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FDR Lodge #613 "Shields" GC Steven Kohn

FDR Lodge 613 bestowed Grand Chancellor Steven Kohn with the "Shield" at its 10th Annual Knight of the Shield Grand Chancellor honor night.

The Friday, May 13 event included a bevy of Pythian dignitaries following the special ceremony designed and coordinated by PACDGC Warren Nadel at FDR's Castle Hall Midwood Masonic Temple Brooklyn, NY. PGC Robert Kaufman assisted FDR Chancellor Commander PC Dr. Howard Lax in officiating.

Read the full article on the Grand Lodge's new and improved website at
http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/2016_05-13_FDR_Shields_GC.pdf



Past Grand Chancellors with their shields joining Grand Chancellor Steve Kohn (center). Left to Right Sir Robert Ross, Erwin Grill, Allan Greenberg, Robert Kaufman, Kohn, Craig Shink, Michael Sukenick, Roger Siegel and Jerome Bernswieg. (Credit photo to PDGC Harold Fox (Genesis))

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Visit Grand Lodge's website at knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com to keep up on all Grand Lodge events and important subordinate lodge and district events

Did you know Pythians rock?

On April 12, the anniversary of the recording of Bill Haley and the Comets' Rock Around the Clock album, we note its recording in a music studio at the then Pythian Temple (now a condo) in Manhattan. Pythians know how to rock and roll!

Rock Around the Clock (album)

Rock Around the Clock

Compilation album by Bill Haley and His Comets

Released	December 19, 1955
Recorded	April 12, 1954–September 23, 1955, Pythian Temple studios, 135 West 70th Street, New York City ^{[1][2]}
Genre	Rock and roll , rockabilly
Length	30:53
Label	Decca Records
Producer	Milt Gabler



Bill Haley and His Comets chronology

Professional ratings

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Rock Around the Clock was the third album of rock and roll music by Bill Haley and His Comets. Released by Decca Records in December 1955 it was, like the two albums that preceded it, a compilation album of previously issued singles. Most of the album's contents had in fact been previously issued by Decca earlier in 1955 on the album Shake, Rattle and Roll. Unlike the previous release, which was in the 10-inch format, the new album was a full 12-inch release and included additional tracks from 1955. It was also the first Haley album to make the Billboard charts, and was one of the very first album releases of the rock and roll genre to do so.

The recording was made in the Decca Records studio located in the Pythian Temple in New York City. View this article on line at http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/Pythians_Rock.pdf Play the song on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgdufzXvjqw>

The Chief and team at his *Homecoming*



Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor Brian Kohn flanked by deputies and assistant chiefs at his May 4 homecoming at Majestic Lodge.

A Lesson for us All

Pythians Support Special Needs Basketball Program

by Brian Klasewitz, Majestic Lodge

On March 20th the St. Mark's Challenger Program completed its 16th season of basketball. Forty young men and women come together to be with their friends and enjoy a game they love. As a Pythian I have to applaud this program and all the participants. I had the pleasure of witnessing a competitive game filled with camaraderie and sportsmanship. All the participants played and were involved in the game. Smiles were on the faces of all throughout the game.

At the end of the game there were handshakes and some hugs as well. This is what life is truly about. There was the thrill of competition as everyone wanted to win but having fun and including everyone in the game was more important.



This made my day as I witnessed a thing of beauty with fellow knights, Bill Cohen, (Genesis Lodge), Craig Kligfeld (Majestic Lodge) and Barry Resnick (Genesis Lodge). Both Craig and Barry take an active role in ensuring everyone has fun as they have been coaching and officiating for a decade.

The Knights of Pythias got more involved during Sir Robert Ross' tenure as the Grand Chancellor when he witnessed the same thing I did.

Through the generosity of the Grand Lodge, knit golf shirts were presented to all the players and coaches. This was orchestrated by Past Grand Chancellor Robert Ross (Majestic Lodge). Additionally the generosity of this year's Grand Chancellor Steven Kohn (Majestic Lodge) made this possible.

The funds were initially granted at a BBQ hosted by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias in the fall of 2015. Bill and I represented Grand Lodge and Majestic Lodge respectively, and watched, enjoyed and took pictures of the final game of the season. Personally, I hope this becomes a Pythian tradition that goes on for many years to come. If anyone wants to volunteer on Sunday mornings or make a donation to the program contact Barry Resnick or Craig Kligfeld. Read the full article at <http://tiny.cc/y8cnby>.



