



Pythian Echo

Fredericksburg Lodge No. 22, Knights of Pythias
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2004 Officers

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R. Crickenberger—2yr
Jimmy Morgan—1yr

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Jim Wilhour
Mark Mead

Grand Lodge Alternates
George Romack
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Norman Chenault

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

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September / October 2004

Newly Elected Supreme Vice Chancellor, Dave Mead, Hails from F'Burg Lodge #22

Dave Mead, of Fredericksburg Lodge #22 was recently elected Supreme Vice Chancellor of the Pythian Order. If all goes as expected, Dave will become the Supreme Chancellor in 2006.

The unfortunate health problems of S. V. C. Ron Dickerson of

Nova Scotia resulted in most of the Supreme Lodge Officers advancing two positions. The Order's new Supreme Chancellor is Tim McLaurin of North Carolina.

In August The Supreme Lodge (which meets only in even numbered years) con-



Newly installed Supreme Vice Chancellor, Dave Mead wearing orchid lei presented to the new officers by a Pythian from Hawaii.

vened in Tucson AZ, the home of the outgoing Supreme Chancellor. Representatives from about forty-two of the Grand Domains (states and provinces) attended the four day session. Representing Virginia were Wayne Joyner and Earl Harrell, both members of Beach Lodge #169.

The next Convention of the Supreme Lodge is scheduled for August 2006 in Nova Scotia. If all goes as planned, the 2008 Supreme Lodge Convention will be held in Virginia.

This will be only the second time that the Supreme Lodge has met in our state in the 140 year history of the organization.



Newly installed Supreme Lodge Officers for 2004 - 2006: Left to right front row: Supreme Treasurer: Donald H. Grant, PA, Supreme Chancellor: Norman T. McLaurin, NC, Immediate Past Supreme Chancellor: Harris Breit, AZ, Supreme Secretary: Alfred A. Saltzman MA. BACK ROW: Supreme Outer Guard: Gerald Deitch, NV, Supreme Inner Guard: Edwin H. Wright, NH, Supreme Master at Arms: Dan Magner, NE, Supreme Prelate: Dan Cowan, CA, Supreme Vice Chancellor: David E. Mead, VA

Supreme Lodge 2008 ~ Planning Information

Fund Raising for 2008 Supreme Lodge Convention

Hosting a Supreme Lodge Convention takes a lot of work and money up front. A large (but not too expensive) hotel with several large meeting rooms and banquet facilities is required. This year over 200 rooms were booked and over 400 attended the banquet. The Supreme Lodge requires a deposit of \$10,000 from a state desiring to host a convention (although much

of this can be recouped.) A hospitality room must be provided, staffed, and supplied for several days.

Fund raising has been underway for a possible Supreme Lodge Convention in VA for the past several years. Dave Mead's 2008 Supreme Lodge Convention Committee, chaired by Wayne Joyner has been meeting for the last two years.

Huffy Gallahan has been selling special \$10 calendars for the last three seasons and has netted over \$ 9,000 in profits.

(20% of this fundraiser goes to the Virginia Pythian Scholarship fund, the rest will provide up front money for the convention.) Huffy now has a new batch of calendars for the last months of this year. Chances are also being sold for \$1 a piece on a professional tool set by Crescent.

Dave Mead thanks Fredericksburg Lodge #22 and all the Knights who have helped make these projects successful. He looks forward to your future help and support.

Virginia Grand Lodge Convention ~ Virginia Beach

Virginia's Grand Lodge Convention

The Grand (State) Lodge is scheduled to meet this year in Virginia Beach on October 3-6. All Knights are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity to share ideas and fellowship with Pythians from around the state.

Fredericksburg Lodge #22 is proud to have three knights who are

Grand Lodge officers. J. W. McGhee is Grand Secretary. Dean Harding is now the Grand Master at Arms, and Danny Wandrick is the Grand Outer Guard. Next year's Grand Lodge convention should be in the Martinsville area.





Newsletter Cost

It costs the lodge about \$100 for postage every time we mail a newsletter to our members. This does not include the cost of the paper, printing or assembly and finishing or the cost of the labels. Add these expenses and the cost per mailing jumps dramatically. It costs about the same to mail out post cards changing, canceling or promoting events which failed to get into the newsletter. We have mailed out these special post cards three times this year; twice since the last newsletter was published.

