

**The 77th Convention of the Supreme Lodge
Knights of Pythias and the 62nd Convention
of the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters will be held at the
Riviera Hotel and Casino In Las Vegas,
Nevada from August 3-6, 2014.**

Tours are being planned by the committee.

**Call 1-800-634-6753 & use Code SKOP714. Luxury room is \$59 Sun-Thurs. & \$79 Fri-Sat.
(includes resort fee) plus tax. Room Reservations Cutoff date is June 30, 2014.**

Tentative Schedule

Sunday, August 3

**11:30 AM Sunshine Girls
Lunch**

Installation of Officers

2 PM Joint Opening & Memorial

6 PM Supreme Banquet

Monday to Wednesday AM August 4-6

Supreme Business Sessions

Wednesday, August 6

2 PM Joint Installation

6 PM Reception Dinner honoring the new Supreme Officers

There is a lot of walking at the Riviera. Those needing help can get the following:

Scooters: 1 day - \$45, 2 days - \$80, 3 days \$100, 4 days \$110, 5-7 days \$130.00, 8-9 days \$155.00.

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Standard Wheelchair & Walkers: 1 days - \$20, 2 days - \$30, 3-4 days \$40, 5-7 days \$45, 8-9 days - \$50

Wheelchair - extra wide - 1 day - \$35, 2 days \$50, 3 -4 days \$55, 5-7 days \$60, 8-9 days \$65.00

1-702-794-9215 Ask for John Garber



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From the Desk of...

The Supreme Chief

MEMBERSHIP

It is time to be serious about MEMBERSHIP. We have lost many of our dear members through death and our membership is dwindling. We all live in areas where we see people daily. Look around you right now. Do you know the name of the person standing next to you? Are you in your place of worship, the grocery store, the doctor's office, the post office, your child's school, a sports activity, etc.? Start a conversation. Tell them you just came from a Pythian Sister's meeting

or a Pythian fundraiser. Find out what they have been doing. Invite them to join you at a fundraiser. If your Temple is going out for dinner or lunch, invite them to join you.

Make it sound interesting and important to you. We all have to ASK in order to increase our membership. It is too late to wait. Do it NOW. For most of us, being a Pythian Sister is high on our list. Why not give your family and friends the same opportunity?

The annual password has been sent out. If your Temple does not have it, it is because I do not know who the Installing Officer Is or the new Grand Chief.

Please send me the names of your Supreme Representatives so I may make up my committees.

I wish for everyone peace, health and happiness.

Sincerely in Love and Friendship,
Audrey J. Wetterwald, Supreme Chief

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Greetings Sisters:

By the time you are reading this, spring has come and summer is close, it has been a long winter.

Thank you to the Secretaries and Grand Secretaries for getting the annual reports in. It makes my job as secretary easier when the reports come in on time. I will be starting the Advance Report here soon. Once done will mail out the 1st part of July. Representatives, please review the Advance Report so you know what Law work will be voted on.

Craft items are needed for the craft room. If you bring items for the craft room, please price them. I know there are several items coming that you will want to purchase.

Grand Secretaries, if you would like to order supplies and you have a Rep. coming to Supreme, let me know, I'll bring the supplies and your Rep will be able to pick it up. There will be a small handling charge and I would need to know by the 10th. of July. Thank you.

CORRECTIONS: I made some mistake, here are the corrections: Transportation and expense please mail to Colleen Stanley, 11 Stanley Road, Gouldsboro, Maine 04607. Credentials mail to: Jill Unger-Moder, 160 Drury Lane, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Make sure all the Supreme Representative Certificates have been sent in to me. I'm short a couple.

"Somebody Else" There's a clever fellow named – SOMEBODY ELSE - There's nothing this fellow can't do. His is busy from morning 'til way late at night Just substituting for you. You're asked to do this, or asked to do that, and What is your ready reply? "GET SOMEBODY ELSE, Mister Chairman, He'll do it much better than I." There's so much to do for our order, so much, and the workers are few. And SOMEBODY ELSE is getting weary and worn - just substituting for you. So, next time you're asked to do something worthwhile. Just give them his honest reply. "IF SOMEBODY ELSE can give time and support, you can bet you last dime, SO CAN I."



