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KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
DOMAIN OF MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 2020

458 Pearl Street, Stoughton

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Robert Goncalves

Master at Arms

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Bay State Lodge #141

Lodge Meetings

4th Monday of each month,

except July and August, at our

Castle Hall in the Grand Lodge

Facility, 458 Pearl Street,

Stoughton, MA 02072-1655

(Meeting dates will vary due to

religious and/or civic holidays)

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THERE WILL BE *NO* DINNER BEFORE
AND FACE COVERINGS WILL BE
REQUIRED AT OUR SEPTEMBER 29
CONVENTION

FURTHER NOMINATIONS FOR LODGE
OFFICERS and TRUSTEE WERE HEARD,
ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN JUNE –
RESULTS INSIDE

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www.masskofp.org

Celebrating 156 Years of Pythianism

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

The regular conventions of Bay State Lodge #141 are held on the fourth Monday of each month, except July and August, at our Castle Hall in the Grand Lodge Facility, 458 Pearl Street, Stoughton. The next regular convention will be held on Tuesday evening, September 29, 2020 (religious holiday on the 28th) at 7:00 pm. All Brothers are asked to be present. Officers are required to attend.

Fraternally Yours,
Dennis Ackerman, PC
Chancellor Commander

Attest:
Sir Allen S. Morris, GS/SS
Secretary

CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE:

As Chancellor Commander, I would like to welcome back all members from our summer break. I realize it has been a difficult summer for many brothers. With illness, deaths, shutdowns, anxiety, and many other problems.

My condolences to those who have lost love ones and friends. It has been hard on all of us.

I look forward to seeing you all on TUESDAY, September 29. (Monday is Yom Kippur).

- Reminder we will be practicing social distancing.
- Masks will be mandatory for all.
- There will be no food for this meeting.
- Also, a reminder that there will be no Auction this year due to the pandemic. Please let Allen Morris (asmorris405@msn.com) or myself (dennisack@yahoo.com) if you will be attending.

Dennis Ackerman, PC
Chancellor Commander

AID & SYMPATHY

Since Last We Met

- PSR Roger A. Kahan, KGS passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020
- Prelate Tony Crupi's sister, Margaret Crouse Skelly, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020
- PC Lou Gainor passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2020

Our condolences to all

WHAT HAPPENED IN JUNE?

6/29/20

Our Charter was draped in memory of **PSR Roger A. Kahan, KGS**.

Further nominations for lodge officers for a one-year term; and one Trustee for a three-year term. The following are the results of the elections.

Chancellor Commander:	Dennis Ackerman PGC
Vice Chancellor:	Thomas P. O'Connor, PDSC
Prelate:	Anthony Crupi
Master of the Work:	Burton Snyder, GP
Secretary:	Allen S. Morris, GS, KGS
Treasurer:	Lawrence Fox PC
Financial Secretary:	Jeffrey Weiner, PC
Master at Arms:	OPEN
Inner Guard:	Irving Weiss, PGC
Outer Guard:	Richard B. Albert, SR
Trustee for a three-year term:	David C. Kahan, PGC

The officers elect were installed by our own installation team of GC Richard B. Albert, GMA Burton Snyder, GP Allen S. Morris.

Brother Robert Goncalves was appointed to fill the position of Master at Arms by CC Ackerman.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEPTEMBER?

09/29/20

The Bylaw Committee has put together six (6) Proposed Bylaw amendments in an attempt to clean up and clarify our Bylaws. The first reading will take place at our convention on September 29. A second reading will take place at our October convention, with a third and final reading (after publication in the Clarion) at our November convention... **That issue of the Clarion will be sent to members of Bay State Lodge only.** If the Proposed Bylaws are adopted by the lodge (any or all of them) they will be sent to the Grand Lodge's Judiciary Committee for their review, and hopefully their acceptance.

KNIGHTLY NEWS

The Grand Lodge is sponsoring two (2) events this year: the first is a Grand Lodge Appreciation Night on November 7 at Spinelli's in Lynnfield – the evening is free to our members and a guest. But there is one caveat – see the flyer at the end of the emissary. The second, the 2021 Grand Lodge Convention to be held at the Holiday Inn in Peabody. Again, it's free to the voting members. But there is one caveat – see the flyer at the end of the emissary.

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

This calendar section is subject to change (usually without notice)
Dinners preceding a regular convention will be served at 6:00 PM
Please mark your calendars in pencil, just in case

September

18, Friday evening - First night of Rosh Hashanah. Happy New Year to our Jewish Brothers and their families.

