

## Michigan Pythian News

Oct 2015

FROM THE GRAND CHANCELLOR: What great weather we had and still have since the convention. Fall is in the air, thank goodness were not talking winter yet. Hope all Brothers and Sisters enjoyed the sessions on the 17th and everyone made it home safely. I have just finished updating the Directory with the Grand Secretary, and it should be available shortly. If there are any mistakes, send them to me and I will have them corrected for next year. There seems to be a few challenges for Grand to overcome this year but I am sure they can be completed. I wish the Grand Chief and her Officers a fruitful 2015/2016. To my Officers, take up the challenges and let's make Grand a representative of all our lodges. I hope to have a schedule for our Grand Council meeting and my visits as soon as possible. We need all lodges to send their reps to the Convention, we can't move forward unless we have participation. We need to get on the Supreme Chancellor's programs about increasing membership in all lodges. My thoughts for all lodges "AVOID ANGER AND DISSENTION AND WORK TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF FRATERNITY."

Fraternally, Charles Masefield, Grand Chancellor

FROM THE GRAND CHIEF: Greetings to all, hope everyone is well. I thought Grand Convention went really well. More people in hospitality room and staying later. Like a family reunion. We may be small but the fight is still on to keep us alive. For that I thank you all. My official visits so far are Battle Creek/Scotts - Saturday, Oct 10th at Noon and Waldron - October 22nd, Thursday, Action Agency Learning Center, 324 W. South Street at 6:00PM. If you would like to join us, please do. Also would like to thank Dave and Deb Maurer for all the hauling of equipment, set up and take down. I really appreciate it, it's a lot of work. My Officers are: Past Grand Chief - Betty Tripp, Grand Chief - Michelle Miller, Grand Senior - Becky Skidmore, Grand Junior - Marilyn Roach, Grand Manager - Jeanne Laser, Grand Secretary - Kathy Evans. Grand Treasurer - Charlotte Longman, Grand Protector - Margie Cole, Grand Guard - Debra Maurer, and Grand Musician - Carol Nichols. Hope to see all that can make it to my official visits soon.

In P.L.E. and F., Michelle Miller, Grand Chief

FROM THE KNIGHTS GRAND SECRETARY: Well Brothers, welcome to the new Grand Lodge year for the Domain of Michigan. Your new Officers for the 2015-2016 term are: Grand Chancellor - Charles Masefield, Grand Vice Chancellor - William Roach, Grand Prelate - Douglas McCallum, Grand Secretary - David Maurer, Grand Treasurer - Harvey Woolman, Grand Master At Arms - Robert Buckingham, Grand Inner Guard - Franklin Greenberg, and Grand Outer Guard - Joe Janssens. During the Friday Night Raffle 1st Place (\$200.00) went to Carol McCallum, 2nd Place (150.00) to Port Huron Lodge #18 and 3rd Place (\$100.00) to Scotts Lodge #103. Thank you everyone for your participation. Next year's convention will be held September 15, 16 and 17, 2016 but the place has not been decided as we are considering a different location. If any Brothers need a copy of the Grand Lodge Ritual and/or Pythian Service Book, please let me know. New Directories have been sent out. Thank you to all the Knights that helped me load and unload equipment at the Convention, it seems like it takes a little more effort each year.

In F. C. and B., David Maurer, Grand secretary

FROM THE SISTERS GRAND SECRETARY: The other new Grand Temple Officers for 2015 to 2016 - Grand Press Corr Kathy Evans. 1 yr Trustee Margie Cole, 2 yr Trustee Carol Nichols, 3 yr Trustee Michelle Miller. Sup Rep Becky Skidmore, Sup Rep Alt Kathy Evans, Sup Rep Michelle Miller, Sup Rep Alt Carol Nichols and District Deputy Marilyn Roach. Thank you for accepting these positions. GC Betty Tripp was not able to be with us so Grand Senior Michelle Miller stepped in as GC and did an excellent job of getting us through our business. That is what happens when everyone works together. Our best to PGC Betty Tripp, we missed you so much. We don't have a date for next year's Grand Convention yet, but Sisters, please think about coming next year. If you've never attended, come so we can meet you or if you've never taken your Past Chief Degree, do it next year. I am still waiting on a few reports for the Journal of Proceedings. Please get them in ASAP so that I may get them printed up and sent out. I have ordered more Supreme Statutes Revisions. If anyone would like a set, just let me know. The cost is \$3.00 plus postage if I have to mail it to you. Thank you, Kathy Evans, Grand Secretary

FROM MY CORNER: A quote from Albert Camus "Integrity needs no rules." A quote from Mark Twain "Heaven goes by favor. If it went my merit, you would stay out and your dog would go in." A quote from Hermann Hesse "Learn what is to be taken seriously and laugh at the rest." A quote from Malcolm Forbes "If you have a job without any aggravations, you don't have a job." A quote from Oliver Sacks "When people die, they cannot be replaced. They leave holes that cannot be filled, for it is the fate -- the genetic and neural fate - of every human being to be a unique individual, to find his own path, to live his own life, to die his own death." A quote from The Dalai Lama "When you talk, you are only repeating what you already know. But if you listen, you may learn something new." A quote from Emily Dickinson "The truth must dazzle gradually, or every man be blind." A quote from Benjamin Disraeli "What we have learned from history is that we haven't learned from history" A quote from Mark Twain "Humor is the good-natured side of truth." A quote from Lawrence Durrell "It is not love that is blind, but jealousy."

Harvey Woolman, PDSC

FROM IPGC BETTY TRIPP: I would like to thank everyone who helped to do the jobs that needed to be done to help Michelle Miller to take the Grand Chief's chair for me. Thanks to Carol Nichols for all the added jobs you did for me and with me, before the convention and during the convention. You are such a wonderful Sister and friend to me, you have always been there. Thanks to Michelle for all you have done for me. For all the decorations for the tables and head table for Friday Night Banquet dinner. You are a very special Pythian Sister and friend. Thanks to Kathy, Becky, Jeanne, Margie, Debbie and Charlotte for all you have done. Thanks to Dave, Doug, Harvey and Roger for all you have done to set up everything at the convention. Thanks to Georgia Jean Byrd for all the gifts at the PGC dinner. My love goes out to all who helped with working together for the love of the Pythian Sisters and Brothers. Thanks for the cards and for the gifts at the Convention. A BIG THANK YOU!!!

Love,  
Betty Tripp, PGC