

# Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., January 26, 1937.

## OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 2.

*To the Officers and Members of All Subordinate Lodges.*

DEAR BROTHERS:

We are confronted with one of the most appalling flood disasters in our history. From Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the north, to Cairo, Illinois, in the south, is a vast panorama of watery desolation. More than 600,000 residents are homeless, over 100 known dead have been reported, many more unofficially reported drowned and hundreds missing. Property losses are in excess of \$300,000,000. Eleven grand domains are affected. Many cities and towns have been practically evacuated and the demolition of entire cities is threatened. Several of the flooded cities are under martial law. Fires and the threat of food scarcity add to the suffering of the flood-ravaged area. Pneumonia and scarlet fever have broken out in some sections and still greater suffering from pestilence and disease is bound to follow.

The weather bureau adds to this grim picture with the forecast of rain and snow for most of the flooded territory. "The worst is yet to come" and "a super-flood is on the way" is the grim warning from the U. S. Army Engineers.

Brothers, this flood threatens to become one of the nation's greatest peace-time disasters. While it is impossible for us to make good the overwhelming property losses, in conjunction with other agencies we can come to the rescue of our stricken brothers. The cardinal principles of our order are Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. Our Declaration of Principles provides, among other things, that a true Knight is prepared at all times "to do unto others as he would that others should do unto him." Nothing more completely exemplifies the friendship of Damon and Pythias than to render service to suffering humanity. Our order has met every emergency in the past and we must not fail in this crisis.

Therefore, I urge that every lodge and every member, who can possibly do so, contribute to a fund to be used for the relief of the stricken members and their families in the flood-ravaged area. Give until it hurts and then you will know you have done your full Pythian duty.

Make all checks payable to RICHARD L. MEARES, SUPREME MASTER OF EXCHEQUER, Box 171, Wilmington, North Carolina.

Sincerely and fraternally,



Supreme Chancellor.

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN NO. 2

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 10, 1928.

*To the Officers and Members of all Subordinate Lodges.*

*Dear Brothers:*

We wish to call your attention to two resolutions adopted by the Supreme Lodge at its last convention, about which there seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of many of our members.

**PYTHIAN MAGAZINE.** The Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal were authorized and directed to enter into an arrangement and understanding with the Board of Control of the Insurance Department, whereby the publication of the Insurance Department News may be enlarged by sending the same generally to non-insured members of the Order. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made for this purpose. (See 1928 Official Record, p. 332.)

Articles appearing in a number of Pythian publications, as well as letters written and statements made by various Supreme Representatives, indicate that many members are of the opinion that a Pythian magazine is going to be sent to every member of the Order.

After giving the matter due consideration, a conference was held with the Board of Control of the Insurance Department to see if some plan could be evolved for enlarging the circulation of the Insurance Department News, within the limits of the appropriation, with equal justice and fairness to all members of the Order. We find that we can furnish about 25,000 copies—approximately one-twenty-fifth of our membership who are not now receiving the magazine. So far we have been unable to devise any plan for an equitable distribution of the magazine within the limits of the appropriation. This matter will have further consideration, with the hope that we may be able to devise some plan which will meet the need for distribution of this splendid paper in the most far-reaching manner possible with the appropriation in hand.

**HEALTH PRESERVATION SERVICE.** The Supreme Chancellor and Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal were also authorized and directed, in behalf of the Supreme Lodge, to enter into an arrangement and understanding with the Board of Control of the Insurance Department, whereby the extension of the health preservation service of the Insurance Department may be extended to include, as far as possible, the membership and the families of the membership generally. An appropriation of \$15,000 was made for this purpose. (See 1928 Official Record, p. 333.)

We are pleased to advise you that an arrangement has been made with the Board of Control of the Insurance Department, whereby the free health preservation service of the Insurance Department is now available to every member of the Order and his family. Any member desiring a free health test for himself or any member of his family may secure the necessary blanks, etc., by writing Mr. Harry Wade, President, Insurance Department, Knights of Pythias, 941 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**SOCIAL WELFARE WORKER AT ROCHESTER, MINN.** At this great center of medical science it was proposed by resolution of the last Supreme Lodge, and by appropriation duly made, to select a social welfare worker who would give his full time to visitations among those of our brethren who found it necessary to visit Rochester, Minn., for medical treatment. We are glad to advise you that Brother W. H. Lounsbury has been selected for this important post and his address is Box 47, Rochester, Minn. At any time you have a loved one, friend or member of the Order who is required to go to Rochester, for medical attention, or for any other purposes, do not hesitate to write Brother Lounsbury, as it will be his pleasure and privilege to do all he can to serve them in any and every way possible.

Please read this letter at one or more meetings of your lodge, so that your membership may be advised as to the service being rendered by the Supreme Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

*Alva W. Lupton*  
Supreme Chancellor

*Harry M. Love*  
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