**77th Convention of the Supreme Knights of Pythians
 &
 62nd Convention of the Supreme Temple
 August 1-6, 2014**



Order Form of Events:

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 Send To: Rich Bale 1044 Atticus Ave Henderson Nevada 89014

Please visit our website at http://www.knightsofpythiasnevada.org/	Price	# Persons	Total Cost
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 - 6 PM			
<i>Supreme Convention Banquet Dinner (Black Tie Optional)</i>			
Prime Rib	\$55.00		
Chicken Marsala	\$55.00		
Trout D'Amande	\$55.00		
SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2014 - NOON			
<i>Sunshine Girls' Luncheon / All American Picnic</i>			
	\$32.00		
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 - 7 AM			
<i>Canadian Breakfast</i>			
	\$24.00		
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014 - NOON			
<i>Grand Temple S & T Luncheon / Margaret Grochoki Retiring Reception</i>			
	\$30.00		
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2014 - 7 PM			
<i>Incoming Supreme Officer's Dinner Reception</i>			
Pan-Seared Alaskan Salmon Filet	\$55.00		
Chicken Parmesan	\$55.00		
Prime Rib	\$55.00		
TOTAL OF FOOD COST			
TOURS			
THE MOB MUSUEM	\$39.00		
TOURNAMENT OF KINGS ***ONLY***	\$89.00		
TREASURES ON THE LAS VEGAS STRIP	\$58.00		
THUNDER DOWN UNDER W/ TOURNAMENT OF KINGS	\$141.00		
MENOPAUSE W/ TOURNAMENT OF KINGS	\$141.00		
LUNCH - CHOCOLATE - CACTUS	\$45.00		
TOTAL OF TOURS COST			
TOTAL OF ALL COSTS			
Knight/Sister Name:			
Knight/Sister Domain:			
Knight/Sister Contact #:			

Supreme Convention 2014 Shows / Entertainment / Tours

The Mob Museum Monday, 8/4/14 10am-2pm \$39 per person

Organized crime vs. law enforcement...High-Tech theater presentation of artifacts and interactive exhibits. Discover the truth and nothing but the truth. Then enjoy souvenir shopping and sightseeing downtown Las Vegas. Enjoy lunch at the Paradise Buffet located inside the Freemont Hotel (optional—not included in price)

Tournament of Kings Monday, 8/4/14 5:45pm-9:30pm \$89 per person

The Tournament of Kings is at the Excalibur Hotel.... Don't miss the most popular Las Vegas dinner show, Tournament of Kings. Invading armies! Dancing maidens! Jousting! Fireworks! And eating with your fingers! A '3' course dinner! (gluten free, vegetarian and vegan meals available by request)

Treasures on the Las Vegas Strip Tuesday 8/5/14 10am-3pm \$58 per person

Gondola Ride....float beneath bridges, under balconies and through the Venetian streetscapes as your singing gondolier serenades you. Sightseeing inside the Venetian Hotel. The Eiffel Tower Experience.... Breathtaking views 46 stories above the city. An ambassador will point out unforgettable Las Vegas landmarks. Sightseeing inside the Paris Hotel followed by a visit to the Forum Shops at Caesars Palace.

Exciting Shows on the Strip Tuesday 8/5/14 7:15pm-11:30pm \$141 per person

Your choice of Thunder Down Under or Menopause—Can only be combined with the Monday night performance of the Tournament of Kings

It's a Las Vegas bachelorette party every night! Direct from Australia, it's Thunder from Down Under! You'll laugh! You'll stare! You may even faint! These guys will give you something to write home about! Get ready to party with the hottest blokes in town. ** OR ** Four women at a lingerie sale with nothing in common but a black-lace bra AND memory loss, hot flashes, night sweats, not enough sex, too much sex and more! Menopause The Musical® is a 90-minute production which includes 25 re-lyricized tunes from the '60s and '70s and culminates with a salute to women who are experiencing The Change. Come see what nearly 11 million fans all over the world are laughing about!

Lunch - Chocolate - Cactus Wednesday 8/6/14 10:45am-3:30pm \$45 per person

Opus Too will delight, excite and satisfy you: this student-run restaurant provides an upscale cuisine that draws its inspiration from the culinary regions from around the world. Students demonstrate the skills they developed throughout the course of their studies in the culinary arts program and apply this experience to a real-world restaurant environment. THEN -> -> -> For more than 100 years, the Mars family has shared their passion and time-honored traditions for chocolate-making. It started back in the early 1900's when Forrest Mars, Sr., one of the founders of Mars, Inc., learned about the art of chocolate making from his mother, Ethel Mars. Ethel Mars's teachings about chocolate making, enabled Forrest Mars Sr., and Mars, Inc., to create one of the world's largest chocolate companies, and beloved chocolate brands such as M&M'S®, SNICKERS®, DOVE®,

All trips require a minimum of 15 people

All taxes and tips are inclusive with the exception of Lunches which are not included in the price.

