

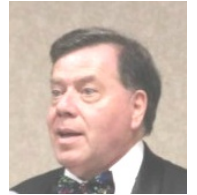
Pythian Knight



December 2017

A message from Grand Chancellor Phillip Feigel

Today we find ourselves at a remarkably auspicious time for the Knights of Pythias, Domain of New York. In 2018, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our beloved Order in our State. We also will host the Supreme Lodge Convention for the first time since 1998. We have great reason to take pride in being a Pythian and to feel excited and energized. Together we can chart a course for this year, prepare to celebrate our successes, and move forward. These are responsibilities which should be taken very seriously and honors which should be treasured.



This Administration has three major goals: increase membership, increase membership and increase membership. I ask you, my Brothers, to join me on our journey to restore the Knights of Pythias here in New York to its former glory. To do so, we must roll up our sleeves and really dedicate ourselves to making the Knights vibrant for at least another 150 years. We must connect to the heart and soul of our commitment and remember why we are Pythians and what it means to each of us individually. Is it your desire to do charitable work? Is it your desire to connect with your community? Is it your desire to engage in good times and fun events? Take a moment to ponder what plugs you into the Knights of Pythias. When we genuinely enjoy what we are doing, it shines through in our faces, our demeanor, and our actions. And thus, we set an example for others to follow. When we are lit from within, we create an irresistible pull for others to join us.

The Membership Committee and the Grand Chancellor's team will visit the lodges in the Domain of New York to discuss recruitment and retention and to extend our hands in friendship. We will be out in the field distributing flyers, tri-folds and applications, speaking to neighbors at barber shops, auto garages, diners, local stores and athletic events. We will increase our efforts to create lodges in new locations, such as Manhattan and Syracuse.

[Read the entire Grand Chancellor's Message on line at <http://tiny.cc/2sw1oy>]

Whether you light the Menorah at Chanukah, celebrate Mohammed's birth, sing carols around the Christmas tree, practice the principles of Kwanza, or greet the new year with thanksgiving, I wish you and your families all the best the season brings. Happy holidays and may peace be with you throughout the coming year. - Phillip Feigel

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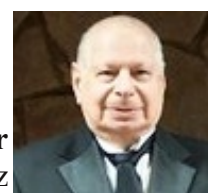
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Corey B. Bearak, Esq., Grand Tribune (FDR Lodge 613)

***Stay current on all Grand Lodge events & important
subordinate lodge and district events at www.kopny.org.***

Pythian News

Pythians Launch Hurricane Relief Efforts

Doing what they have been doing for 153 years – helping others, members of the Fraternal Order Knights of Pythias gathered, Saturday, September 16, 2017, in Brooklyn, NY to raise funds to support Hurricane Relief Efforts. A joint effort encouraged by the order's Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell and Grand Chancellor Phillip E. Feigel of the Domain of New York, the effort involved multiple sites during the weekend of September 16-17, 2017. In addition to the cash donations collected at the "Shake A Can" locations including over \$1,300 in cash and \$1,000 in food that Saturday, the order encourages Pythian brothers and sisters, friends, family and the public to send donations payable to its "Humanitarian Fund" with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line to the Pythian Humanitarian Fund.



Left to right Steven Sarnoff (Esquire Good Fellowship #635), PACDGC Abe Greenberg (Genesis #64), PDGC Arthur Peckerman (FDR #613), CC David Abels (Genesis #64), Grand Vice Chancellor Dave Stanger (Genesis #64), Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell (FDR #613), Miss New York America Anna Trepiedi, PC Marty Lerner (Genesis #64), PDSC Alan Greenberg (Genesis #64) and PC Jeffrey Freese (Genesis #64).

Make Sure You Get Your Pythian News & Event Updates

Grand Lodge publishes a printed version of Pythian Knight annually.

Any additional (web-only) versions get published to the Grand Lodge website periodically.

If you want an email alert to get these updates, please provide your email address, name and Lodge or Pythian Sisters Temple to Bearak@me.com.

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No computer? View the Pythian Knight on a library computer.

Annual Boardwalk Breakfast Supports our Vets & Troops

Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund (a 501 (c)(3) charity)
Profits will benefit our servicemen, servicewomen & veterans

Sunday March 18, 2018 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Cost: \$17.00 per person payable to: Humanitarian Fund
In memo area: Servicemen & Veterans

at: Tom's Restaurant Coney Island New York
1229 Boardwalk W Henderson Walk
(End of Stillwell Ave.)

