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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

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

Here we go again!

We survived the hot summer, had our vacations, recharged our batteries, and are now ready to rock and roll!

We, the Executive Board, met in August to work out a budget and to plan our activities for the upcoming Pythian year. (A tentative calendar from September 2006 through March 2007 is provided on the back page of this newsletter). There are other exciting events on the drawing board, but, as of this writing, they have not been confirmed.

There are rumors out there that North Shore Lodge is one of the most active lodges in Queens and Long Island. We have officers in our lodge who are productive, enthusiastic, active in Grand Lodge and the District, and heavily involved in other community and charitable organizations. Our officers are True Pythians.

This past Memorial Day our Lodge had a contingent of Brothers and their families participate, by marching with a banner, in our nation's largest Memorial

Day parade.

We are anxious to start the season with our annual Friends and Family Picnic in the Park. Details are in this newsletter.

Join the excitement! Come to meetings! Enjoy the company of good and productive men. Enjoy a cup of good coffee and dessert.

I hope to see more of you at our lodge meetings and functions.

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Fraternally yours
Izhak Sirota



ONE OF THE EDITORS SPEAKS

Hey, you! Yes, you, the one falling asleep in front of the TV. What are you doing on the evening of September 5th? It's a Tuesday. Just as I thought, nothing. Why don't you come down to our meeting? What's that? The Yankees and Mets are playing. So what? They play 162 games each. Do you watch all of them? Besides, you'll get home in time to see the end of at least one game. The Yankees are in KC and don't start until 8:05 P.M. You see, I knew it. You have nothing to do. So why not spend an hour or so with some great guys who belong to your Lodge? Why not share a cup of coffee, a piece of cake (sugar free, if you like), and a pleasant time with us? If you need a ride, give us a call (nothing personal,

but Floridian Brothers need not spend the dime, unless you're in New York). Your Brothers need you and you will like us.

Friends and Family Picnic 2005



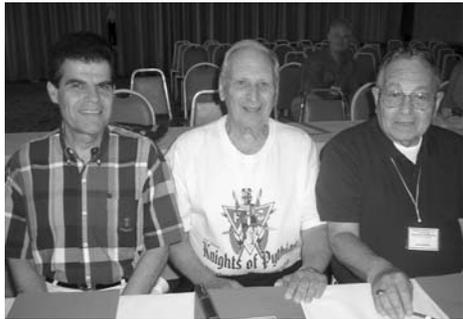
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FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The summer has come and gone. It was filled with many wonderful events, but, sadly, some very unhappy ones, too.

Let me start with the most unfortunate item first. That was the passing away of PC Jesse Levine on July 1st, 2006. Jesse left a wife, Ruth and a son Lawrence. Jesse was one of the most kindly, thoughtful and considerate men whom I have ever known—a real gentleman. Courteous could have been his middle name. Jesse was a fixture at lodge meetings. After he went up the chairs and became a Past Chancellor, he continued to remain active and took other lodge offices, offering his wisdom and suggestions. If he was absent from a lodge convention or a board of directors meeting, you knew that Jesse was not feeling well. His funeral was attended by fourteen brothers who performed a Pythian Service. He will surely be missed and not forgotten.

I wish to thank the lodge for sending my wife Anita and me to Kutsher's Country Club for our 56th Anniversary. While we were there, I attended the Grand Lodge's Convention as



the Delegate from North Shore Lodge. I will submit a report at our next lodge convention. Here is a picture of your representative at work. Left to right, PACDGC/GA Ron Degen, PDGC/LM Irv Kleiman and PC LM David Gurock. PC

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

The good news: He's back! I'm talking about our Chancellor Commander. Without meaning to disparage any past Chancellor Commanders (including myself), as Ralph Kramden would say, "Itzy, you're the greatest!" Just browse through the last four Knight Lights and you will see a collage of all the wonderful events and innovations that Itzy has brought to North Shore Lodge, from the fabulous picnic last September, to the change in format of the Bulletin, the acquisition of new advertisers, a great evening of playing bingo, a meeting in Scobee diner, a free chicken dinner and, of course, our annual Christmas/Chanukah party. Also, thanks to Itzy and Arie, we now eat first, so that you won't go home with bagels or lasagna just beginning to be digested.