27, Sunday evening – Yom Kippur Eve. Have an easy fast.

29, Tuesday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. First reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendments.

October

26, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. Second reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendments.

November

7, Saturday evening – Grand Lodge Appreciation Night at Spinelli's in Lynnfield. See the enclosed flyer.

23, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. Third and final reading of Proposed Bylaw Amendments. **Action to be taken on them.**

December

11, Friday evening – First night of Hanukkah. Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish Brothers and their families.

24, Thursday evening – Christmas Eve. Merry Christmas to our Christian Brothers and their families.

25 Friday – Christmas Day.

28, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. First nominations for Grand Lodge Representative and Alternate Representative.

31, Thursday evening – NEW YEARS EVE. Happy New Year to All.

January

1, Friday - New Year's Day.

18, Monday - Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

25, Monday evening – Further nominations and elections for Grand Lodge Representative and Alternate Representative.

February

12, Friday - Lincoln's birthday.

14, Sunday - Valentine's Day.

15 Monday - Presidents' Day.

17, Wednesday - Ash Wednesday.

22, Monday - Washington's birthday.

22, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. First nominations for Lodge Officers; Trustee for a three-year term.

March

17, Wednesday - St. Patrick's Day.

27 Saturday - First evening of Passover - wishing our Jewish Brothers and their families a sweet seder.

22, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. Further nominations and elections for Lodge Officers; Trustee for a three-year term; Scholarship Committee for a four-year term; and Alternate to the Scholarship Committee for a one-year term.

28, Sunday - Palm Sunday.

April

2, Friday - Good Friday.

4, Sunday - Happy Easter to our Christian Brothers and their families.

26, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM. Installation of Lodge Officers.

May

5, Wednesday - Cinco de Mayo.

9, Sunday - Mother's Day.

20-21, Thursday-Friday - Grand Lodge Convention at the Holiday Inn in Peabody. See the enclosed flyer.

24, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM.

15, Saturday - Armed Forces Day.

31, Monday - Memorial Day (Observed).

June

14, Monday - Flag Day.

20, Sunday - Father's Day.

21, Monday - The first day of summer.

28, Monday evening - Regular Convention @ 7:00 PM.

Once dates are known, this calendar will be updated with dinners (when appropriate) lodge functions and events.

A **Winter Classic will be added to the calendar, discussion on the same will take place at our September Convention.**

GRAND LODGE WEBSITE

The Grand Lodge has a website (www.masskofp.org) All the information you will need, including news from every lodge that publishes a newsletter is available. You will also find a listing of all of the Grand Lodge Officers and committees along with dates to remember.

PAY YOUR DUES!

**CALL A BROTHER YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN A WHILE
AND OFFER HIM A RIDE!**

SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER CONVENTION

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ATTEND ITS
APPRECIATION NIGHT



SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 7, 2020

SPINELLI'S FUNCTION FACILITY

(In the "TUSCANY A" Room on the 1st Floor)

10 Newbury Street (Route One South) Lynnfield, MA

FREE to our **Pythian Brothers and Sisters** and their significant others

Cocktails & Hors d'oeuvres: 6:30 PM

Dinner: 7:15 PM

Cheese, Cracker & Fresh Fruit Table; as well as Served Hot Hors d'oeuvres

Entertainment: Comedians: Joe Espinola and Bob Niles

Dress: Business Casual (no jeans, sweats or shorts)

Buffet Menu:

Served to your Table: **Caesar Salad**

Roast Beef with Mushroom Gravy; **Baked Boston Scrod** w/ Julienne Vegetables;

Chicken Piccata; Chicken Ziti & Broccoli Alfredo; Oven Roasted Potatoes

and Roasted Sweet Potatoes; Eggplant Parmigiana

Served to your Table: **Slice of Chocolate Mousse Cake**

Assortment of Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea & Decaffeinated Coffee

A \$30.00 per person deposit (check or cash) is required to hold your reservation. It will be returned to you upon your arrival.

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

APPRECIATION NIGHT



A \$30.00 per person deposit (check or cash) is required to hold your reservation. It will be returned to you upon your arrival.

RSVP no later than October 30, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Lodge/Temple: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Amount enclosed @ \$30.00 per person: \$ _____

Please make your reservation check (no credit cards) payable to the Grand Lodge and mail to:

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias
458 Pearl Street
Stoughton, MA 02072-1655
781-341-2422



150th ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

Wednesday, May 19 – Saturday May 22, 2021

Holiday Inn

Peabody, Massachusetts

The business sessions of the 150th Annual Massachusetts Grand Lodge Convention that will be held Thursday and Friday, May 20-21, 2021 at the Holiday Inn, Route 1, Peabody, MA, with prices and accommodations as follows for non-voting members of this Grand Lodge.

