

Pythian Knight

Winter-Spring 2021-22



A message from Grand Chancellor Harvey Rosenschein



Our order faces a critical time. Recruitment into our order remains our biggest challenge. This "modern age" presents challenges not only to the Knights of Pythias, but all fraternal orders. Many rely on and use social media, technology, and other means of e-communication. Young people are not turning to organizations such as ours that promote camaraderie. In most young households, husbands and wives both work to support their households. This often puts family time at a premium. Fraternal organizations often get being put on the "back burner" when they offer socialization, charitable and volunteer opportunities that many also seek. [Read the entire message at <http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/GCmessage.php>]

NY Pythians Initiate NEW Lodge & Knights (Story P. 3)



see inside

Grand Officers, Pythian Resources, Page 2 A Majestic Rank, Page 3 Scholarships, Page 4
NY Pythians Deliver, 14 New Nights, Page 5 Supreme Chancellor Installs Officers, Page 6
Supreme Elections, Pythian Clothing, Page 7 Grand Chancellor's Dinner, Page 8

Pythian Knight

Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias Domain of New York

71 South Central Ave. Suite PH1
Valley Stream, NY 11580
(516) 739-5000
Fax (516) 739-2800
GrandLodgeKOPNY@gmail.com
www.kopny.org

Editors

Corey Bearak, Esq., CGTrib
Lowell Goldberg, PACDGC

Important Pythian Resources

Coats for Kids

Sir Lloyd Merson, PDSC
Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC

Communications

Corey Bearak, Esq., CGTrib

Florida Coordinator

Allan Greenberg, PDSC

Humanitarian Fund Committee

Jerome Bernzweig, PSR
Robert Kaufman, PCDC

Diabetes Research Association

Craig Shink, SOG

Membership

Errol Lewis, GMA
Dr. Alan Rosenfeld, CDGC

Pythian Camp

Allan Greenberg, PDSC

Webmasters

Lowell Goldberg, PACDGCC
Corey Bearak, Esq., CGTrib

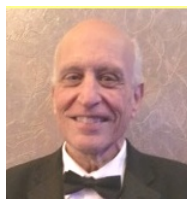
Scholarships

Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC

Ritual & Instruction

Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC
Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC

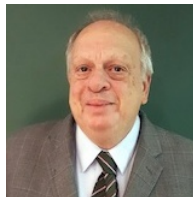
Grand Council 2021 - 2022



Grand Chancellor
Harvey Rosenshein



Grand Vice Chancellor
Sir Charles Pakula



Grand Prelate
Richard Resnick



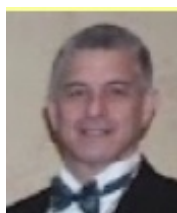
Grand Secretary
Steven Gold



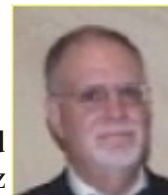
Grand Treasurer
Donald Rosenberg



Grand Master at Arms
Errol Lewis



Grand Inner Guard
Bryan Hoffman



Grand Outer Guard
Brian Klasewitz



Past Grand Chancellor
David Stanger



Past Grand Chancellor
Randy Silverman

Grand Chancellor's Team

Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor

Dr. Alan Rosenfeld (Ramapo #485)

Assistants to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor

2nd District: Robert Wrana (Esquire Goodfellowship #635), 3rd District: Sheldon Miller (Island #623), 21st District: Peter Carchedi (Rochester Jay #639), 46th District: Robert Fletcher (Pelham Brotherhood University Co-op City #616) & 72nd District: George Gray Ramapo #485).

Deputy Grand Chancellor

21st District: Fred Simon (Albany City #540)

Executive Secretaries

Corey B. Bearak, Esq., CGTrib (FDR #613)
Lowell Goldberg, PACDGC (Genesis #64)

Pythian News

NY Pythians Initiate NEW Lodge, Knights & Install Officers

New York proudly initiated a brand new lodge, the third lodge in New York to admit women as members and the first to initiate women as Knights, Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in the Windsor Terrace section of Brooklyn. Elizabeth Gloucester Lodge #867 initiated nine new members of the order including five women. The following received their obligations as new Knights of the Order Knights of Pythias: (See page one photo by PDGC Craig Kligfeld, Left to right) Katie Libutti, Timothy Pattison, Abby Login, Colin McDonald, Caley Clocksin, Charles Woodbury, Amy Whitehouse and Jason Bolen. Not pictured: Valerie Kelleher. The new Lodge adopted its name from abolitionist and philanthropist Elizabeth A. Gloucester who amassed a fortune from running more than 15 boardinghouses, including the Remsen House in Brooklyn, which drew clientele from members of New York's elite. Considered by many to be the richest black woman in America at her death at age 66 on August 9, 1883, she also raised money for New York's Colored Orphan Asylum. Find her grave at Green-Wood Cemetery in Brooklyn. Colin McDonald was elected and installed as Chancellor Commander.

