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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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

For close to three years I have been Chancellor Commander of North Shore Lodge. It has been a rewarding experience. I had the chance to implement new programs, re-examine and retain the traditional events that I considered worthwhile, and try to make a difference for the Brothers of our Lodge. Now, it is time for me to pass the baton. I plan to remain active in the Lodge, but wish to devote myself to other Lodge activities. I thank my Brothers for the support that they have given me and pledge to do the same for my successor.

Meanwhile, we still have more than three months to go and I intend to move ahead at full steam. With winter behind us, I look forward to the return of the snow birds and have a wealth of activities waiting for them. We will have Bingo Night on April 1st (that's not a joke), and Wine Night on April 8th. Then, of course, in May and June we will have our Memorial Night, Nominations and Elections, and the installation of the new officers. Finally, our last meeting will be a special one where we present the Supreme Chancellor's Medal to a worthy member of our community.
BE THERE!

Izhak "Itzy" Sirota

WELCOME, NEW BROTHERS!

On Thursday, March 20th, 7 neophytes from North Shore Lodge joined 9 other neophytes at a three-in-one rank held at Majestic Lodge in Brooklyn. It was a great evening, topped off with a super collation. Our new Brothers are:

- Gabriel Devia
- Anthony Ippolito
- Jay Lucio
- Alex Mercado
- Antonio Mercado
- Edgar Nouel
- Anthony Santos



ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

As we near the end of our Chancellor Commander's third year as our leader, I feel sad that he will not be continuing at our helm. Surely, three years is more than enough. A Chancellor should not have to serve more than one year. But Itzy has done such a fine job, that I hate to see him move on. Of course, his

predecessors, too, performed well, so there is hope that the next Chancellor Commander will pick up where Itzy leaves off. Thus the question becomes, who will be our new Chancellor Commander?
Who is standing in the wings, ready to assume control and guide our Lodge? Whoever you are, please step forward.

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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The winter edition of the Knight Light is long gone. Now we are getting ready for the spring edition. A lot has happened and more is coming. Some good, some bad.

This past September, Richard Katz of Majestic Lodge #109 became a dual member of North Shore Lodge. Unfortunately, he passed away on January 4th. Ron Degen's mother, Ursula, passed away this past February. Our condolences go out to both of their families.

On January 15th our Lodge voted dual membership to PACDGC Michael Stein. He was a member of Rubin Americo Lodge, which recently consolidated with Genesis Lodge. Michael, wishing to remain a member of the 10th District, decided to honor us with his membership. . . .On March 4th Howard Turchin was presented with his Life Membership Certificate.

In a short time we expect to host a softball team. About fifteen men have decided to join North Shore Lodge. Outer Guard Sid Weber's son Richard is supplying the team with uniforms.

The long Island Pythian Council's President, Jerry Maron will be honored at a dinner at Verdi's. Members in good standing will receive a \$20.00 subsidy for themselves and their wives. This will make this affair very affordable. The

THANKS FOR THE UNIFORMS

We promised to sponsor our new softball team by getting them uniforms and paying the league fees. Richard Weber, son of OG Sidney Weber, helped us out significantly by agreeing to pay for the uniforms. Since the team wanted beautiful, but very expensive, jerseys, Richie will be paying \$950 of the total cost--a sizable and generous donation for which we greatly thank him and his dad.

BINGO AGAIN

Not many evenings bring as big a crowd as Bingo Night. That's why we're having another one. You enjoyed yourself last October and now you have the chance to do so again. We're planning another great open meeting, starting at 7:30 P.M., on April 1, 2008. We will play Bingo for a couple of hours. A coffee and cake collation will last all night and things to munch on will be in reach of your bingo cards. You've enjoyed Bingo Night before and you should enjoy it again. BE THERE!!!

WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?**WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON?**

The winter weather was mild and our attendance was good. After our fantastic holiday party in December, we had a quiet but interesting January. Our own Barry Lisak gave us an informative tax lecture at our January 15th convention--the only meeting in January because the first Tuesday was New Year's Day. We were all anxious to get together on February 5th, because, again, we had only one meeting that month. We do not meet during President's Week when many people are away. Then came the March meetings at which we prepared for the spring and had another guest lecturer. Of course, the Executive Board met on the fourth Tuesday of each month and accomplished a lot.

date is April 15th. Put the date on your calendar. While you have your calendar out, please add April 29th. That is the date we honor District Deputy Harvey Sobel with a dinner at (get a load of this name; I have trouble pronouncing it, but the food is great) Abbraciamento Restaurant. The subsidy is \$25.00 per Brother and \$20.00 for each guest. Even more affordable.