All Buses will pick up and drop off at the Rivera

If you are going to be in Las Vegas on Friday night, email Robin Michelin, Rich Bale's daughter, to let her know if you would be interested in attending the game of the Triple-A affiliate baseball team of the New York Mets at a reasonable price. Last year, the Las Vegas 51's went to the playoffs; the first time in over 11 years. Email her at robinmichelin@live.com by June 15th if you are interested in going to the game

WAYS & MEANS

Greeting to All Pythians:

Supreme Temple Sessions will soon be here. Where has the time gone? I recently sent letters to all Subordinate Temple Secretaries along with tickets for the beautiful quilt donated by Past Supreme Chief Audrey Compton and her husband, Lee Compton. The quilt is a Tennessee Waltz Pattern – white and blue. Also enclosed were tickets for the 25-25-50 drawing. Both are 1 ticket for \$1.00 or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Check with your Temple Secretary for Tickets.

Once again we will have a Craft Room at Supreme. Items donated to the Craft Room are deeply appreciated. All items need to be priced by the individual making the donation. If you have items for the Craft Room but do not plan to attend Supreme and your representative is unable to transport the items for you, they can be sent to my home address and I will see that they are at Supreme. If sending items to me, they must arrive no later than July 10, 2014. I am driving to Supreme and need to make sure I have room for everything. If you are not crafty and still wish to help out Supreme Temple money donations are also appreciated.

I plan to have the Pythian Bingo again this year and there will be a chance for one person selected to receive a special gift for patronizing the Craft Room. I still have some of the blue reusable bags, member's pins in gold and pins from past Supreme Chief's projects – such as the umbrella pin and angel pin. Other items will also be available in the Craft Room.

Several Jurisdictions and individuals have already sent in tickets for the 25-25-50 drawing and for the quilt. I have also received cash donations from some Grand Temples. Donations of any kind or size are always appreciated.

All checks or money orders are to be made payable to Supreme Temple Ways and Means in U.S. Funds.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas and hope those in attendance comes into the Craft Room and see what will be there.

Best Wishes & Good Health to All.

Nancy M Hall, SJ – Chairman of Ways & Means
101 15th Ave, Charles City, IA 50616



Closing Ode

*We thought of you with love today
 But that is nothing new.
 We thought about you yesterday
 And days before that too.
 We think of you in silence
 We often speak your name
 Now all we have is memories
 And your picture in a frame.
 Your memory is our keepsake
 With which we'll never part.
 God has you in his keeping
 We have you in our heart.*

PSR Rosa Lee Ewing (WV) passed away on 2/2/2014. She was a member of Glendale #26, Charleston, WV. She served as Grand Chief 1971-1972. She also was a Past Supreme Representative. At the time of her death, she was second on the list of living PGC's & was serving as Grand Treasurer.

PSR Betty Campbell (BC) passed away on 6/12/13. She belonged to Vernon Temple #21 and Lumby Temple #25. Betty became a PGC in 1984 after serving as G.Sec. She served as S.Rep. in 1997. She was a 60 plus member of the Pythian Sisters.

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 Connie Edwards, Sup Sec
 119 Monterey Trail
 Monticello, IA 52310

Prairie Provinces

This past winter has been most terrible for parts of Canada and the United States and I hope all the Sisters have survived it.

Our Grand Temple sessions usually held in June had to be changed due to family illness and other reasons. We will meet on September 20th, 2014 in Edmonton, AB.

Royal Temple Sisters are busy making wreaths out of strips of material and the ones I have seen are beautiful.

In order to keep our newer members interested in the Order, we have scheduled every other meeting to be a short meeting, and do crafts. This seems to make everyone happy.

On behalf of all the Sisters of this Grand Jurisdiction, we wish everyone at the Supreme Sessions will see good weather, lots of Sisters attending and best wishes for a safe journey.