A Majestic Rank Initiates 21 NEW Knights, including 1st & 2nd Women admitted in NY



Majestic Lodge #109 proudly hosted the initiation of 21 new Knights, including two more women, Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at AOH in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn. Two initiated Pythian Sisters – Susan Master (Genesis Lodge #64) and Past Supreme Representative Susan Grill (Ramapo Lodge #485) – were the first women to join New York lodges. 19 other knights received their obligations: Steven Feld, Yehyel Kleiner, Dean Barak, Larry Sachs of Majestic #109; Richard D Shaw of FDR #613; Peter Heymann and Rafael Katz of Knickerbocker #510; Ed Blocker of New City Orangetown #854; Alex Borovik, Michael Kaufman, Eric Rothenberg, Gary Rothenberg and Howard Schain of Genesis #64; Joel Charles, Scott Robbins, Wayne Wildrick II and Edward Trost of Esquire Goodfellowship #635; and David Feldman and Louis Kleiman of North Shore #824.

2022 Diabetes Calendars are now available.

Calendars are good for all of 2022.
Cost per Calendar is \$20.00 for the entire year.

To purchase a Calendar, please send \$20.00 for each 2022 Calendar you wish to purchase with a check payable to: *KoP Diabetes Research Assn.* and mail it to: SOG Craig Shink, 1 Willow Place, Great Neck NY 11021

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



Mourning loss of PGC Dave Stanger

Grand Lodge mourns the loss of Past Grand Chancellor David Stanger. Only last September 29, at a special ceremony at AOH in Brooklyn, Supreme Council recognized Dave for his contributions to our order and many outside causes including the Special Olympic. At left, Supreme Treasurer Sir Alan Ast presented PGC Stanger with a Medal and a special certificate of appreciation signed by Supreme Chancellor Sir Bruce Brown.

Make Sure You Get Your Pythian News & Event Updates

Grand Lodge publishes a printed Pythian Knight annually. Any additional versions get published to Grand Lodge's website periodically. If you want an email alert to get these updates, please provide your email address, name & Lodge or Pythian Sisters Temple to Bearak@me.com. Find this & future print & electronic-issues of Pythian Knight at KOPNY.ORG. No computer? View Pythian Knight on a library computer.

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 2021 Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to: Sydney Byck (Brian Byck, North Shore Lodge #824), Jocelyn Chametsky (Alliance Mid Island Lodge #801), Raquel Gaba (Joseph Gaba, Genesis Lodge #64), Matthew Jacobson (Eric Jacobson, Esquire Goodfellowship #635), Adina Kligerman (Tom Kligerman, Albany Lodge #540), Benjamin Scalera (Stephen Scalera, Albany Lodge #540), Andrew Shea (Patrick Shea, Knickerbocker Lodger #510), Andrew Stanzione (David Stanzione, Island Lodge #623), Jonathan Stanzione (David Stanzione, Island Lodge #623), Mattie Valinsky (Ronald Valinsky (Rochester Jay Lodge #639) and Elana Winder (Henry Winter, Wavecrest Lodge #615).

News from Pythian Districts

Pythians Supports Brooklyn Food Pantry

Pythians from New York's 46th District including DSC Sir Robert Ross, PDGC Eric Platt, PDGC Craig Kligfeld and GOG Brian Klasewitz presented a significant donation to Brooklyn, New York's Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Food Pantry, September 29, 2021. Annette Bonvino accepted the check. The Pantry



prepares and provides meals to needy people every week. 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. Donations from subordinate Lodges and individual Pythians bolstered this effort by the Grand Lodge Humanitarian Fund Covid 19 fund.

