

Promote the Order, Community Service, Pythian Awareness Week

Community Service, adopted as a core principle of our Order in 2010, offers tremendous opportunities. We are all about volunteer service. Contributing a project to the community or participating in ongoing activities is exceptional, benefitting the public wherever there are Pythians. The choice of project is up to each lodge, gauging what may make a difference. Community Service provides unlimited opportunities for media releases at a number of steps along the way, for example, we are constructing a bocce court, we need people, the opening, at the event. And, Pythian Awareness Week/ Pythian Recruitment Week throughout the Order is an ideal time for events and promotion.

Pythian Awareness Week for 2017, February 19-25, allows for events for the community to promote and to increase the visibility of the Knights of Pythias and for recruiting as well as for events within the Order even recalling some facet of our history or for a re-enactment. Internally it is called *Pythian Recruitment Week*. This was adopted in 2012 as a time for brothers and lodges to participate in events, promotion, recruitment, or celebrating our rich history with everyone potentially doing something during the same week. It was created especially to include February 19, Founder's Day, with 2017 being the 153rd anniversary of the founding.

Take advantage by doing things to benefit the community, Community Service, and participate in Pythian Awareness Week/Pythian Recruitment Week, and the vast opportunities for promotion, recruitment, and working with friends.

[Message received by Grand Lodge from Supreme Secretary Allen Morris.]