For reservations, please contact: Robert Kaufman
Telephone: 917-626-8185
Email Address: rrk4745@aol.com

Or mail to: Robert Kaufman 3165 Nostrand Ave. APT 5J
Brooklyn, NY 11229



IN MEMORIAM
Our order grieves the
December 2017 loss of
immediate Past Supreme Chancellor
L. Keith Stooksberry, KGS
of Findlay, Ohio.



College Scholarships Applications Available

Dear Pythian Grandpa,

Don't miss out on \$4000 worth of available college scholarships from Grand Lodge. In order for your grandchild to receive this scholarship, your son or son-in-law (the father of the recipient) must be (1) a Pythian for two years prior to applying for this scholarship; (2) a member of any Lodge in New York State; and (3) remain a member throughout his child's college career.

Do the math! Example: \$60 a year for dues over the six years required equals \$360.00. Your grandchild will be receiving, in turn, \$4000. This is a NO BRAINER! Please call Grand Lodge for an application and complete list of eligibility requirements at 516-739-5000.

Remember, your son or son in law must be a Pythian for two years prior to the application!

Fraternally, Sir Michael Sukenick PDSC.

In 2017 Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to:

Mihayla Berman, daughter of Allan Berman (Mid-Island); Joshua Nirenberg, son of Jeffrey Nirenberg (Omni); Ryan DeRossi, son of Robert DeRossi (Sheepshead); Michael Segal, son of Daniel Segal (Genesis); Gabrielle Silverstein, daughter of Michael Silverstein (Rochester-Jay).

Upcoming Pythian Events ("Calendar")

Wednesday, January 17, 8:00 p.m. Majestic Lodge #109 Homecoming for DGC Sandy Smith at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn, NY

Wednesday, March 7, 8:00 p.m. Majestic Lodge #109 Presents Red Collar to GC Phillip Feigel (Closed) at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn, NY Contact PACDGC Joel West (917) 488-5329 for more info.

Sunday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 noon Pancake Breakfast benefit for servicemen/servicewomen & veterans at Tom's Restaurant Coney Island (See page 4)

Monday, March 19, 8:00 p.m. 46th District presents Blue Blazer to GC Phillip Feigel & Lodge Man of the Year Awards (Closed) at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn, NY

Wednesday, March 28, 8:00 p.m. Genesis Lodge #64 Homecoming for ACDGC Richard Resnick (OPEN) at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229

Sunday, April 8, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. 72nd Pythian District, PDGC Sidney Edelson Charitable Luncheon at Sea Shore Restaurant & Marina, 551 City Island Ave., Bronx, NY. \$55pp. Send checks payable to 72nd Pythian District to Sir Lloyd Merson, 2133 Wallace Ave. Apt. 516, Bronx, NY 10462. For info call (347) 293-7751

Monday, April 23, 8:00 p.m. 2nd District Past Chancellors' Association Dinner for DGC Herb Smith at Fort Hamilton. \$65pp. RSVP PACDGC Alex Needelman (917) 856-1791.

Thursday, April 26, 7:30 p.m. United Queens #175 Homecoming for CDGC Arnold Edelkind (OPEN) at American Legion Post #131, 10-20 Clintonville St., Whitestone, NY 11357 (bet. 10th & 11th Aves.). For info, contact PCDGC Sir Joseph Robinson (646) 270-6285.

Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. New City Orangetown Lodge #854 Annual Scholarship Night (OPEN) at Ramapo Senior Center, 319 Haverstraw Road, Suffern, NY.

Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m. United Queens #175 Jacket & Tie Knight; Winter Jacket to Junior PC - Tie to GC Phillip Feigel (Closed) at American Legion Post #131, 10-20 Clintonville St., Whitestone, NY 11357 (between 10th & 11th Aves.). For info, contact PCDGC Sir Joseph Robinson (646) 270-6285.

Friday, May 11, 8:30 p.m. FDR Lodge #613 Night of the Shield to GC Phillip Feigel (CLOSED) at Midwood Masonic Hall, 1348 E. 64th St, Brooklyn, NY. For more info, contact Grand Tribune Corey Bearak, Bearak@me.com or (718) 343-6779.

Tuesday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. Rex Lodge #551 presents Swords of Defense (OPEN) at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229. Dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by program, Collation follows. RSVP REQUIRED to Martin Fasting (718) 338-5620.

Wednesday, May 30, 8:00 p.m. Genesis Lodge #64 Homecoming & Gavel to GC Phillip Feigel (Closed) Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall, 2750 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11229

Sunday, June 3, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Humanitarian Luncheon (See page 7)

Sunday, June 10, 1:00 p.m. Grand Chancellor's Dinner honoring GC Phillip Feigel (See page 8)

Monday, June 18, 8:00 p.m. 72nd District Past Chancellors' Association Convention at Lakes Region Lodge, Greenwood Lake, NY Contact District Sec. Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC for more info.

