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Alliance-MidIsland Lodge # 801
Friendship, Charity, Benevolence

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Dear Brothers,

As proud Knights of Pythias, we stand for **Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence** — and occasionally for coffee refills during long meetings. Our traditions are strong, our values are noble, and our ability to find the dessert table at lodge events is unmatched.

This month, let's take our mission beyond the lodge walls. Hold the door for a stranger, help a neighbor, or bravely volunteer for that one job nobody else wants (you know the one). Every small act is a shining example of what it means to be a Knight — minus the armor, which is terrible for sitting down.

I hope everyone survived the Blizzard of 2026 safely.

Just a reminder that we are still looking for volunteers to help out for the March 1st Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park. Hours are 9-11am. Please contact me if interested in volunteering. Space is limited and you cannot just show up on the day of the event or you may be turned away. Don't forget about our Spring Luncheon at Mary's Pizza and Pasta on Main street in Farmingdale on March 22.

Thank you for your dedication, your fellowship, and your uncanny ability to make even the most serious moments a little brighter. Together, we'll keep our traditions alive, our community strong, and our coffee pot full.

In Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence

Barry P. Hyman O.D.

MESSAGE FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR DUES, A SECOND NOTICE WAS MAILED OUT
NO DUES RECEIPTS WILL BE MAILED - YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT**

Join Us — There's Strength in Numbers!

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Except July and August
at **28 West Carl St. Hicksville, NY 11801**

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NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, March 12th - 8:00 pm

Thursday, March 26th - 8:00 pm

APRIL

Thursday, April 9th - 8:00 pm

Thursday, April 23rd - 7:00 pm

RED JACKET DINNER BEFORE PRESENTATION

Our Lodge Home
28 West Carl Street
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Please, when you send in a letter to the editor, send it in Word (doc or DOCX) or Text format. It is much easier to fit into our paper if it is not a PDF. If I have a problem importing it, I will contact

Letter From the Editor;

I try to get the paper completed and emailed to members and our printer in enough time so the dates in the paper are relevant.

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From the Desk of The Editor-in-Chief
PACDGC Michael DiBlasio

I am looking for Birthday and Anniversaries to add to the section

Please send in your dates and names:

WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO KEEP YOU UPDATED ON EVENTS, SAD OR GLAD TIDINGS THAT OCCUR BETWEEN NEWSLETTERS.

EMAIL MICHAEL DIBLASIO AT SCOTTMSD@AOL.COM

The Grand Lodge of New York has changed the look of their Web Page.

Go to the site and see what is happening in our order.

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Dear Members:

I am Lee Cushman and I am the Financial Secretary of Alliance Mid-Island Lodge 801. For all our new members that just joined our lodge, if you believe that you have been a member for 50 years.you must know the name of the first lodge you joined and the year you joined it. Please give us your telephone number and address.

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The benevolent benefits you get depends on which lodge you are from. Here are the people you should call.

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All members no matter what state you live in pay \$60.00.

50 year members pay \$30.00.

Birthdays

SAM COHEN
ANDY SORTINO

MARCH 1
MARCH 2

Anniversary

None in March provided

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THOSE WHO DID NOT PROVIDE

Just remember, dual members who are life members in other lodges are not considered life members in the secondary lodge and therefore are subject to full dues.

Thanks to our new borthers, some fresh ideas have arrived. This is the link to the NEW **Alliance-Mid Island Lodge Facebook page.**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/47978759064>

It is a way for members and other friends of the Knights of Pythias to be up to date on the latest goings on in and around our lodge.

UP COMING SOCIAL EVENTS

Our Entertainment Committee and Fundraising committees was busy with the annual Super Bowl boxes. This year we raised funds for the "Dave Schiner - Canarsie Lodge Memorial Foundation".