Please turn back to the calendar and go to June. On the third we will have an open meeting where we will install the new officers for the coming Pythian Year. Two weeks later, on the 17th, here is a big one. We will be presenting an extremely worthy person with the Supreme Chancellors Medal. This too is an open meeting where we expect many well known and influential guests. A desert collation will follow.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Knight Light, you will see another poem. I promised you that we would have one of the late PC Jesse Levine's poems in each issue of the Knight Light, so please look for it.

Irving Kleiman, Secretary

THE SUPREME CHANCELLOR'S MEDAL

One of the highest honors that the Knights of Pythias can bestow upon a non-Pythian is the Supreme Chancellor's Medal. It is given to a member of the community who stands out as a selfless contributor to society. We wanted to recognize someone who is deserving of this award. With the help of OG Sidney Weber, we found him. His name is Robert Dillon, but the children at St. Mary's Hospital for Children in Queens know him as Otto the Clown.

Mr. Dillon devotes 600 hours a year to St. Mary's Hospital, where he entertains and visits the children. He gets paid in smiles from the happy faces of the children whose lives he improves. The Lodge overwhelmingly approved presenting this award to Mr. Dillon, together with a check made payable to his favorite charity.

Please join us on Tuesday evening, June 17, 2008, at an open meeting in our Castle Hall. Dignitaries from the community will be there to congratulate Mr. Dillon for receiving the Supreme Chancellor's Medal and to give him the recognition that he richly deserves.

We urge you to BE THERE!!!

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

As love grows older with the passing of time,
It ripens and blends like a fine rare wine.
The urgency and haste that is part of the young
An urge to mate, this need to expunge, passion
But this desire to hold, touch and caress,
A need that always stays and yet,
Just meeting of eyes, and a hand to press
Conveys it all, without the rest
Passions we have need for love,
Quieter now, through deeper with trust,
Don't have to rush, familiar with each other
Like a book that's been read from cover to cover

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

The good news: We have three dinners coming up in April and May. As noted in other articles in this Bulletin, the Lodge is giving a hefty subsidy for each one of them.

The better news: We have nine new Brothers and expect eight more. The Lodge is sponsoring a softball team. Its fifteen members will be wearing our emblem out on the field and should give our Lodge a real boost. The other new members are Jack Costi and dual member, PACDGC Michael Stein. His Lodge (Rubin Americo) merged with Rex Solomon. We are pleased that Michael wanted to remain in the District and has joined our Lodge. We are especially happy that he has become an active member who regularly attends our conventions and has much to offer.

The best news: The Brothers who come down to the meetings are having a blast!

The bad news: Aside from the necrology section, no bad news has been reported.

The in-between news: Everything else.

The celebratory news: Happy 65th Birthday to PC Barney Linden, who will reach that magical number on May 18th. We miss you Barney and will be glad when you and Janet end your winter sojourn in Florida and return to New York.

KENNETH I. AARONSON

Hi Brothers,

It is me again. As I said in my last column, I have been going to the Y and I am learning to type and to use the computer. If I get good at it I would like to run for an office in the Lodge. I think the Secretary's job would be good. It doesn't seem so hard. I don't know how much it pays, but if it will supplement my income I may be able to take off from work on some Tuesday evenings. The Treasurer's job might be good, but I don't want to be responsible for all the money. If business is bad, I might be tempted to take a sample or two. Now there is the office of Financial Secretary. That sounds even tougher than the Secretary's job. He has to send out all the bills, go to the Post Office, collect the checks, and then get them to Tony, the Treasurer. It also must take a lot of bookkeeping. I'm not so good with books. Reading books are OK, but figures (the numerical kind) turn me off.

Until the above happens, I'll have to continue working for Simon.

Fraternally,

Kenneth I. Aaronson

Happy 65th Birthday to PC Barry Wheatman. He will reach that milestone on May 5th.

Congratulations go to Brother Barry Lisak and his bride Carole Halpern. They tied the knot on March 10th. At our meeting on March 18th, Barry told us that it's been 8 wonderful days of wedded bliss.

Happy Birthday to the children of Ronnie and Arleen Degen, daughter Tracy Chirel (March 24th), daughter-in-law Jill Degen (April 11th) and son Jeffrey Degen (April 29th). Since Jeffrey was born, his mother's birthday tends to get overlooked, but not in the Knight Light. HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARLEEN (April 27th)!!!

