Pythians Organize Hurricane Relief

November 8, 2012

The Pythian <u>Humanitarian Fund</u> of <u>Grand Lodge</u> Domain of New York <u>Knights of Pythias</u> solicits donations of cash, clothing, cleaning supplies and Food (canned and dry goods), announced Grand Chancellor ("GC") Craig Shink

The Pythian Humanitarian Fund also plans a "Shake A Can" to solicit donations from the public at the Pathmark Supermarket at 2965 Cropsey Ave off the Belt Parkway behind the Parkside Diner, in Brooklyn. "We are mobilizing Pythian volunteers to help with this effort, stated GC Shink. Our fellow Pythians know their help is needed and would be greatly appreciated." Pythians will be collecting food money clothing etc to help out the people and communities who are in need. The Pythian team led by Errol Lewis and Jeffrey Freese, hope to be at Pathmark from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pythians and others who wish to volunteers may contact Errol if you are available to help out by replying to his email, el719@aol.com, or calling, his cell 917-743-9969, or calling Jeffrey, cell 646-623-7368, to advise what time Saturday you can volunteer.

You may also send your cash (check) donations payable to the The Grand Lodge Humanitarian Fund to:

Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge 2347 Jericho Turnpike Garden City Park, NY 11040

You may also drop off your donations of cash, clothing, cleaning supplies and Food (canned and dry goods) at the Grand Lodge office [Tel: (516) 739-5000; fax: (516) 739-2800]

Special thank you to Deputy Supreme Chancellor Allan Greenberg, Errol and Jeff for pulling together the Shake-A-Can for this weekend.

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New York Grand Lodge supports <u>charities</u>, including the <u>Pythian Humanitarian Fund</u>, <u>Diabetes Research Association</u>, <u>Pythian Camp</u>, <u>Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund</u> (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the <u>Special Olympics</u>.

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