Esquire Goodfellowship #635 Initiates 14 Pythians



Visit Grand Lodge on

facebook

at its verified page at:

[http://www.facebook.com/
KnightsofPythiasNewYork
GrandLodge/](http://www.facebook.com/KnightsofPythiasNewYorkGrandLodge/)

Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge #635's 3 in 1 Rank July 20, 2021 at Shellbank Jewish Center in Brooklyn initiated 8 knights for the host lodge (David Abbott, Michael Calka, Matthew Fox, Ronald Klempner, Donald Schiowitz, Brian Spector, Brian Steckler and Tzvi Stroh) and one each for Alliance Mid Island (David Wolf), Canarsie (Robert Fried), Genesis (Howard Rabinowitz); Island (Billy Choi), King Solomon (Michael Sussman) and Pelham Brotherhood University Co-Op City (Stephen Rothman) Lodges.

More News

Supreme Chancellor Installs New Grand Council

Supreme Chancellor Sir Bruce Brown (South Carolina) installed newly elected Grand Chancellor Harvey Rosenshein (Ramapo Lodge #485) September 23, 2021 at Roma View in Howard Beach, New York. Supreme Chancellor Brown also installed Grand Vice Chancellor Charles Pakula (Lakes Region #863), Grand Prelate Richard Resnick (Genesis Lodge #64), Grand Secretary Steven Gold (Pelham Brotherhood University Co-op City Lodge #616), Grand Treasurer Don Rosenberg (Yorktown Lodge #859) Grand Master At Arms Errol Lewis (Genesis Lodge #64), Grand Inner Guard Bryan Hoffman (King Solomon Lodge #400) and Grand Outer Guard Brian Klasewitz (Majestic Lodge #109). Supreme Chancellor Sir Bruce Brown (South Carolina) also visited the New York Grand Lodge Convention the day before. The Supreme Chancellor recognized outgoing Grand Chancellor Randy Silverman for his contributions and service. PGC Silverman will serve two more years as a member of Grand Council. The new Council was elected at the Grand Convention held the day before in

Howard Beach. Sir Michael Sukenick's nomination as an Associate Grand Tribune by the new Grand Chancellor was confirmed by the convention's voters. The next convention and installation takes place Wednesday-Thursday, July 13-14 in Suffern, New York.



Above (left to right) Supreme Representative Sir Jordan Levy, Supreme Outer Guard Craig Shink, Supreme Chancellor Sir Bruce Brown, Supreme Treasurer Sir Alan Ast, Deputy Supreme Chancellor Sir Robert Ross.



(Left to Right) standing GOG Brian Klasewitz, GC Harvey Rosenshein, PGC Randy Silverman, GVC Sir Charles Pakula, GIG Bryan Hoffman, and seated GMA Errol Lewis, GP Richard Resnick, GT PGC Don Rosenberg, and GS Steve Gold.

Supreme Council Elects NY's Craig Shink Supreme Outer Guard; Sir Alan Ast Re-elected Supreme Treasurer



On August 29, 2021 in Newark, New Jersey, Pythians elected a new Supreme Council, including New York's Craig Shink (FDR Lodge #613) as Supreme Outer Guard. The Pythians unanimously re-elected Sir Alan Ast (New City Orangetown Lodge #854) as Supreme Treasurer. New Supreme Chancellor Bruce Brown (South Carolina) appointed NY's Sir Robert Ross as a Deputy Supreme Chancellor for New York.

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

Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias

71 South Central Ave. Suite PH1

Valley Stream, NY 11580

**Forwarding Address
Service Requested**

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias

Domain of New York

cordially invites you to attend a Testimonial Dinner in honor of

***Grand Chancellor
Harvey Rosenshein***

Sunday, June 26, 1:00 p.m.

Temple Avodah, 3050 Oceanside Road, Oceanside, NY 11572

\$115pp -- Black Tie Optional -- Business Attire Required

For more information contact

PDSC Sir David Peltzer (914) 671-4050

PSR Jerome Bernzweig (516) 677-9789

GT/PDGC Donald Rosenberg (914) 396-6620

PCDSC Robert Kaufman (917) 626-8185

NOTE: RSVPs required by June 6 - Make check payable to: "Grand Lodge K of P, Domain of New York"
Please check with your home lodge concerning any lodge subsidy before you reserve direct.

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