This year Itzy has an agenda that meets, if not surpasses, last year's fantastic calendar of events. The successes will be repeated and new ideas will be tested.

Speaking of being back, I am happy to report that Brothers Mike Rosenkrantz and Dave Gurock, once again, are fixtures at our meetings. Please do us a favor, Brothers, stay healthy.

The bad news: Cissy Barmash, wife of PACDGC LM Sir Sy Barmash, has been seriously under the weather. We hope that she responds favorably to the medical treatments that she is receiving and that she and Sy have many happy years ahead of them.

The saddest news: One of our most beloved Brothers passed away at the beginning of the summer. We hope that wonderful memories make the pain of losing Jesse a little easier to bear for his wife Ruth and their son Lawrence. Of course, every name listed in our Necrology Section is a sad announcement for which there are no words powerful enough to allay the grief of family and friends.

The happy news: A few years ago Matthew Sirota, son of PC Izhak and Phyllis Sirota, received a Hy Jaye Scholarship Award. It consists of a handsome framed certificate and a \$100 check. We are happy to report that Matthew proved that our expectations were not misplaced. Congratulations, Matthew, on your graduation from the University of Buffalo. We are proud that in our own small way, we helped get you to where you are. Certainly, the Hy Jaye Award gave you the means to buy a book and a sandwich and, thus, was a contributing factor to your success.

Barney Linden was camera shy.

Anita and I attended the picnic sponsored by the 11th and 52nd Districts. It was a little windy at the start of the day, but we forgot about that once the hot dogs and hamburgers were done. They were served with all the trimmings, including delicious hot baked beans and cold drinks. There should be a repeat of this next year.

The next picnic is the one organized by North Shore Lodge and will be held at Alley Pond Park on September 10th. We changed the price. It is FREE for all Brothers, their families and friends. It is an all-you-can-eat affair. If it is half as good as last years, quality and attendance wise, it will be another roaring success.

I was informed about the 52nd District's sponsoring of a barbecue for the handicapped at Creedmoor State Hospital in Bellerose shortly before the event. Unfortunately, I did not have time to notify all, but I did contact the Brothers who had given me their e-mail addresses. I brought my son-in-law, Jean-Michel, who became the star hamburger flipper. I was chosen the deliverer of the franks and burgers to my wife Anita and daughter Cindy, who wrapped them in rolls. From noon to about 1:40 PM we gave away 1,000 hot dogs, loads of hamburgers, cole slaw, potato salad, mashed potatoes, baked beans, soda, water, punch, ices and a lot of joy.

The 10th District is having their Kick off Dinner at the Villa Marcello. This is where the lodges in the District inform us of their plans for the coming Pythian year. It has not occurred as of this writing and I must send this column to the Editor in order to get it into the September issue of the Knight Light. Comments will be in the next issue.

The Linden/Birnbaum News: PC Barney and Janet Linden and their son-in-law and daughter, Brother Rod and Michelle Birnbaum, have so many happy events to report, that they get a special section. First, happy birthday Barney (May 12th) and, once again, apologies for not timely mentioning it in the last issue. May you have a great year and may I remember to wish you happy birthday on time in 2007. Congratulations on a total of 82 years of wedded bliss (September 12th)--that is, 41 years for Barney and 41 years for Janet (to each other). Congratulations to Rod and Michelle as they celebrate their 10th wedding anniversary (August 18th). Happy Birthday grandson and son Alan Birnbaum (four years old on August 2nd), Rod (November 8th), Michelle (November 27th) and Janet (December 8th).

The celebratory news: This summer PDGC Tony and Carmen Rivers became grandparents for the 14th time. We wish them much joy from the newest edition to the Rivers family and a wonderful 50th wedding anniversary on September 15th. They must be breaking some kind of record as the youngest looking and most caring couple to ever celebrate their golden anniversary. Last year we guessed that they were married in kindergarten, but we are revising it to say nursery school.