Virginia



Grand Chief of Virginia, N. Faye Faella poses here with her husband Nick at a reception given for her by Norfolk Temple in November. Faye was honored to have Virginia's Grand Chancellor, Stephan Marquardt along with many other Sisters, Knights, their spouses and friends at the affair.

This year the Pythian Sisters are turning 125 years and in celebration we are selling cute 12 inch teddy bears. All proceeds go toward the next Supreme Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2014!



Bears are \$25.00 + shipping and handling

To order contact:

Jona Cowell, PSR

920 Red Falcon Way

Sparks, NV 89441 775-425-1747

Email: bjrcowell@aol.com

Please put Pythian bear in the information line in the email

Thank you!

New York

This was a picture taken at a local flea market where we took a table in order to raise funds for our Pythian Sister charities.



L-R: Grand Chief Renee Katzman, PDD Florence Greenberg, and SR Debra Ruth Kohn.

Ohio

Ontario

PSR Grace Crisp of Jubilee Temple turned 90 years young on January 15, 2014. Sister Grace joined the Pythian Sisters in April 1946.

Members from Welcome Temple # 7 and Amethyst Lodge # 49 in Thunder Bay gathered at the Prince Arthur Hotel for a celebratory dinner on Thursday May 15, 2014.

We had a few things to celebrate. The first was PSR Avril Howald's birthday; the second was that our 4 Sisters from Iowa (Nancy Hall SJ, Connie Edwards SS, Corinne Schneiter PSR and Colleen Schneiter PSR) joined us for the weekend. On this special occasion, PGR Caroline McMinn was presented with her Lifetime Membership Certificate and Faithful Service Pin. Caroline is a long-time member and just recently turned 91 years old. She is the matriarch of our Temple. We are all so blessed to have her in our lives.



L-R: MEC Janet Huber, PGR Caroline McMinn with certificate & pin and Sandy Symons SS.

Supreme Temple News

Grand Temple Sessions for 2014

Texas

June 6-8, 2014

Irving

West Virginia

July 9-12, 2014

Bridgeport

New York

June 30-July 1

Callison

Indiana

July 10-12, 2014

Lafayette

Membership

It is only a few months before the next Supreme session. Will your Temple or Lodge be able to report an increase in membership? We have seen a substantial decrease in Temples since the last session and that should concern all of us. We love this Order and we want it to continue for another 100 years, but that will not happen unless we increase our membership. It is time for us to update ourselves so we are more appealing to a younger generation. That doesn't mean teenagers, but people who may be approaching retirement age or recently retired. I think we will have to work our way back to the younger people by first adapting to the realities of that age group.

Since the people today do not rely on a fraternal organization for their social contact, we need to focus more on the types of activities that they are willing to do with their personal time. A large percentage of them want to do something worthwhile; something that will "Make a Difference". We have those opportunities facing us every day with food banks, hospitals, schools, youth and senior organizations and many other groups looking for volunteer help. A group of women who know how to sew can get together and make quilts for children's hospitals or veterans; a group who know how to knit can get together and make hats for St. Jude's hospital; a group can get together and help serve lunches at the local community center or volunteer at your local police or fire department. The opportunities are endless. If we give our members a purpose and advertise it in the community, we are likely to pick up some new members in our localities.

We do not want to give up our ritual and our purpose, but we do want to attract people to join us. They will generally tolerate a meeting and sometimes grow to love the ritualistic part but if we can't get them there, we will never know. We need to strive to make our meetings short and meaningful and not let them degenerate into bickering or unrelated chatter. We also need to be willing to try ideas suggested by the new members. A new member in one of our Temples suggested a vintage fashion show as a fund raiser and member attractor. It was ridiculed and scorned by some of the older members because it required a financial deposit up front to the Salvation Army, but the majority voted to give it a try. It turned out to be their most successful fund-raiser of the year and brought in several new leads for members. It will now be an annual event.

Either before or following the meeting there should be a social time with a potluck lunch or dinner or just a simple dessert and coffee/tea so they can discuss their projects and schedule work parties.

We cannot sit back any longer and watch Temples turn in their charters. We must take action. Those of you who feel you have done your share in the past need to grab yourself by the bootstraps and get back to work until we have conquered this apathy. After we have the new members and YOU have trained them to take your place then you can sit back and reap the rewards of your labor.

