

THE PYTHIANS

The Order of Knights of Pythias

The next regular Convention will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2019. Also, we have been invited to join Canton Lodge for the installation of new officers. RSVP for both events will be going to Tiny. Bay State Lodge conventions are held at 458 Pearl St, Stoughton, MA, above Page's Market.

Dinner will be \$10 per person.

If a brother needs a ride do please, try to accommodate him.

ATTESTED:

Tom Tiny O'Connor, PDSC/VC
Clarion Editor

Chancellor Commander's Message:

On my way back from Florida see you all at the April 22th meeting.

Yours in F, C & B

Earl Gashin, CC/GP

If you were not at our monthly meeting you were missed.

THE ROLL OF OFFICERS:

- **Chancellor Commander:** GP Earl Gashin (absent)
- **Vice Chancellor:** PDSC Thomas P. O'Connor
- **Prelate:** Tony Crupi (absent)
- **Master of the Work:** PC Burton Snyder
- **Secretary:** GVC David Kahan
- **Treasurer:** PC Lawrence Fox
- **Financial Secretary:** Jeff Weiner
- **Master at Arms:** SR Richard Albert

- Inner Guard Rob Goncalves
- Outer Guard Rich Kaplan (absent)

Trustees Present: GVC David Kahan
SR Richard Albert
PC Burt Snyder

Motion to accept minutes as written by Burt, 2nd by Richie. Motion passed

Aid & Sympathy:

Tony Crupi – Spent a couple days in the hospital due to AFIB. Had relapse and spent a couple days at the Tufts Medical Center

David Kahan – Has date for knee replacement surgery. April 3 and will be in the VA for 3 or 4 days

Financial Secretary reported that dues slowly coming in. Bills mailed. Also received resignation from John Arsenault

Committee Reports:

Auction committee made by incoming CC: Jeff Weiner (Chairman), Tiny, Burt, Tony, Rob, David

Old Business:

Additional Nominations and elections of Officers for 2019/2020 Year. The newly elected officers are:

Chancellor Commander:	Dennis Ackerman
Vice Chancellor:	PGC Irving Weiss
Prelate:	Tony Crupi
Master of the Works:	PC Burt Snyder
Secretary:	PGC David Kahan
Financial Secretary:	Jeff Weiner
Treasurer:	PC Larry Fox
Master at Arms:	Rob Goncalves
Inner Guard:	PDSC Tom O'Connor
Outer Guard:	SR Richie Albert

Trustee: Burt Snyder

Congratulations to all new officers

New Business: Rob brought up information about advertising in the South Shore Magazine. He will have additional information for the next meeting

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

(3/26/19 - 4/22/19)

Tony Crupi	April 2	Elaine Gashin	April 8
Dennis Albert	April 16	Lois Kahan	April 8
Milty Kling	April 19	Karen Albert	April 9

(If I missed anybody, please let me know. There are many birthdays of our significant others' missing from the roster. I would like the opportunity to wish these people a happy birthday on their birthdays. Please e-mail me with your wife/significant other's birthdays so they can be included. Thank you)

Monthly Joke Corner:

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain:

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled, but we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable, besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) were not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator or elevator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in those days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used to wad up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working, so we didn't need to go to a health

club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing." We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from a satellite 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

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