



**Supporting the Fight
Against Cancer**

Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias

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OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month - October, 2009

TO: ALL GRAND SECRETARIES AND SECRETARIES OF LODGES UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE SUPREME LODGE, SUBORDINATE LODGE SECRETARIES, DEPUTY SUPREME CHANCELLORS AND SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS

Whereas: Volunteerism is not only part of my Supreme Chancellor's Program; it is part of our American tradition. We can go back to the very beginning of our nation's history and find that pilgrims were involved in volunteering their time and effort to help others. Centuries have gone by and being a volunteer is still looked upon as one of the most honorable and caring acts that men and women do for each other, and

Whereas: We as Pythians can use our numbers for good, by volunteering at the very least, a few hours during the month of October, 2009. Many local organizations can use help; hospitals, nursing homes, soup kitchens, day care centers, elderly folks needing a ride to a doctor, answering phones for charitable organizations and much, much more. Listings can be found on many web sites or supplied by the Supreme Lodge, and

Whereas: The act of volunteerism has its rewards; the genuine feeling of doing something for someone in need is a powerful incentive for each of us, the help or assistance you provide for someone in need lets them know you care and gives them hope; and the recognition given to the Knights of Pythias is priceless. I am certain that individual Knights have personal reasons why they would want to volunteer to aid others; perhaps during their lifetime a hand reached out to help them or someone they know, and

Whereas: As a Page we were told "You go to claim the golden spur that knighthood wears. To wear it, you must win it". Volunteerism is on one of those roads traveled to claim the golden spur. This program will succeed with the participation of all Pythians; please join with your Brothers in helping those in need.

NOW THEREFORE, the month of October, 2009 is hereby proclaimed as the Knights of Pythias Volunteer Month and I do hereby instruct every Subordinate Lodge to plan at least one event that will involve performing Benevolent and Charitable service through volunteering their time to their local communities.

Fraternally submitted this 18th day of August, 2009,

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