

Pythian Knight



May 2018

A message from the Grand Lodge Membership Committee

As our membership matures, Grand lodge encourages each lodge and each member to engage prospects to join our order (“Project Ask”). Nothing out of the ordinary sought here. Sons, sons-in-law, friends, their sons and sons-in-law, co-workers, co-workers’ spouses, folk in other organizations including where some of us may worship – just some examples of who we should invite to join our order.

Why? We Help People. Start there. How? Friendship. Charitable work. Looking out for our families from the cradle to the grave. Something for (almost) everyone – a true family – that’s Pythians!

Each lodge reflects the above and brings their own distinct personality so surely we offer a welcoming place. So what to do. Start with the tools each lodge already enjoys and Grand Lodge offers.

Use your bulletin to publicize your events early, often and REPEATEDLY!

Use email. Ask your members to provide it. Share updates.

Update your website. Lack one? Grand Lodge offers each and every lodge space on its own website., www.kopny.org. Make use of it. Post your newsletters on the Grand Lodge website – it allows you to send emails linking to the bulletin rather than attachments that many email programs block!

Maintain a calendar of events. Share your events for the Grand Lodge calendar. Your members and non-members can find your events and programs easily.

Also make use of the Grand Lodge Facebook Page:

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

and consider creating one for your lodge (with the approval of the lodge of course).

In addition, Grand Lodge maintain an email listserve. Grand Lodge can include all members of the order who wish to receive Grand Lodge information via email – all we need is your name, your lodge name and your email to KnightsofPythiasNewYork@gmail.com. ALSO, any lodge that wishes, may request Grand Lodge to send special personalized email notices to your Lodge email list through our mail list. Contact the Grand Lodge webmaster at KnightsofPythiasNewYork@gmail.com.

Of course feel free to share ideas and suggestions with the Grand Lodge membership committee at its frequent meetings (just view it on the calendar.)

When you have special events, if your lodge lacks a banner, plan ahead consider requesting one of the banners available from Grand Lodge. Take a picture or two. Write up a story to accompany it. Sent it to Grand Lodge. We’ll post it to Pythian News on our website. You can also include the story and photos in your lodge bulletin and submit to your local news media and share it on Facebook. (In fact, share your events with local media in advance. Not sure how to do that, contact the Grand Lodge Communications Committee

For Lodges:

*Sponsor or establish a scouting unit, youth team, or adult sports program in your area.

*Participate in local events such as parades, fairs and festivals, and other community events. (Display Pythian and lodge banners and materials).

*Publicize lodge charitable activities.

Let's Grow Our Pythian Order

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Important Pythian Resources

Coats for Kids

Sir Lloyd Merson, PDSC
Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC
Sir Ron Klare, PCDGC

Community Involvement

Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC
Arnold Edelkind, CDGC

Florida Coordinator

Sir Joseph Freiman, PGC

Humanitarian Committee

Jerome Bernzweig, SR
Robert Kaufman, CDSC

Diabetes Research Association

Craig Shink, DSC

Membership

Harvey Rosenshein, GMA
Jeffrey Freese, PC

Pythian Camp

Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC

Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund

Sir Alan Krell, SC
Sir Robert J. Ross, PGC

Special Olympics

Sir Alan Plotnik, PDGC
David Stanger, GVC
Jeffrey Freese, PC

Scholarships

Sir Michael Sukenick, DSC

Grand Council 2017 - 2018



Grand Chancellor
Phillip Feigel



Grand Vice Chancellor
David Stanger



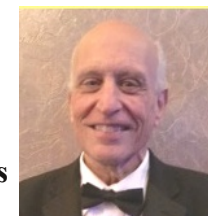
Grand Prelate
Randy Silverman



Grand Secretary
Roy Triguero



Grand Treasurer
Donald Rosenberg



Grand Master at Arms
Harvey Rosenshein



Grand Inner Guard
Sir Charles Pakula



Grand Outer Guard
Michael Kerner



Past Grand Chancellor
Steven Kohn



Past Grand Chancellor
Sheldon Blitz

Grand Chancellor's Team

Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor
Arnold Edelkind (United Queens 175)

Assistants to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor
David Stollak and Richard Resnick

Deputy Grand Chancellors
Herbert Smith (2nd District), Sandy Smith (3rd District),
Carl Wetzstein and Jayson Schner (21st District), Errol
Lewis (46th district), Neil Offen and Allan Cohen (72nd
District)

Executive Secretary
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.***

<<< Pythians Help People! >>>

Pythians Deliver for Nassau County Vets

On Friday, March 23, 2018 the New York Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund responded to an urgent request for supplies from the Nassau County Veterans Service Agency Food Pantry, 2201 Hempstead Turnpike, Building Q, East Meadow, NY 11554.