From the Newsletter Committee

The purpose of our newsletter is to consolidate, in one place, the information we need to disseminate to our members, thereby maximizing the effectiveness of our advertising dollars. We can advertise scores of events in our newsletter for about the same as it costs to mail one supplemental post card for a single event.

We can do several things to help mitigate advertising cost overruns: We can, and should, do advanced planning and scheduling for all scheduled events. Ideally, each event should be advertised in 2 consecutive newsletters. That's 4 months notice. We should ensure that we have the commitment of the workers for that particular date...prior to selecting a date for our functions. Lastly, we should

make sure that all non-event announcements, special elections/votes and newsworthy notices be scheduled in such a way as to provide for coverage by at least one newsletter.

Editing vs. Writing

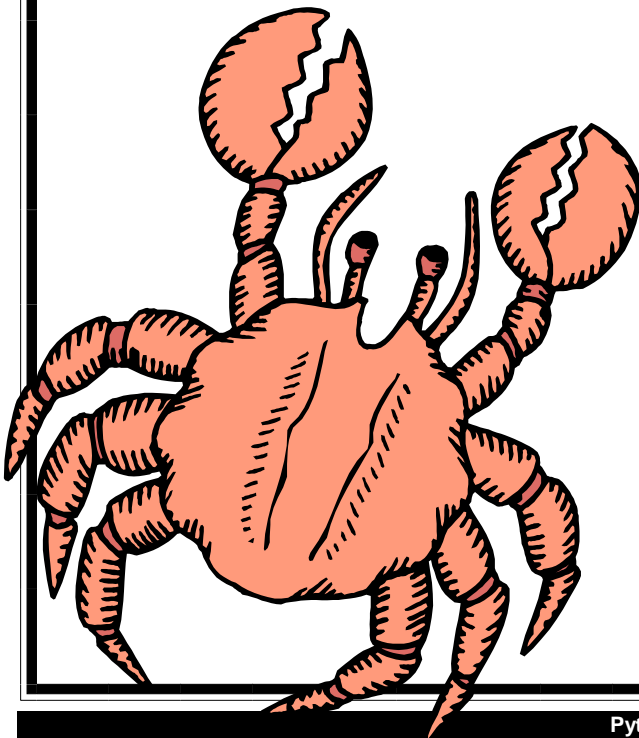
There's a vast difference between reporters, writers and editors. I'm your editor—and I enjoy the work. I'll also do the writing when necessary....But I need reporters to provide the information. The best way to reach me is as follows:

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~ Bob Miller, Editor

Upcoming Events

CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST



Sat., SEPT 25

Starts 4:00 PM

\$20 PER PERSON

ADVANCE SALES ONLY !!!

*** ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR ***

PURCHASE TICKETS BY 9/23 FROM JIMMY MORGAN, AL MEISEL OR JEFF SULLIVAN

Upcoming Events

Jeni Harding Memorial Halloween Costume Party & Dance

Saturday, Oct 30

7:00 p.m. Cocktails

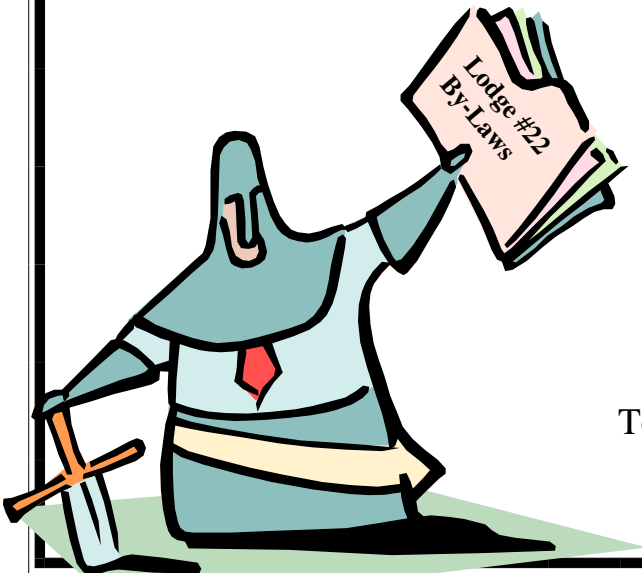
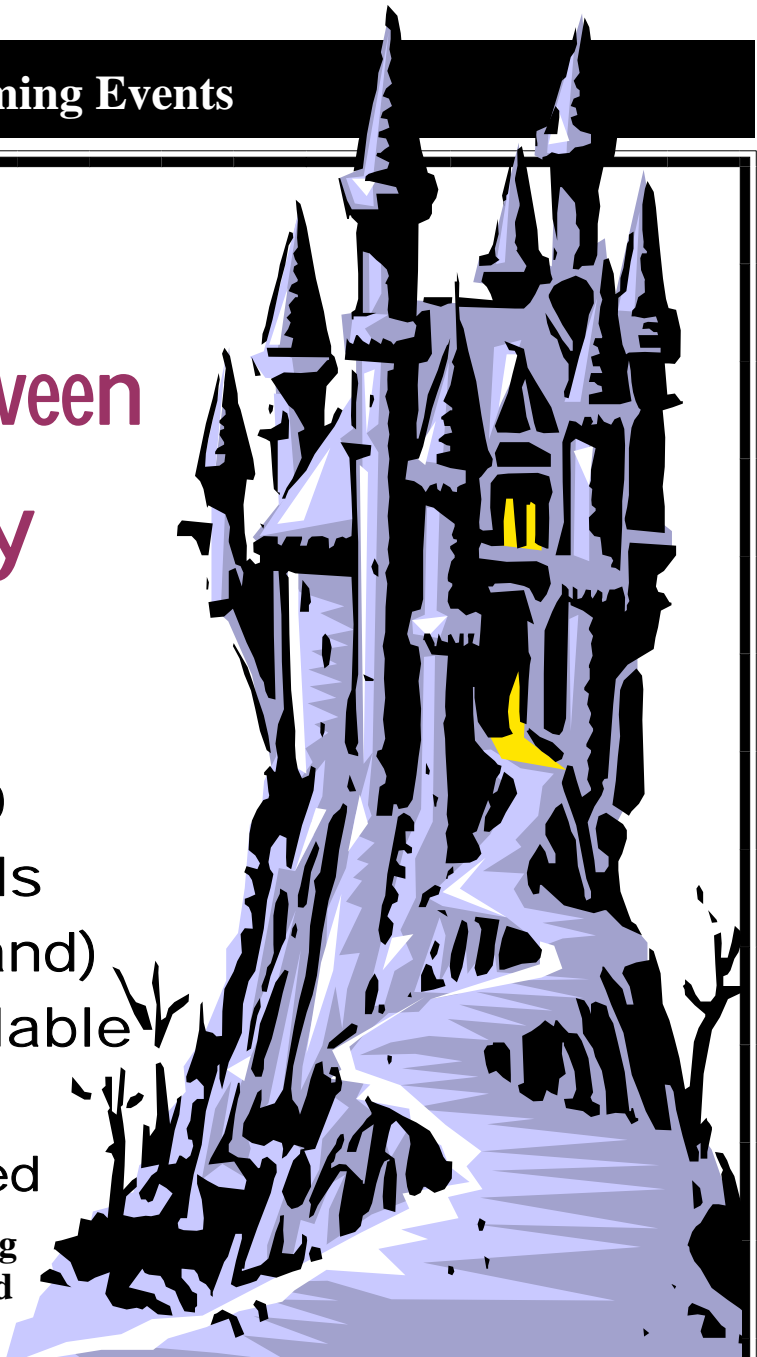
8-12 Dance (Live Band)

BYOB ~ Snacks Available

\$25 / Couple

Costumes Suggested

All proceeds to benefit the Jeni Harding
Memorial Scholarship Fund at Stafford
High School. (Open to the Public)



By-Laws Notice

Significant Changes to the Lodge's By-Laws
Have Been Proposed.

**The final reading and vote will take place on
Thursday, Sept., 2nd at the Lodge Meeting.**

To learn more about these changes and to cast your
vote, please attend the meetings.