Happy Anniversary PC Marvin and Delma Scharfman (58 years on September 19th), PC David and Irma Gratt (57 years on October 29th), Financial Secretary PC Jerry and Fran Geier (46 years on October 22nd) and Elyse and Joseph Isopo--daughter and son-in-law of PC Barry and Kathie Wheatman--(5 years on September 8th).

Congratulations to our Chancellor Commander and his family on the happy events that they will be celebrating this fall. On September 29th Itzy and Phyllis Sirota will toast each other on their 33rd wedding anniversary and on September 18th they will joyfully sing happy birthday to their daughter, Deana, on her 31st birthday.

Happy Birthday PC LM Dave Gurock, who celebrated a milestone (75 years) on July 11th. Happy Birthday to our Brothers who will be enjoying another birthday this fall, including, PC David Gratt (November 12th), Financial Secretary PC Jerry Geier (November 19th) and PC LM Sid Lann (87 years on November 25th).

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

IRA S. LUGENER

To My Brothers:

Yummy!!! Iris and I are truly enjoying the many subsidized dinners sponsored by North Shore Lodge. You may be interested to learn that the Knights of Petrovich in Russia has picked up on some of our ideas. Cousin Ivan tells me that his Lodge also pays for part of the cost of some of their special events. For example, they charge just 1,000 rubles for the Grand Comrade's Dinner--a tremendous savings. However, they do not make stuffed cabbage the way we do in New York and they can't match the pasta served at Villa Marcello.

While I am pleased that Iris and I are able to take

advantage of the many monetary incentives offered by the Lodge, I am still perturbed by our Chancellor Commander's lack of respect for the dollar. Last year King Itzy charged everyone \$1 to go to the picnic. This year, it's free. Unless I bring 15 of my closest family members and friends, I am afraid that some of the other Brothers will get more out of the picnic than the Lugeners. Don't worry, I sent the word out and 20 of us will be there. Just mark us down, King Itzy, so I don't have to spend a dime calling you.

Fraternally,
IRA S. LUGENER

KENNETH I. AARONSON MESSAGE ON MEMBERSHIP

Well my Brothers, I finally got to go to a couple of dinners. The first was the Grand Chancellors Dinner. It did not even cost me a penny. In fact, I got paid. It is just too bad that Evelyn could not join me.

I was working as a waiter, but was on the other side of the room from where the North Shore Lodge Brothers were seated. During the cocktail hour I was stationed at the Hot Dog and Hamburger section. I said hello to a couple of fellows, but it seems that they did not know me. It was a wonderful affair and my boss said that we're going to host it next year, too. Even though I am not fond of my boss, I call him Simon; I do enjoy working at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center. I also work at other places. I rotate. We get great perks at the Temple. I take home rolls, cakes, pies and some of the entrees. Evelyn usually waits up for me to come home with the goodies. Hillary is too little to appreciate them.

At Tony's dinner I was taking care of tables 6, 7 and 8. We were really busy so I could not get to your tables that if I remember correctly were tables 1 and 3. The Villa Marcello is famous for its service, so I had to be attentive at my station. Did you notice that no one had to ask for water? We are trained to take care of the minutest details.

If I do not have to work, Evelyn, Hillary and I will be at the picnic in September. The problem is I usually have to work Sundays. I have a large appetite and Evelyn also likes to eat, so we can take advantage of the Lodge's generosity. Hillary is still eating mostly baby food. By the time of the picnic she will be on more solid foods, and, perhaps, will be ready to gulp down one or two hot dogs..

Fraternally,
Kenneth I. Aaronson

THE BUDGET MEETING

On Tuesday evening, August 8th, we held our annual budget meeting at Sinai Chapels. We had more than a minion as we approved a budget and went over our Chancellor Commander's tentative calendar for the year. Itzy presented us with a proposed activity for each meeting through June, 2007. He also handed out calendar books that he had prepared and printed with

the name North Shore Lodge # 824 and the Knights of Pythias logo on the cover and each meeting date and what we would be doing on the inside. By reviewing what we had spent our money on last year and Itzy's suggestions for this year, we were able to plan a great 2006-2007.