Check in: 3:00 PM Check out: 11:00 AM

- Wednesday evening rate is \$200.00 single or double occupancy. **Breakfast Thursday morning is included.**
- Thursday evening rate, if you are NOT an eligible voting member of the Grand Lodge, is \$285.00 single occupancy, \$370.00 double occupancy (per couple), which includes the Grand Lodge Banquet Thursday evening, and Deli Style luncheon on Friday noon. **Breakfast Friday morning is included.** A guest rooming with a Voting Member, the cost will be \$50.00 for the Grand Lodge Banquet on Thursday evening; and \$35.00 for the Friday Luncheon. Please see an excerpt from the legislation that was adopted at the 2019 Grand Lodge Convention.
- Friday evening rate is \$200.00 per room (single or double occupancy). **Breakfast Saturday morning is included.**

The above rates include tax and gratuities.

Wednesday evening Dinner: we will be on our own; but can stay together as a group – cost will be out of pocket.

Buffet for Grand Lodge Banquet, Thursday evening: Italian Wedding Soup; Caesar Salad; Chicken Marsala, Parmesan Encrusted Haddock, Marinated Sirloin Tips w/ onions and peppers; Penne Pasta with a tomato basil marinara; Fresh Garlic Infused Vegetables / Garlic Bread; Cannoli and Dessert Bars; Brewed Coffee, Decaffeinated Coffee, Assorted Hot Teas.

Friday afternoon luncheon will be a smorgasbord deli buffet with all the fixings: sliced deli meats, cheeses, breads, rolls, salads, condiments, coffee, tea, decaf, etc.

The Holiday Inn offers non-smoking rooms only; all rooms have a color TV; coffee machine; iron and ironing board; hair dryer; microwave; health club; outdoor pool; shopping and great sightseeing nearby. **The hotel does have a restaurant, which opens at 6:30 AM. Breakfast is included as part of your previous night's stay.**

All reservations must be made through the Convention Committee. A \$100.00 refundable (refundable if you attend) per person deposit (including name(s), address, phone number, your Lodge, the date of arrival and departure, your choice of entree for Wednesday and/or Thursday evening) is required to hold your reservation. **The balance of the cost of your stay must be paid in cash or by check to the Convention Committee on or before the cutoff date.** Your reservation can be canceled 7 days prior to your arrival date. All reservation check(s) must be made payable to the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and mailed to GS Allen Morris at the address on the reservation form.

Your deposit, if you attend will be mailed back to you following the close of the 2021 Grand Lodge Convention. **If you make a reservation and cancel, for any reason, after the cutoff date your deposit will NOT be returned.**

The cutoff date for reservations is **April 29, 2021**. This date **will be strictly adhered to!** Don't get caught short. Mail your reservation(s) in early.

Yours in F.C. & B.,
SR Joseph B. Haskell #72, Chairman
PGC Harvey L. Slobodkin #6, and GS Allen S. Morris #141, Committee Members

150th ANNUAL MASSACHUSETTS KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS GRAND LODGE CONVENTION

HOLIDAY INN
1 Newbury Street (Route 1)
Peabody, MA

WEDNESDAY – SATURDAY
May 19-22, 2021

RESERVATION FORM

If you are not planning to stay at the Holiday Inn, but would like to join us for the Grand Lodge Banquet Thursday evening (\$50 per person) and/or the Deli buffet lunch on Friday afternoon (\$35 per person) please make your check payable and mail your check to the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias 458 Pearl Street, Stoughton, MA 02072-1655.

The cutoff date of April 29, 2021 will be strictly adhered to!
Your balance must be paid to the Convention Committee on or before the cutoff date.

If you make a paid reservation, but need to cancel after the cutoff date, your meals are not transferrable

Please make your reservation check (no credit cards) payable to the Grand Lodge and mail to:

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
458 PEARL STREET
STOUGHTON, MA 02072-1655
781-341-2422

Name: _____ Address: _____
(Please print)

Phone # () _____ Lodge: _____

Arrival date: _____, 5/ /21 Departure date: _____, 5/ /21 Number of nights: _____

Number of adults in room: _____ Deposit: \$_____.00

Shirt Size: _____; Short sleeve "T" []; Long sleeve "T" []; Polo (Line Officers Only) []

**All reservations must be made through the Convention Committee.
No reservations are to be made with or through the Holiday Inn.**