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# Knights of Pythias Day, August 9, 1893 at the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago



A column of several hundred plumed and uniformed Order of Knights of Pythias of the World, led by a band of music, marched through the Plaisance to Festival Hall, where exercises were begun at 2 p. m. Charles A. Barnes, Grand Chancellor of the State, made the address of welcome, and Colonel Philip T. Colgrove, of Michigan, delivered the principal oration, giving an account of the origin and growth of the order.

The Order of Knights of Pythias of the World designated the week commencing with August 6 as Pythias week. The Pythias secured, under contract, lodging for \$7 per week in the City of Chicago at 289 Bowen Avenue and was adopted as the Pythias headquarters.





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[NOTE] The Knights of Pythias is a fraternal organization and secret society founded in Washington, DC, on February 19, 1864. The Knights of Pythias was the first fraternal organization to receive a charter under an act of the United States Congress. It was founded by Justus H. Rathbone, who had been inspired by a play by the Irish poet John Banim about the legend of Damon and Pythias. This legend illustrates the ideals of loyalty, honor, and friendship that are the center of the order.