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THE KICKOFF DINNER

If you are reading this article and it is not yet August 22nd, then you are in luck. On Tuesday evening, August 22nd, the 10th District will hold its annual kickoff dinner at Villa Marcello. The cost of this \$30 dinner for paid-up members is just \$15. We have had a few dinners at Villa Marcello over the past few years and all of them have been culinary delights. So, if you have the chance, give Itzy, Tony, Irv or Ron a call and BE THERE!!!

THANK YOU SINAI CHAPELS

Our decline in membership and our increase in the number of life members means less money is flowing into our coffers. For that reason, we are especially fortunate to have Sy Resnick and Michael Resnick as our Brothers. They own and operate Sinai Chapels, located on the Long Island Expressway Service Road at 162nd Street in Fresh Meadows. They do not charge us for the use of one of their rooms for our Executive Board Meetings on the 4th Tuesday each month. They also let us hold our annual budget meeting there on August 8th. For their generosity and graciousness, we are grateful and say thank you.

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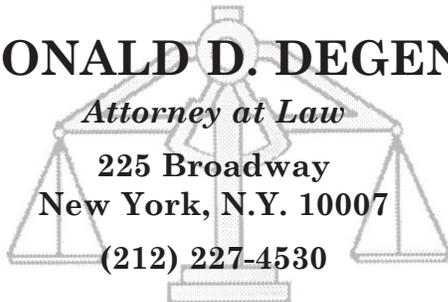
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THE DEPUTY DINNER

Thank you, my Brothers for making the Deputy's Dinner one of the most successful dinners ever run by North Shore Lodge or any of the Lodges which merged to form it. At a time when the majority of testimonial dinners are open, partly in order to fill up the catering hall, we held a stag dinner on May 9th that drew 77 Brothers from Grand Lodge, the District, other Districts, and our Lodge. We had a great meal and fine speeches, as we honored Tony and celebrated his year as Deputy Grand Chancellor at Villa Marcello in Ozone Park. The ten reasons why you should have been there are:

10. The price was right.
9. The food was great.
8. Neither the World Series nor the Super Bowl were being televised that night.
7. The dinner ended early enough for you to get home and see the 11 o'clock news.
6. You deserved a good night out.
5. You had a lousy evening, because you spent it without us.
4. Tony gave an excellent speech.
3. You would have received a program and learned all about our fantastic honoree.
2. You could have gotten an autograph from our Grand Chancellor.
1. Tony deserved a great turnout.

SECOND ANNUAL NORTH SHORE LODGE PICNIC

Some things are "no picnic." The event planned for September 10th is not one of them. The Lodge picnic last year was, perhaps, the activity our Brothers and their families enjoyed the most. Just ask any of the 65+ people who attended. Well, if you missed the picnic or if you were there and enjoyed it, you will have another opportunity this year to go to a picnic where all you have to bring with you is a chair. Once again, the picnic will begin at 11:00 A.M. at Alley Pond Park on Springfield Boulevard and 76th Avenue.

Hot dogs, hamburgers, salads, drinks and a good time will be taken care of by the Lodge. This year there will not be a \$1 per person charge. IT'S FREE. All we ask is that you call Arie at 718-423-8983 or Itzy at 516-987-1200 and tell them how many people are in your group. BE THERE!!!

