnotist entertain us at our first meeting and what I understand (because I could not attend) a fun-filled Trivia night at our second meeting, December promises to be even better. We are having joint ranks with Great Neck and Glen Oaks Lodge. The rank of Page will be at Glen Oaks on November 28th. Esquire will be held at our Lodge on December 4th. The final rank will again be at Glen Oaks on December 12th. We anticipate three fantastic evenings.

Congratulations to PC LM Danny Deckler on his elevation to Vice President of the District. I have been

attending meetings this year and can assure you, my Brothers, that Danny is a strong contributing force.

It was great seeing PC LM Herman Berkowitz again at our meeting in November. As you may know, Herman now lives in Florida. We miss him very much and were happy that he could join us, although sad at the reason why he came to New York [his brother had passed away].

I hope to see at least 75 of my Brothers at the next meeting, so that we can find out who Brother Ira S. Lugener really is.

Fraternally,
ED RASQUIN, JR.

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME!!!

It is the time to say, "Welcome." First of all, we are now sharing our Castle Hall with Greater Queens Lodge Number 550. Many of you will remember that for more than two decades we held joint meetings with Great Neck Lodge, until we finally merged about 10 years ago. Once again, we are engaged, though no wedding date has been set. We shall meet for a while and see how it goes. If you would like to meet some new Brothers, come on down. **BE THERE!!!**

A special welcome is also extended to our three new Brothers. Eliezer Shaprut took a three-in-one rank in Brooklyn on November 1st. Meanwhile Brother Stuart Wetzler and Brother Barry Lisak transferred into our Lodge. Welcome, my Brothers, and congratulations.

THE DEPUTY DINNER

Please keep the evening of Tuesday, May 29th, 2007 open. That night, the four Deputy Grand Chancellors of Nassau, Suffolk and Queens Counties will have a joint testimonial dinner. The place is still up in the air, but a good time is guaranteed. Details will follow in the next Bulletin, but we already know that it will be an open meeting.

BE THERE!!!

HISTORY MOVES WITH THE SUN... by Steve Speisman

From the towers in New York to the Pentagon brains,
Through the red rock canyons and Midwestern plains.
From Shankfield, Pennsylvania to the pacific coast shore,
We all felt the horror that hits us with war.

Shock filled with anger - broke down and torn,
Our hearts were bleeding - heroes were born.
And we're all connected,
We're part of one, We are all history, And history moves
with the sun.

Then the terror came and all went up blazing,
Hopes and dreams crushed to the ground.
Let that fire burn deep in your memory,
We are the soldiers.

The makers, the molders. The shapers, the shoulders.
The American spirit lives on, The American Spirit lives
on.

The heat rays are rising; there's a warm autumn breeze
The little girl next to me tugs at my sleeve.
She says, "how did it happen, I can't understand,
How they learned how to fly but now how to land!"
We're part of one, We are all history. And history moves
with the sun.

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The American spirit lives on, The American Spirit lives
on.

And it lives beyond planes; it lives beyond war.
It lives beyond fear, it's about so much more.
It's about giving, It's about trust,
It's about freedom, Its about us.
We're all connected, We are all history,
And history moves with the sun, History moves with the
Sun!

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.

BROTHER DAVID ABOULAFIA

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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Dec 19 - Holiday Party 7:30pm - 9:45pm

Jan 2 - Regular Convention

Jan 16 - Regular Convention

Jan 23 - Executive Meeting

Feb 6 - Regular Convention

Feb 27 - Executive Meeting

Mar 6 - Regular Convention

Mar 20 - Regular Convention

Mar 27 - Executive Meeting

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