A SAD NOTE

Brothers,

One of our newest members, Richard Katz, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2008. The funeral was held at Sinai Chapels on Sunday, January 6th. We last saw Richard and his wife, Helen, at our Holiday Party in December. Richard became a dual member of North Shore Lodge this past September. His home Lodge was Majestic Lodge #109.

Irving Kleiman, Secretary

IRA S. LUGENER

To My Brothers:

If you attended our last couple of meetings, you know that the money is flowing out of our treasury like water pours down Niagara Falls. Every week, it seems, there is a dinner with a giant subsidy. Years ago, I would have cringed at the thought of such waste. Now, as you know, Iris and I decided that if you can't beat them, join them. So, doggy bags in hand, we will be attending the Long Island Pythian Council Dinner (April 15th), the 10th District Dinner (April 29th), and the Grand Chancellor's Dinner (May 17th). The trick is to eat as much as we can during the smorgasbords and then take the dinner home. Of course, if we can sneak a few hors d'oeuvres into our doggy bags, we are not averse to doing so.

I'm almost going to miss King Itzy and his careless spending ways. Still, as much as Iris and I like to take advantage of the King's giveaways, we would be happier if frugality reigned.

Ira S. Lugener

NOSTALGIA CORNER

The June 1970 edition of the Knight Light listed the officers, members of the Executive Board, and Committee Chairman for the upcoming year. The Executive Board members included PC Irv Kleiman, Ben Altman and Jerry Geier. Irv was also Chairman of Charity Aids, while Jerry was co-Chairman of the Spring Frolic. Some guys just never stop working for the Lodge. The same issue had an article entitled "Guess Who?" by Ike Roffman. Ike described a Brother and asked the reader to identify him. You will recall

that later on Ike wrote a regular column entitled "It Seems to Me." The last one appeared in the April - June 1998 Knight Light, which also announced that he had passed away on April 20, 1998. For many Brothers, his column was their favorite and the first one that they read. His obituary began as follows: "On April 20th we lost the hardest working Brother who never became a Past Chancellor. Senator Isaac "Ike" Roffman was content to let others earn the titles and enjoy the honor nights. He was not willing to let them do the work."

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THE GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER

One of the highlights of the Pythian Year is the Grand Chancellor's Dinner. It is an optional black tie affair held, this year, on Saturday evening, May 17, 2008, at The Sands in Atlantic Beach. It includes an hour-long smorgasbord followed by a many-course dinner. Each year we are entertained by a fantastic band and singers. The price is \$100 per person. HOWEVER, the Lodge is footing almost half the bill. For just \$55 per person, including tax and tip, you can enjoy a wonderful Saturday night out. If you go out by yourselves, you would pay that much without an open bar, music and dancing. Best of all, you will be spending the evening with your Brothers. So far, Tony, Ed, Irv, Jerry, Barney, Itzy, Ronnie and their wives have signed up. Please call me and BE THERE!!!

Fraternally, PDGC Tony Rivers

THE 10TH DISTRICT DINNER

DGC Harvey Sobel will be honored at the 10th District Dinner on Tuesday evening, April 29th, starting at 7:00 P.M. Anyone who has been to the Abbraciemento Restaurant on Woodhaven Boulevard in Rego Park knows that a great culinary delight awaits all who attend. The price of the dinner without the Lodge subsidy is \$44 per person or \$88 per couple. With the Lodge subsidy, you can attend for just \$24 and bring a guest (your wife would be a good idea) for just another \$29. That's right, the Lodge voted a \$45 subsidy--more than one-half the total cost. There is no time to lose, so please call me and make your reservations. BE THERE!!!

Fraternally, PDGC Tony Rivers

ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

It doesn't seem possible, but Memorial Day is right around the corner. This year, once again, PC Izhak Sirota is one of the Directors. Last year the Brothers and their families who marched had a fantastic time. The parade ended with free hot dogs and beverages for all. If you would like to join us as a marcher or a spectator, please let us know.

A CHANGE IN OUR MEETING DATE

Because the Long Island Pythian Council scheduled its dinner for the third Tuesday in April, we will be holding our Annual Wine Night on April 8th. Please mark your calendars accordingly. If you come a week late, you'll miss a great meeting and you won't get your free bottle of Passover Wine.