I will be asking for two reports on Membership activity for all Temples. One for the period from July, 2012 through June, 2013 and the second will be for activity from July 2013 through June, 2014. Certificates and trophies will be awarded based on reports returned by the deadline date listed on the second report form. Since I have received very few names/addresses of Grand Membership chairs, I will be sending the report forms through the Grand Chiefs.

I can be reached by email at Gwen-Van-Rhodes@comcast.net, by phone at 425-413-8888 or by US mail at 21410 Peter Grubb Road SE, Renton, WA 98058-9707.

Grand Temple News

California



CA celebrated the 150th/126th Anniversary of our Order on Feb. 15th, 2014 in Tustin, CA at the Tustin Hall. Under the committee chairs of Pete Beatty and Susan Siegmann, both fairly new to the Order, had an event that was from 12 noon – 10 pm. From lunch to the banquet that night, there was never a lull. Entertainment from the Boys Scouts, Voices of Tustin, Mayor Protem, Jazz band, magic tricks, the magic lantern and a DJ after the banquet. Artifacts dating back to the 1880's. A great time was held by all in attendance. Now we need to meet that same type of expectation at Grand in May, right? Going to try.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, PYTHIANS!

By Donna Zinchuk, G Sec.

Nevada



Supreme Protector Yolanda Cowell assisted the Special Olympics Nevada in their Applebee's Tip-A-Cop night in Northern Nevada along with the Reno Police Department. Yolanda was assigned to collect the monetary donations for the cause. The Reno store collected over \$2,500 that day and Northern Nevada collected over \$5,000 between the three locations.

New Hampshire

Geraldine Hunter, on the right, a Grand Officer of the Pythian Sisters of New Hampshire is shown making a donation to two volunteers at the Community Food Center in Tamworth. This Food Pantry serves clients in both Sandwich and Tamworth areas.



New York

NEPTUNE TEMPLE #190 HONORS 50-YEAR AND 25-YEAR MEMBERS

On September 24, 2013 Neptune Temple #190, Brooklyn, NY, had a beautiful ceremony honoring three 50-year members and four 25-year members at our castle hall at the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The honorees received their 50-year pins and 25-year pins and gorgeous certificates created by Vicki Gordon, one of the 50-year recipients. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Below is a picture of the recipients:

The recipients were L-R Vicki Gordon, PSR, 50 yr., Harriet Keller, PC, 25 yr., Sheila Gerstein, PGC, 25 yr., Estelle Braunstein, PSR, 25 yr., Marilyn Kostroff, PC, 25 yr., Sheila Meersand, PC, 50 yr., and Ruby Kaplan, PSR, 50 yr.



PYTHIAN SISTERS DONATE TO HELEN KELLER SERVICES FOR THE BLIND AND DEAF

On Tuesday, October 16, 2013, Sitting Past Chief Sheila Gerstein and Grand Senior Cindy Nathanson went to the Helen Keller Services for the Blind at 57 Willoughby Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201. They donated \$3,000 that was raised last year for this charity.

They were given a tour of this facility by Deborah Rodriguez, Director of Communication and Development and Garth White, the Principal of the school for the blind and deaf which services children ranging from new born to five years of age. They then met with Thomas J. Edwards, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the organization. They said that it was a very touching and wonderful experience.

Enclosed is a picture of some of the individuals mentioned above.

From left to right are Cindy Nathanson, Thomas J. Edwards, Sheila Gerstein and Garth White.



Ohio

The ladies of Comet Temple #259 in Medina are holding crafts they made (door hangers) to hang on the children's doors at Hattie Larlham. We plan to visit at their open house and give them our donation.



Back L-R: Kim Collins, Erin Malcolm, Teri Malcolm
Front L-R: Laura Auble, Rosemary Suit

Hattie Larlham Invite

Hattie Larlham had an afternoon open house and book signing at the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities. The event showcased Hattie Larlham's medical, residential, vocational and recreational services. Hattie Larlham's vocational programs employs more than 200 adults with developmental disabilities.

Guest authors R. Charles Larlham, son of Hattie and Richard Larlham, and Susan Busch, a mother of a child with developmental disabilities. Larlham's book "The Old Man & Me" is a memoir of growing up on a Portage County farm during post-World War II. In Busch's book, "Yearning for Normal," she shares her experience of raising a child with a genetic disorder.

This nonprofit organization has enhanced the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities for more than 50 years.