4 Above & left Deputy, Assistant Homecomings

Upcoming Pythian Events

Wed., May 25, 8pm Genesis Lodge#64 presents Gavel to GC Steven Kohn (Closed); AOH Hall,
Thur., May 26, 7pm, United Queens Lodge #175 Jacket Night (closed); Collation prior to meeting;
Whitestone Hebrew Center 1245 Clintonville St, Whitestone
Tues., May 31, 7pm Swords of Defense/Lady of the Knight; AOH Hall, 2250 Gerritsen Ave, Brooklyn
Sun., June 5, Humanitarian Luncheon, see page 7; Temple Avodah, 3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside
Wed., June 8, 8:00 p.m. Grand Chancellor's Homecoming to Majestic Lodge (OPEN) at K of C Hall
Thur., June 9, 8:00 p.m., Diabetes Committee Meeting at GL HQ.
Sun., June 12, 1:00 p.m., Dutchess Lodge #860 Installation of Officers (OPEN) at Coppola's On Nine. \$22pp.
Wed., June 15, 7:30 p.m., Lakes Region Lodge #863 Installation of Officers at Cong. B'Nai Torah
Fri., June 17, 7:30 p.m., Ramapo Lodge #485 Installation of Officers (OPEN) at Ramapo Senior Center
Sat., June 18, Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation Atlantic City Bus Trip \$35pp; Jerry Bale (718) 336-5955
Mon., June 22, 7:30 p.m., 46th District Friendship Dinner, Perry's Restaurant, \$25pp.
Wed., June 22, 8pm, Genesis Lodge #64 Installation of Officers (OPEN); AOH, 2250 Gerritsen Ave, Brooklyn
Frid, June 24, 8:30pm FDR Installation of Officers (open) Charitable & Scholarship Awards, Brooklyn
Sat., June 25, Grand Lodge Once-a-Month Bowling Awards Dinner; Location TBD
Mon., June 27, 8:00 p.m., Grand Council Meeting (Invitation ONLY) at GL HQ
Tue., June 28, 7:30 p.m., New City Orangetown Lodge #854 Installation of Officers (OPEN)
Wed., June 29 - Fri., July 1, Grand Lodge Convention, Honors Haven Resort, 1195 Arrowhead Road,
Ellenville, NY. For more information, request a brochure from the GL Office (516) 739-5000.
Thur., July 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Grand Lodge Investiture (Open) at Parker Jewish Institute --watch for Invite.
Tue., Aug. 23, 7:00 p.m., Alpha-Genesis Cyclones Night at MCU Stadium, Coney Island. \$20pp. Contact
Allan Greenberg (718) 376-4359 or Lowell Goldberg (718) 531-6726.
Sat., Sept. 10, 6:30 p.m., DOKKI's Long Island Ducks v. York Revolution, Bethpage Stadium, 3 Court House
Dr., Central Islip, NY 11722. \$15pp. RSVP Scott Geffon (516) 808-8160 or Barry Wiener (516) 376-4123.
Sun., Sept. 11, 9:00 a.m., Knights on Wheels BBQ at Germonds Park. Contact PGC Erwin Grill for info.
Thur., Sept. 22, 7:30 p.m., Wendell Wilkie Lodge #473 Sir Stanley Brown Memorial Award to PDSC Sir
David Peltzer at Northeast Jewish Center, 11 Salisbury Road, Yonkers, NY. Lloyd Merson balonite@aol.com.
Sat., Sept. 24, 8:00 p.m., Special Olympics at Cantiague Park.
Fri., Sept. 30, 8:00 p.m., Humanitarian Fund Mtg. at Parkside Chapel, Queens Blvd.
Oct. 20, 7:30 p.m., Diabetes Dine A Round at Giardino's, 44-37 Douglaston Parkway, Douglaston, NY 11363.
\$35/ person. RSVP By Sept. 30 to Craig Shink (347) 351-3251 or David Stanger (718) 336-2533.
Sun., Nov. 13, 12:00 noon -5:00 p.m., Deputy's Dinner for PDGC Stuart Teicher at Rex Manor Caterers,
Brooklyn. \$160/ couple. Contact Sir Robert Ross.

**Grand Lodge announces and updates this events listing on its Grand Lodge website almost daily.
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Pythian News

Supreme Treasurer Alan Ast Surprised with Golden Spur at Deputy's Homecoming



SR Sir Rogel Siegl Conferring the "Spur" on ST Alan Ast wearing the Golden Cape. Seated at left GC Steven Kohn. Standing along side Sir Alan is GP Phillip Feigel. (Photo courtesy of DGC Lee Cushman)

On Friday, April 15, 2016 New City-Orangetown Lodge #854 surprised Supreme Treasurer Alan Ast with order's special award for service, *The Knight of the Golden Spur*.

The surprise service and award took place at the Homecoming for ACDGC Harvey Rosenshein who graciously agreed to share the evening with the Golden Spur recipient. Join the Grand Lodge of New York is congratulating "Sir" Alan Ast receiving the highest honor the Order Knights of Pythias can bestow on a Pythian Brother.

To view this article on line please go to:

http://knightsopythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/New/files/2016-04-15_Sir_Alان_Ast.pdf

To view more photos, please go to:

http://www.photoshow.com/watch/td7wa3dW?source=em_ps_show_recipient.