DISTRICT INSTALLATION

The installation of the officers of the 10th District will take place at our Castle Hall during our second meeting in May. The District will be sponsoring the collation and our own PC Ed Rasquin, President of the District, will be presiding. If all goes as expected, he will be our next Deputy. BE THERE!!!

THE L I PYTHIAN COUNCIL DINNER

Our Lodge has always been a strong supporter of the Long Island Pythian Council. In fact, we have had quite a few Brothers who served as President, the most recent one being our Grand Secretary Irv Kleiman. That is why, once again, we are trying to get a good size contingent of Brothers to attend. Whether you come alone or bring your bride, you will get a great meal at Verdi's of Westbury when they honor President Jerry Maron. The affair starts at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday evening, April 15th, includes music and dancing, and is sure to be a lot of fun. The price should be \$43 per person, but with the \$20 Lodge subsidy will cost you just \$23. Your guest will get the same fantastic price. It's a great way to celebrate the end of the tax season, so please call me and BE THERE!!!

Fraternally, PDGC Tony Rivers 516-294-9734

HE'S COMING BACK

Good news! One of the pillars of our Lodge, PACDGC LM Sy Barmash will be visiting New York. He is expected back on May 8th and surely will be coming to at least one convention. So come on down and say hi to Sy.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY!

F.D.R. Lodge is presenting an evening called "Dance to the Music of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s through today on Saturday night, May 3, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. at Temple Sholom in Glen Oaks. Anyone interested in dancing, singing and eating for just \$45 per couple (if you reserve before April 25th) should contact Irv Kleiman.

THANK YOU FOR THE COLLATION!

To show his appreciation to the Lodge for making him a life member, PDGC Howard Turchin paid for the collation at our March 4th meeting. Not to be outdone, in celebration of her marriage to Brother Barry Lisak, Carol Halpern paid for the collation at our March 18th meeting. Thank you, Howie and Carol.

GRAND LODGE CORNER

You will be happy to know that North Shore Lodge is being well represented on the Grand Lodge level by Grand Secretary Irving Kleiman. The job of Grand Secretary is challenging and time-consuming. As an observer who attends every Grand Council meeting and is fairly involved in Grand Lodge activities, I am happy to be able to report that Irv is doing a great job. Keep up the good work, Irv.

NEW GRAND LODGE WEBSITE

In the last issue of the Knight Light, we announced that the Grand Lodge has a brand new web site at www.kopny.com that was created by our own PC Izhak Sirota. We hope that everyone had the chance to view it. Just remember, that it is constantly updated. Therefore, you should visit it soon and often.

DERIDE OF PAUL REVERE

(with apologies to H.W. Longfellow.)

Listen, my children and you shall hear
 Of what really happened to Paul Revere.
 On the eighteenth of April in 'Seventy Five
 He took his horse Betty and went for a drive.
 Out in the country he went for some beer,
 For the neighbors were coming and soon would be here.
 "Let's hurry, old girl." He said to his horse.
 And a whinny soon showed him who really was boss.
 Away at a gallop they flew o'er the plains
 With the horse running wild and Paul clutching the reins.
 Through every Middlesex, Village and farm
 The two of them sped, Paul saying a psalm.
 The neighbors already had took to their beds
 And the sound of the silence rang loud in their heads.
 When at once it was broken by a cry and a shout
 And a horse and a rider went by at a route.
 "It must be the British!" one cried with a gasp.
 And a shutter was opened, and weapon was grasped.
 This scene was repeated all over the town
 And from o'er the fireplaces the muskets came down.
 Over to Concord and Lexington too
 The both of them sped, the terror it grew.
 Then at last the horse tired, at least so it seems,
 For she soon stopped her running
 and Paul stopped his screams.
 But by this time the British had come, and were met
 And the deed that Paul did we will never forget.
 So you see how a story can grow if you let it.
 The horse did the work, and Revere got the credit.

PC LM David Gurock

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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.

URSULA DEGEN

Mother of Brother Ronald Degen

February 16, 2008

PSC JAMES HESS

January 4, 2008

BROTHER RICHARD KATZ

January 3, 2008

*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.*

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Apr 1 Bingo Night (Open meeting) 7:30
8 *Regular Convention - Wine Night *Second Tuesday
May 6 Regular Convention, 1st Nominations & Memorial Night
20 Regular Convention, 2nd Nominations & Elections
May 27 Executive Meeting
June 3 Installation Night (Open Meeting)
17 Final Meeting
Honor Night for Robert Dillon aka Otto The Clown

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