

Pythian Knight

Fall-Winter 2020



A message from Grand Chancellor Randy Silverman

I begin this message by acknowledging the unprecedented challenges the Pythian Order, the United States and the world went through and is continuing to go through with the Coronavirus. It is for this reason that the Grand Council members agreed to keep their current positions for 2020/2021. I thank the Grand Lodge Representatives who voted to re-elect all of the same Grand Lodge officers and the members of the Domain of New York for their continued confidence in re-electing me their Grand Chancellor. *[Read the entire message at <http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/GCmessage.php>]*



Generous Pythian Gift Feeds Poor During COVID

Met Council received a significant and generous contribution from Grand Lodge December 23, 2020 in Queens. Total Pythian COVID Relief donations in New York this year exceed \$75,000, including \$57,000 to relief organizations servicing the five boroughs, Long Island, Hudson Valley and upstate regions and an additional \$18,000 from New York Pythian Districts matched by humanitarian funds. Read more online at <https://bit.ly/KOPNY122320>.



(L to R) Leah Schechter, Met Council Sr. Director of Volunteer Services and Donor Engagement, accepts check for COVID19 relief from GVC Harvey Rosenshein, GC Randy Silverman, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel and CGTrib Corey Bearak.

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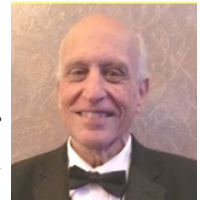
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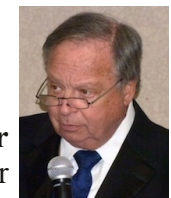
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Pythian News

COVID Relief for Island Harvest



Humanitarian Fund donation supports 30,000 meals for those in need. (L to R) G Trib Sir Barry Weiner, Island Harvest Vice President of Development Marc Suntup and PSR Jerome Bernzweig display check for Covid19 relief at Island Harvest's distribution center and warehouse in Hauppauge.

People to People Food Pantry Gets \$\$\$



Pythians from the 72nd District presented People to People, Rockland County's largest food pantry, with a \$10,000 check. (L to R) PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, DSC Erwin Grill, Clarkstown Town Supervisor George Hoehmann, People to People Executive Director Diane Serratore, GVC Harvey Rosenshein, PDSC Sir Michael Sukenick, GC Randy Silverman and PSR Susan Grill. (Pic courtesy of Supervisor Hoehmann).

The 2021 Diabetes Calendars are now available.

Calendars are good for all of 2021.
Cost per Calendar is \$20.00 for the entire year.

To purchase a Calendar, please send \$20.00 for each 2021 Calendar you wish to purchase with a check payable to: *KoP Diabetes Research Assn.* and mail it to: PDSC Craig Shink, 61-23 255th Steet, Little Neck, NY 11362

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call PDSC Craig Shink, President of the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association, at (347) 351-3251.

Support Pythian Humanitarian Fund Covid-19 Fund

Our Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund seeks our continued support. Already New York Grand Lodge donated in excess of \$75,000 to support food relieve for the needy and meals and PPEs for essential workers. In appreciation for any donation of \$25 or more, you'll receive a Knight of Pythias face mask. All checks should be made payable to the "Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Fund" (Please write in the memo "Covid-19 Fund") and mail to Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, 71 S. Central Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580

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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!

In 2020 Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to: Daniel Salem (David Salem, Esquire Goodfellowship #635), Julie Schochner (Darren Schochner, Genesis Lodge #64), Ashley Steir (Hugh Steir, Majestic Lodge #109), Sophia Spector (Jay Spector, Genesis Lodge #64), Alan Birnbaum (Rod Birnbaum, North Shore Lodge #824).

News from Pythian Districts

Pythians Thank Health Workers & Food Pantry

On October 7, 2020 the **46th District** provided lunches for Emergency Room staff at Mount Sinai Brooklyn. (L to R) DGC Brian Klasewitz, GOG Richard Resnick, GS PGC Phillip Feigel, PDGC & District Treasurer Eric Platt, Mt. Sinai health care worker Whitney Draghine, SR PGC Sir Robert Ross,



ER Supervisors Dr. Susanne Stefko and Dr. Bobby Lynch, Mt. Sinai's Christina Gargiso, and PACDGCs David Stollak and Joel West.



The **72nd District** supported the People to People of Rockland County food pantry. (L to R) PCDGC Sir Ron Klare; PACDGC Bruce Sicherman; PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, GVC Harvey Rosenshein; People to People Executive Director Diane Serratore; PDSC Sir Michael Sukenick; ACDGC Alan Rosenfeld; and DSC Erwin Grill (July 23, 2020).