FAREWELL JESSE

All who knew PC Jesse Levine, whether as family member and close friend or an acquaintance who nodded hello to him on the street, will miss him. Jesse suffered from cancer for the past few years and came in and out of the hospital and chemotherapy. Through it all, he was cheerful and thankful just to be here on earth with the people about whom he cared. And it seemed that this group included just about us all. Never known to say a bad word about anyone, Jesse was a true gentleman, a wonderful man for whom treating people with respect and good manners, for using the words "please," "thank you," "you're welcome," and "I'll hold the door for you" were a way of life, and for whom poetry was a way of expressing his feelings and his love of life. In the Spring 2006 issue of the Knight Light, we published Jesse's poem

GRAND LODGE CORNER

The Grand Lodge Convention at Kutsher's Country Club in Monticello, New York, was short on excitement, but outside the meeting hall it was packed with great food, great facilities and lots of fun for those of us who attended. Grand Lodge Representative Irv and Anita Kleiman and Alternative Representative Dave and Roz Gurock were joined by Barney and Janet Linden and Ronnie and Arleen Degen. Together with Sam Jaffe and Maxine Marcus of Greater Queens Lodge, they had a great table and a fantastic time. On July 11th--right in the middle of the Convention, we toasted Dave on his 75th birthday and enjoyed sharing his birthday cake. **YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THERE!!!**

The Grand Chancellor's Dinner was a huge success. From our Lodge, Tony and Carmen Rivers, Ed and Irma Rasquin, Irv and Anita Kleiman, Jerry and Fran Geier, Barney and Janet Linden and Ronnie and Arleen Degen attended. It was held at the Manhattan Beach Jewish Center and featured an hour-long smorgasbord, a delicious dinner complete with a Viennese table, dancing, funny speeches, and a good time had by all. Next year's dinner will be held on May 6th in the same place. **BE THERE!!!**

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The Flame. It told us about the difficulty of finding gentle flames (good people) in the inferno and mourned the extinguishing of a gentle flame (one of our Brothers). Jesse ended the poem

Will this flame flare anew?

I would like to hope that this is so.

For without it, what will this life

Be like?

We lost a gentle flame whose spirit and credo live on in those of us who knew him. We hope that his legacy will make it easier for his loved ones--Ruth and Lawrence--to carry on. For without the Jesse Levines, what will this life be like?

IN MEMORIAM

Once again, with unexpected suddenness, we have lost a Brother Pythian and friend, PC LM Marvin Isaacson. All who knew him found him to be a man of high standards and one with a lust for life. We recall his candor of speech and outstanding sense of humor. He went up the chairs to serve as the Chancellor Commander of Glen Oaks Lodge in 1970-71, having joined the Lodge in 1958. His interests and participation were from sports to Las Vegas Nites to fund raising committees.

We want his wife, June, his children, Steven, Carol and Glenn, and his grandchildren, Drew, Jared, Marni and Luke, to know that we share their grief. May his soul rest in everlasting peace.

PACDGC LM SY BARMASH KGS

A DAUGHTER REMEMBERS

It was with great sorrow that I informed you of the death of my father, PC Adolph Levin. He passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at home on March 6, 2006. My father was a fifty-year Life Member of the Lodge. He served as AHF Chairman for many years and was re-appointed to the position just a few months before his passing. My father was proud to be a member and appreciated the many friendships and activities that brotherhood provided him. He was a very active member during my childhood years, and my memories include him going to meetings in the evening, attending dinners with my mother, and accompanying him to Lodge family events. I know that he would like to say "Thank you" to all of the Knights for enriching his life.

Fanny Levin-Sugar

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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.

BROTHER ROY MORGENSTERN

July 29, 2006

PC LM MARVIN ISAACSON

July 3, 2006

PC JESSE LEVINE

July 1, 2006

PC ISIDORE SOHN

March 17, 2006

BROTHER MORRIS WARD

March 7, 2006

*We thank thee, O Lord for their companionship
and the sweet memories they leave behind.*

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Amen*

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Sep 10 - Annual Picnic

Sep 19 - Regular Convention

Sep 26 - Executive Meeting

Oct 3 - Regular Convention

Oct 17 - Regular Convention

Oct 24 - Executive Meeting

Nov 21 - Chicken Dinner & Turkey Raffle

Nov 28 - Executive Meeting

Dec 5 - Regular Convention

Dec 19 - Holiday Party

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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Membership Application

New Applicant Renewal

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

**Annual membership is
from January 1, thru
December 31 of same year.**

Annual dues are \$45.00.

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

**For information E-mail:
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