Sunday March 1st we will be hosting a Brunch at Ronald McDonald house
(Cooking and serving Volunteers needed)

Annual Luncheon - Sunday March 22nd 1:00pm is our Valentine/spring Luncheon will be at Mary's Pizza and Pasta Restaurant in Farmingdale. 611 Main St, South Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Cost is \$60 per person **BEFORE SUBSIDY**

Contact Scott Geffon for reservations at 516-808-8160 or email slwmg@yahoo.com

Axe Throwing and many more, even bowling again in the spring. Please join us for laughs and a good time.

PLANNING A FEW SOCIAL EVENTS FOR NEW YEAR

Looking for your feedback on our proposed events.

Outdoor events proposed

Fishing
Miniature golf

Indoor events proposed

Movie Night - (need movie suggestions)
Axe Throwing - **DATE TO BE DETERMINED**
Corn Hole
Smash Things (yes, break things)
Bowling (Coming in May)

FAMILY FUN TIME BOWLING IS BE PLANNED

To Lodge members and their families. The lodge is planning another bowling event which will take place in May of 2026. As you are all aware, this will be a fund raising event like the last one. The last bowling event last year wasn't the turn out as expected. In the next few lodge meetings, I would like to know who might be interested. Thanks for your participation in advance.

Fraternally yours Marc Becker PC.
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ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM CHANCELOR COMMANDER, BARRY HYMAN

I ran into Bruce and Jerry Serkes on an NCL cruise out of NYC on 2/3/26. This is the 2nd time I ran into him on a cruise. It appears that we are both big cruisers. Unfortunately his wife Jerry took a fall on an excursion and hurt her back. Wishing a full recovery to her.

On Saturday Feb. 21 I ran into Al and Steve Weinberg at Poppei's restaurant on Wantagh Avenue. Al was not feeling well and was heading to the hospital. I think he ate too much salt. I'm sure he'd like to hear from us.

Ron Goodman had a short 4-day Stint in the hospital and is doing well. We hope to see Ron at the next meeting.

We spoke with shoprite and set up the next food drive for Saturday, April 18th.
Contact Andrew to reserve your time slot. Thank you.

Best Regards,
Andrew

Andrew H. Melville
516 713 0445

ANNUAL RED JACKET PRESENTATION

The presentation will be Thursday, April 23rd, diner served at 7:30pm

Contact Scott Geffon via email at slwmg@yahoo.com

Beer & Colonoscopy

It was my first time visiting Dr Putz for a **colonoscopy**.

I went into his office for my first rectal exam.

His new nurse, Evelyn, took me to an examining room.

She told me to get undressed and have a seat until the doctor could see me. She said that he would only be a few minutes.

After putting on the gown that she gave me I sat down.

While waiting I observed there were three items on a stand next to the exam table:

A Tube of K-Y jelly,

A rubber glove

And a beer

When Dr. Putz finally came in I said, "Look Doc", I'm a little confused. This is my first exam.

I know what the **K-Y** is for,

And I know what the **glove** is for,

But can you tell me what the **BEER** is for?"

At that, Doctor Putz became noticeably outraged and stormed over to the door.

He flung the door open and yelled to his new nurse, "Damn it, Evelyn !

I said a **BUTT LIGHT**"

**Accidentally drank
invisible ink...**

**I am now in Hospital
waiting to be seen.**

**It started out as, "You are so
funny. I love how you make me
laugh." but now it's, "Does
everything have to be a joke
with you?"**

A few riddles and trivia from one of our Brothers

Why is there no air conditioning at yankee stadium.
because there is a fan in every seat.

What's the difference between a yankee fan and a dentist?
one roots for the yankees, and the other yanks for the roots.

What's the difference between and a jeweler and a jailor?
a jeweler sells watches, and a jailor watches cells.

Who was the backup quarterback to joe namath in super bowl 3?
babe parilli.

sports trivia (no cheating)

who caught hank aaron's 715th home run?
tom house brave relief pitcher.

Do you have a flat stomach?

Me: Yeah, but the "L" is silent.

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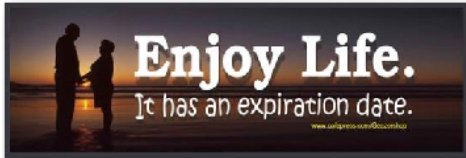
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