The **2nd District** donated 500 meals today, on May 22, 2020 to essential front-line health care workers at Coney Island Hospital and the Isa G. Israel COVID-19 Testing Center. Present at the delivery were PACDGCs Joseph Sherman and Alex Needleman, Steven Needleman, Steven Siegel, Lenny Strum, Larry Kahn and Grand Chief Rose Coulson.



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In Memoriam:

PDSC Sir Kenneth Danker, a truly special Pythian who touched so many.

More District News

NY Pythians Deliver the Goods!

The 2nd and 3rd Pythian Districts jointly delivered 4,000 masks for NYC and Long Island Veteran Administration facilities. On July 29, 2020, PACDGC Joe Sherman and DGC Bryan Hoffman delivered 3,000 masks to the Brooklyn VA Campus (see photo at right) for distribution there and to the Queens and Manhattan VA Campuses. PACDGC Scott Geffon and PACDGC Jeffrey Drucker delivered 1000 masks to the Long Island VA Campus on July 21, 2020.



The Marine Corps League thanked Grand Lodge for supporting our veterans. Grand Secretary PGC Phillip E. Feigel secured 12 cases of men's pajamas for distribution to area Veterans Administration hospitals including Brooklyn, Bronx and Castle Point (Dutchess County), and Veterans residences in Poughkeepsie and the St. Albans (Queens) Veterans Home. PCDGC Sir Joseph Robinson coordinated the deliveries as Servicemen and Women and Veterans Committee Chair, a sub-

committee of the Pythian Humanitarian Fund. Above left Joe and Phil display their Marine Corps League Distinguished Citizens Awards. (Photo courtesy of PDGC Harold Fox)

United Queens Lodge #175 treated the entire staff at the NYP-Q Trude Weishaupt Dialysis Center in Flushing Queens to lunch on June 25, 2020. The facility is affiliated with New York Presbyterian-Queens. At right are PCDGC Arnold Edelkind, Trude Weishaupt Center Director John Steffens, PCDGC Sir Joseph Robinson, and center Technician Margo Borkowski.



Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge 635 Initiates New Pythians



Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge #635 hosted a 3 in 1 Rank on January 21, 2020 at Shellbank Jewish Center in Brooklyn. Above, the 11 new knights with GC Randy Silverman and GVC Harvey Rosenschein [Photo courtesy GC Randy Silverman]. Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge initiated two new knights (Keith Abbott and Scott Grabelsky); Omni Lodge initiated five (Chaim Herskovic, Aaron Kinsberg, Alan Poland, Kenneth Rabinowitz and Michael Schwartz); Genesis Lodge initiated two (Aaron Heskins and Lloyd Weisman); and King Solomon (Robert Reiss) and North Shore (Michael Weber) Lodges both initiated new knights.

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. Price \$30 (S, M, L, XL); \$32 2XL; \$33 3XL.

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. Prices: Fleece lined \$80 up to XL, \$82 2XL, \$83 3XL; Windbreaker \$50 up to XL, \$52 2XL, \$53 3XL.

Hoodies - zippered, with your name, lodge and # if desired. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, black or grey. Price: \$55 up to XL, \$57 2XL, \$58 3XL.

Sweat Shirts (not pictured) - with your name, lodge and # if desired. Price: \$50 up to XL, \$52 2XL, \$53 3XL.



Polo Shirt



Hoodie



Fleece



Windbreaker

Order Form - Pythian Humanitarian Fund
 Item (circle selection) Polo Shirt Jacket Hoodie Sweatshirts
 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

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Pelham Brotherhood University Coop City Lodge #616 supported families and seniors weathering Covid-19 through its donation to the Black Forum of CO-OP City. At left, GC Randy Silverman delivers the check.

Yorktown Lodge #859 donated to local food pantries including Putnam Valley Community Food Pantry. Below Yorktown's PACDGC Jeff Paintner with Putnam Valley's Roni Rodman.



On Monday, July 13, Ramapo Lodge #485 supported the Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry of the Rockland Jewish Family Services. This was a combined effort of funds with the 72nd District, Ramapo Lodge 485, and the Humanitarian Fund Covid-19 fund. Kathryn Samalin, administrative assistant; Lisa Katz, Food Pantry Manager; and Maria Dowling, CEO accepted the donation from PC Burt Steinberg, GVC Harvey Rosenshein, ACDGC Alan Rosenfeld, DSC Erwin Grill and Chancellor Commander Sy Samuels.

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