NEW!**Bingo Schedules July—August, 2004****NEW!****BINGO CALLERS' SCHEDULE**

S. Berry	SUN: Jul 11, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5
T. Boatright	MON: Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 20
J. Synan	SUN: Jul 25, Aug 22, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19
D. Harding	MON: Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
D. McGhee	SUN: Aug 15, Aug 29, Sep 12, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28
D. Dodson	MON: Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13
R. Smith	SUN: Jul 18, Aug 8, Sep 26, Oct 10, Oct 31, Dec 12
T. Crickenberger	MON: Jul 26, Aug 23, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22

**FLOOR WORKERS**

F. Cline, R. Blood, G. Romack, G. Thomas, J. Royal, C. McCullough, R. Sanford, N. Gallahan, <u>F. Silver</u>	Jul 11, Aug 1, Sep 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5
F. Cline, R. Blood, D. Witmer III, J. Walsh, P. Milstead, D. Richards, D. Cook, J. Thomas. <u>J. Wilhour</u>	Jul 5, Aug 2, Aug 30, Sep 27, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 20
F. Cline, R. Blood, M. Mead, R. Crawford, L. Bowles, J. Surine, S. Schmitz. <u>N. Melson</u>	Aug 8, Aug 29, Sep 19, Oct 10, Oct 31, Dec 19
F. Cline, R. Blood, J. Sullivan, W. Chilton, B. Gordon, J. Deats, B. Sullivan, J. Matthews, L. Knight. <u>N. Melson</u>	Jul 12, Aug 9, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Nov 29
F. Cline, R. Blood, D. Holsinger, J. Gordy, D. Wandrick, F. Tombs, W. Saunders III. <u>L. Carney</u>	Jul 18, Aug 15, Sep 12, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 12
F. Cline, R. Blood, D. Witmer III, J. Walsh, P. Milstead, D. Richards, D. Cook. <u>J. Wilhour</u>	Jul 19, Aug 16, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 6
F. Cline, R. Blood, D. Dixon, B. Nichols, R. Weaver, J. Mills. <u>D. Witmer IV</u>	Jul 25, Aug 22, Sep 26, Oct 24, Nov 14, Nov 28
F. Cline, R. Blood, A. Meisel, J. Sullivan, W. Chilton, R. Bell, W. Boutchard, R. Bowie. <u>R. Crickenberger</u>	Jul 26, Aug 23, Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13

KITCHEN WORKERS

T. Mitchell, L. Mitchell, J. Spinnanger, S. Schmitz	Aug 1, Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, Dec 5
B. Evans, D. Dixon, L. Carney, D. Mead, D. Kordish	Jul 5, Aug 2, Sept 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, Dec 6
D. Witmer, R. Carter, D. Morgan, D. Holsinger, L. Mills	July 11, Aug 11, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12
A. Meisel, R. Crickenberger, C. Starnes, J. Morgan	July 12, Aug 9, Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Nov 23
T. DiBella, M. Riabouchinsky, B. Lenox, D. Wyant, C. Anderson	July 18, Aug 15, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 15, Dec 19
S. Rose, JW McGhee, J. Skinner, D. Wandrick, A. Torrice	July 19, Aug 16, Aug 30, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 22
Sisters	July 25, Aug 22, Sept 26, Oct 24, Nov 21, Dec 20
M. Franklin, W. Broyles, J. Spitler, M. Moyers	July 26, Aug 23, Sept 27, Oct 25, Nov 29, Dec 13
B. Mitchell, N. Chenault, D. Matherly	Aug 29, Oct 31, Nov 28

NO BINGO on July 4th, or December 26/27



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From the Sisters of
Virginia Temple #1

Virginia Temple #1 will re-
sume its meetings on September 7 after a
two month summer break. The Temple
meets on the first and third Tuesdays of
each month at the castle hall. The ladies
welcome new members.

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Mark Your Calendars for these Pythian Events in 2004

Sept 2	By-Laws Meeting and Vote
Sept 25	CRAB & SHRIMP FEAST
Oct 30	Jeni Harding Memorial Halloween Dance
Dec. 11	Kids Christmas
Dec. 18	Adults Christmas Party
Dec. 23	Lodge Members' Christmas Party
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Dance

**For Details, See Inside or Con-
tact the Appropriate Committee**

Pythian Echo 2004 Deadlines

Nov/Dec	Oct 21
Jan/Feb '05	Dec 16

Do you like to take pictures? Do you attend most Pythian functions? If so, and you own good digital or film equipment, The Pythian Echo Newsletter Committee could really use your help. We're looking for someone to help contribute their amateur photographer skills by taking photos at lodge events, new member initiations and other important functions. You'll work closely with the editor of the Pythian Echo. If you'd be interested in serving as Lodge Photographer, please contact Bob Miller at 540-899-2633 or via email at bob@rbmiller.com