Friday, June 22, 8:30 p.m. FDR Lodge #613 Annual Installation & Charitable & Scholarship Awards (open) at FDR's Castle Hall @ Masonic Temple, 1348 E. 64th St., Brooklyn, NY. For more info G Trib Corey Bearak at (718) 343-6779 or Bearak@me.com.

Wednesday-Friday, June 27-29, Grand Convention (tentative dates). Location TBA.

Sunday, October 28, 12:30-5:30 p.m. Grand Lodge 150th Anniversary at New Hyde Park Inn. Details TBA.

Grand Lodge updates this events listing on its KOPNY.ORG website *Pythian Events* (Calendar) daily.

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at its verified page at:

<http://www.facebook.com/KnightsofPythiasNewYorkGrandLodge/>

More Pythian News

Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Assoc. Honored by Diabetes Research Institute



On November 6, the The Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) Foundation presented the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association Inc. (DRA) with its Hypothesis Award for having contributed in excess of \$50,000 to the Institute. Bruce Siegel, Chairman of DRI's Northeast Board of Directors, presented the award to DRA President DSC Craig Shink. Designed to acknowledge DRI's generous donors, the award is part of the Foundation's "The Cycle of Discovery," an elegant series of eight crystal sculptures portraying

the scientific journey through the evolution of an idea (See picture below.) Upon accepting the award, President Shink, informed all those in attendance how the DRA was formed and its continued mission of helping find a cure to Diabetes. He informed the attendees how they do fundraising and are always looking for new members to help in our fight to find a cure. See the entire on line article at Pythian Events: <http://tiny.cc/ddg1oy>.

Three In One Rank Initiates Six New Knights

FDR Lodge 613 hosted a three in one rank, Nov. 10, CDSC Robert Kaufman served as Master of Ceremonies and DSC Craig Shink organized the program. Our order initiated six new Knights: three from FDR --- Paul



Kotnick, Domenic Lobosco and Arthur Vollmerhausen and Bert Bell (Genesis #64), Marc Grant (Criars #651) and Howard Schwartz (Harmony #709). See our new Knights pictured with Grand Chancellor Phillip Feigel and Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell. Other participants included Grand Tribune Corey Bearak, Sir Robert Siegel, DGC Herbert Smith, Grand Vice Chancellor David Stanger, Sir Michael Sukenick and Chancellor Commander Howard Lax. Grand Prelate Randy Silverman also attended.

Pythian Humanitarian Fund Brunch

Sunday June 3, 11:00 a.m.

Temple Avodah of Oceanside, 3050 Oceanside Road
Hot & Cold Buffet

Raffles*Music*Friendship

Tickets available several ways:

- Gold Page \$500 (includes 8 tickets to Luncheon)
- Silver Page \$250 (includes 4 tickets to Luncheon)
- Full Page \$125 (includes 2 tickets to Luncheon)
- 1/2 page \$75 (includes 1 ticket to Luncheon)

Contact CDSC 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. \$70 Fleece lined; \$45 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: \$50

Hats (Blue only) - Price: \$10

Order Form - Pythian Humanitarian Fund

Item (circle selection) Polo Shirt Jacket Hoodie Hat
Size
Color
Pocket? (Polo shirt only)
Name
Lodge Name and #



Hat



Hoodie



7 Polo Shirt



Fleece



Windbreaker

Please return all order forms to:
PDSC Sir Roger Siegel
17 Broome Blvd.
Nyack, NY 10960

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias

71 South Central Ave. Suite PH1

Valley Stream, NY 11580

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The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

Domain of New York

cordially invites you to attend a Testimonial Dinner in honor of

Grand Chancellor Phillip Feigel

Sunday, June 10, 1:00 p.m.

Temple Avodah, 3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, NY 11572

Pricing TBA -- Black Tie Optional -- Business Attire Required

For more information contact PGC Sir Robert Ross (718) 252-7546, SR Jerome Bernzweig (631) 981-4422 or PACDGC Sir Ronald Degen. NOTE RSVPs required by April 28. Please check with your home lodge concerning any lodge subsidy before you reserve direct.

Albany City Lodge Active in "Charity"

Through its annual fundraising Albany City Lodge #540 supports the Double H Ranch for kids with serious illnesses in Lake Luzerne in New York's Adirondacks (featured in May 2017 Pythian Knight), the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and To Life, the Capital region's personal resource for breast cancer education and support. At right PACDGC Jayson Schner presents check to Executive Director Ray Kimmelblatt of JDRF's Northeast NY Chapter. PACDGC Richard Jacobs also participated in the presentation at JDRF's Latham office.

