



## The American Cancer Society and the Order of Knights of Pythias: Fighting Cancer Together!

The American Cancer Society and the Order of Knights of Pythias have collaborated to show their communities that they care about defeating cancer.

Goals of the collaboration include:

- Engage Pythians to promote the Society's mission, fundraise through Relay For Life® and support Hope Lodge®.
- The Society will provide educational materials to promote prevention and wellness messages through the Lodges and the Pythians
- Mutual participation in regional and national meetings

The mission of the American Cancer Society is to eliminate cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

**Relay For Life®** is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. Relays are an overnight, family-friendly event that offers everyone in a community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. To participate go to [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

**Hope Lodge®** offers cancer patients and their families a free, temporary place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city. There are 28 Hope Lodge locations throughout the United States. To support the Lodge:

- *Volunteer* at one of the Hope Lodges in your community by serving dinner for the cancer patients and caregivers staying there, organize activities for them or help out with lodge maintenance.
- *Donate money* to support your local Hope Lodge (funds from an event your chapter is holding can be designated for Hope Lodge)
- *Participate in the "Hope Lodge Key Campaign"* by asking lodge members to donate online to support Hope Lodge. Log on to [www.pythias.org](http://www.pythias.org) and click on the Hope Lodge banner.

For more cancer information go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) or call 1-800-227-2345