Supreme Representative Jerry Bernzweig with wife Bubbie (pictured below), delivered needed various items such as tooth paste, toothbrushes and various other items for veterans. To date Humanitarian Fund donations of supplies to the pantry exceeded \$2,500.



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 KnightsOfPythiasNewYork@gmail.com.

Find this and future print and electronic-issues of Pythian Knight at KOPNY.ORG.

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

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Pythians Provide for Those In Need

Coats For Kids



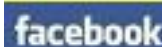
by Sir Lloyd Merson, PDSC

There was a cool breeze blowing, reminding us that winter was approaching on the morning of December 2, 2017 as we gathered for the 21st year. The Knights of Pythias, "Coats for Kids" Committee had its beginning in 1996. Then-Grand Chancellor, Hon. Sir David Appelbaum loved this program brought to him by then PACDGC Lloyd Merson. Lloyd contacted the "Neighborhood Cleaners Association" and was able to get coats from local dry cleaning establishments. The coats were then picked up and brought to those in need.

In the fourth year the cleaners were unable to supply the coats and Lloyd contacted Joan Geagen who developed a coat program in the Plainedge area of Long Island. Joan and her husband, Jack, were able to gather coats and unable to get them to the needy. Between Joan and Lloyd a plan was devised. Joan, her family and friends collected and bagged the coats and found a place to bring them. The members of the "Coats for Kids" Committee delivered the coats to those in need.

Joan and Lloyd have been doing this for 17 consecutive years and hope to continue for as long as possible. 1600 coats were collected and delivered this year and over the past 21 years the "Coats for Kids" Committee has delivered approximately 50,000 coats to those in need.

Visit Grand Lodge on



at its verified page at:

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

Pythians Support School for Girls

On Friday, March 23, 2018 Pythians representing the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation (affiliated with Genesis Lodge #64) presented a check to the Bnos Menachem School for Girls in Crown Heights. The generous donation, funded through fundraising efforts of members of the Knights of Pythias working through one of its subordinate lodge's charitable arms, provided an overhead projector and screen including installation of both devices.

Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation members DGC Errol Lewis and PC Jeffrey Freese presented the check to school principal Zalman Wilhelm. Donations, made out to Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation, can be mailed to 1462 E. 70th St. Brooklyn NY 11234. 100% of all donations are returned to foundation recipients.

At right DGC Errol Lewis (left) and PC Jeffrey Freese (right) present check to Zalman Wilhelm, Principal of Bnos Menachem School for Girls in Crown Heights courtesy of Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation.

(Photo provided by Genesis Lodge #64.)



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

\$240/couple -- Black Tie Optional -- Business Attire Required

For more information contact GA/ PACDGC Sir Ronald Degen (212) 227-4530, PSR Jerry Bernzweig (631) 981-4422, PACDGC Lewis Smith (718) 633-0400. Please check with your home lodge concerning any lodge subsidy before you reserve direct.

Pythian Humanitarian Fund Brunch

Sunday June 3, 10:00 a.m.