Marvin Master Memorial Blood Drive

by Pythian Sister Susan Master

A wonderful example of the power of the Knights of Pythias is the blood drive that I arranged through Maimonides Hospital, in memory of my father, Marvin Master, a proud Pythian for about 20 years before his death in 2009. His home lodge was Genesis Lodge, and he had been a dual member of several other lodges, including Excelsior, now Majestic; Good Fellowship; and FDR. He was also a Pythian sister, along with my mother, Helene, and me, in Excelsior Temple, now Neptune Temple. I've learned from his example of community involvement, philanthropy, and genuine concern for others, all Pythian ideals.

When given the opportunity to host a blood drive, I embraced it full throttle and was honored to name it in memory of my father. The February 28, 2016 blood drive at my synagogue in Brooklyn, Temple Sholom, and was cosponsored by Temple Sholom and Hatzolah of Mill Basin volunteer ambulance corps. I reached out to my father's extended Pythian family to publicize the event; the results were outstanding. Lodge brothers and friends were interested; some mentioned it in their lodge's bulletin and announced it at meetings; some asked about volunteering; and some actually came and donated the gift of life.

Special thanks to PACDGC/Grand Tribune Corey Bearak and ACDGC/Executive Secretary Lowell Goldberg. 60 people came to donate blood; 53 units were collected. Thank you Knights of Pythias!

View article with pics on line at <http://tiny.cc/kt5mby>

KOP Brothers--How to get free Dues

Grand Lodge will pay your dues up to three (3) years. All you need do is: Sponsor 3 members, Grand Lodge pays one years dues; Sponsor 6 members, Grand Lodge pays two years dues; or Sponsor 9 members, Grand Lodge pays three years due. Every new member and every sponsor receives a Pythian shirt from Supreme Lodge. Any Brother who sponsors three or more new members receives a special coin from Supreme Lodge. Every Lodge will receive a \$5 credit for each new member or reinstatement. We need all brothers to bring in new members. It is the lifeblood of our order! Talk it up. Let others know what we have been doing for 151 years. That is Helping others. RECRUIT – RETAIN – REINSTATE. Any questions about membership, please contact: Harvey S. Rosenshein, ACDGC, GL Membership Co-Chair at foodsvce@optonline.net.

Thurs., July 28, 6:30 p.m.

Grand Lodge Investiture

at Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation

271-11 76th Avenue

New Hyde Park NY 11040-1433

(Open) Free Parking by Pre-Reservation.

RSVP by July 25 to:

PACDGC Corey Bearak

via email: Bearak@me.com

or phone: (718) 343-6779 (7-10 p.m.)

Pythian Humanitarian Fund Brunch

Sunday June 5, 11:00 a.m.

Temple Avodah of Oceanside
3050 Oceanside Road

Hot & Cold Buffet

Raffles*Music*Friendship

Tickets available several ways:

\$125 Club - 2 Tickets included With Raffle

\$75 for 1 Raffle Book - 1 Ticket

\$125 for 2 Raffle Books 2 Tickets

Contact:

PGC Robert Kaufman 917-626-8185

or SR Jerry Bernzweig 631-981-4422

Pythian Clothing Items for Sale

Polo Shirts (Available with or without a pocket. The shirts come with your name, lodge and # if desired.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, Red, Gray, Green, Black. Price \$25 (XL sizes \$2 extra)

Jackets - Choice of a fleece lined or light windbreaker -- with your name, lodge and # if desired.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL Colors: Blue, Black. \$65 Fleece lined; \$40 Windbreaker (XL sizes \$2 extra)

Hoodies - zippered, with your name, lodge and # if desired.

Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, black or grey. Price: \$45

Order Form - Pythian Humanitarian Fund

Item (circle selection) Polo Shirt Jacket Hoodie

Size

Color

Pocket? (Polo shirt only)

Name

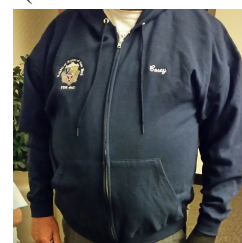
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Please return all order forms to:

DSC Roger Siegel

17 Broome Blvd.

Nyack, NY 10960



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71 South Central Ave. Suite PH1

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A Sampling of Recent Grand Chancellor Steven Kohn Honor Nights



Above past and current Grand Chancellor with their Red Collars (March 16). Right The Blue Jacket (March 21). Left The Red Jacket flanked by current and Past CDGC (all Kohns).



DOKEYs honor GC & votary Steven Kohn
Salaam and Habibi Temples of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan (DOKK) co-hosted a Sunday brunch, May 1, 2016, to honor Grand Chancellor and votary Steven Kohn at Aqua Terra Restaurant in Pearl River, NY. Special guest Imperial Prince Bernard "Red" Hollander visited from Arizona. Pictured at left: Imperial Ikfir Sir Michael Sukenick, GC Steve Kohn, Imperial Prince Red Hollander, Imperial Adool Sir Roger Siegel. Roger and Michael serve respectfully as Royal Vizier and Grand Emir of Habibi.