Temple Avodah of Oceanside, 3050 Oceanside Road

Hot & Cold Buffet *Raffles*Music*Friendship

Tickets available several ways:

Gold Page \$500 (& 8 tickets to Luncheon) Silver Page \$250 (& 4 tickets to Luncheon)

Full Page \$125 (& 2 tickets to Luncheon) 1/2 page \$75 (&1 ticket to Luncheon)

\$125 Club 2 Tickets included With Raffle \$75 for 1 Raffle Book 1 Ticket

\$125 for 2 Raffle Books 2 Tickets

Contact: CDSC Robert Kaufman (917) 626-8185 or PSR Jerry Bernzweig (631) 981-4422

More Pythian News

Pythians Collect Cash for Vets & Servicemen/ women

On Sunday, April 22, 2018 Pythians solicited donations of cash from members of the public to support its Servicemen and Women and Veterans fund. Through the New York Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund, the Grand Lodge of New York of the Order Knights of Pythias funds packages to send to servicemen and women deployed in war zones and support veterans here at home. This fundraising took place outside Walmart, 2465 Hempstead Turnpike in East Meadow, New York.

The Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund, the main fundraising committee of the New York Grand Lodge, raises funds chiefly through raffles, solicitation of donations and an annual fundraising Brunch to supplement and benefit NY Grand Lodge work in support of humanitarian, community-service and charitable organizations. The Humanitarian Fund distributes about \$35,000 annually to Pythian charities, including Servicemen and Veteran's Committee, Camp Sunrise, Pythian Camp, Double H Hole in the Wall Camp, Diabetes Research Association and the Pythian Scholarship.

At right Past Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz holding bucket with donated cash (Photo by Michael Horowitz).



DOKEYS Support Nyack Pediatric Unit at Hospital

Habibi Temple 72 DOKK visited Nyack Hospital in Nyack, NY in December 2018 to present an abundance of toys and a child-size wheelchair to its pediatric emergency ward. Habibi Temple did this in the spirit of the holidays and to live up to DOKK motto, "Lift Up the Fallen." Helen Hayes-Perkins, Director of Nyack Hospital's Volunteer Services, accepted the generous donation..

Pictured at right (L to R) Back row: Grand Prelate Randy Silverman; Al Aboulafia; George Gray; PCDGC Sir Ron Klare; PC Sy Samuels, Jeff Paintner, Grand Treasurer Don Rosenberg; PSR David Peltzer; Imperial Basha & temple Royal Vizier Sir Roger Siegel; District Deputy Imperial Prince Harvey Rosenshein, Royal Prince, Secretary, Habibi Temple 72; sitting: Alan Rosenfeld, Helen Hayes Director of Volunteers, Imperial Adool & temple Grand Emir Sir Michael Sukenick.



Attend the 2018 Pythian Investiture

Wednesday, July 18, 2017, doors open 6:30 p.m.

Grand Lodge Investiture (Open)

Parker Jewish Institute for Health Care & Rehabilitation
271-11 76th Avenue, New Hyde Park NY 11040-1433

RSVP by July 16 to PACDGC/GTrib Corey Bearak

Download Driving Directions at

http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/Events/investiture_directions.pdf

View Free Parking by pre-reservation Instructions at

http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/Events/investiture_parking_instructions.pdf



IN MEMORIAM
Our order grieves the
loss of Past Grand Chancellor

Marc Bochner

who served as our Grand Secretary



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 #

Please return all order forms to:

PDSC Sir Roger Siegel

17 Broome Blvd.

Nyack, NY 10960



Hat



Hoodie



Polo Shirt



Fleece



Windbreaker



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June 3, 2018

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Dear Friends:

It is a pleasure to send greetings to the Knights of Pythias who have gathered for the Humanitarian Luncheon celebrating their 150th Anniversary in the Empire State!

Reflecting the dream and legacy of Justus H. Rathbone, when the Knights of Pythias was founded in 1864, your organization has become known for outstanding charitable efforts and civic involvement that have had both local and far-reaching impacts. Through your Humanitarian Fund, Pythian Camp, the American Cancer Society, which is the National Charity of the Knights of Pythias, and in so many other ways, you reflect your dedication to the code of friendship, charity, benevolence, and community service that is the hallmark of the Pythian Order.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I commend the leadership and membership of the Knights of Pythias, the Pythian Sisters, and the Junior Order for your ongoing philanthropy and community service. Best wishes for a wonderful luncheon and a yearlong commemoration of this exciting milestone anniversary.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew M. Cuomo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Andrew" being the most prominent.

ANDREW M. CUOMO

WE WORK FOR THE PEOPLE
PERFORMANCE * INTEGRITY * PRIDE