

Pythian Knight

Spring 2024



A message from Grand Chancellor Richard E. Resnick

Friendship is our most important product.

Like any other fraternal order, we are plagued with declining membership and increased costs. As Grand Chancellor you might ask how I am going to address these issues. I won't. Together we will.

During the coming year there will be no "I," but "We." Failure is not an option. We must all concentrate on the future of the Knights of Pythias order.

Read the entire message at

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The Grand Council, 2023-2024



Seated, l. to r. : GT Donald Rosenberg , PGC Harvey Rosenshein, PGC Sir Charles Pakula, GC Richard E Resnick, GS Steven Gold
Standing l. to r. : GOG Paul Barth, GIG Craig Kligfeld, GMA Brian Klasewitz,, GP Bryan Hoffman, & GVC Errol Lewis

(picture courtesy of Bruce Nelson)

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Important Pythian Resources

Community Involvement

Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC

Florida Coordinator

Mike Stein, PDGC

Irving Margulias

Humanitarian Fund Committee

Jerome Bernzweig, PSR

Robert Kaufman, PCDSC

Diabetes Research Association

Craig Shink, SIG

Membership

Brian Klasewitz, GMA

Pythian Camp

Robert Banks, PCDGC

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Bruce Nelson, PACDGC

Bruce Sicherman, PCDGC

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Scholarships

Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC

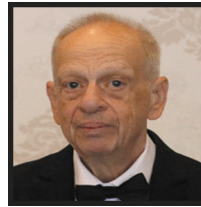
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Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC

Executive Secretary

Bruce Sicherman, PCDGC

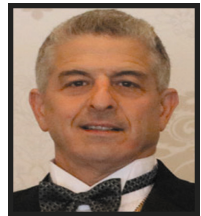
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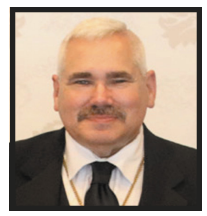
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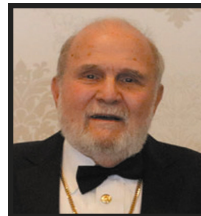
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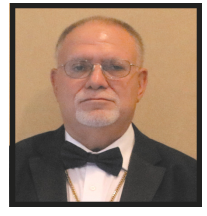
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Grand Secretary
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Donald Rosenberg



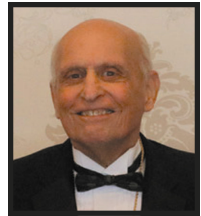
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Brian Klasewitz



Grand Inner Guard
Craig Kligfeld



Grand Outer Guard
Paul Barth



Past Grand Chancellor
Harvey Rosenshein



Past Grand Chancellor
Sir Charles Pakula

Grand Chancellor's Team

Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor

Robert Fletcher (Pelham Bro University Co-Op City #616)

Assistants to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor

Robert Wrana (At Large) (MajesticLodge#109)

3rd District: Sheldon Miller (Island #623)

21st District: William Farash

72nd District: Stephen Herbst (Majestic #109)

Deputy Grand Chancellor

2nd & 46th District: David Salem (Esquire Goodfellowship#635)

21st District: Mitch Grossman (Albany City #540)

PYTHIAN CHARITIES

SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Special Olympics New York provides inclusive opportunities for people who are intellectually challenged to participate in sports, discover and unleash the champion within themselves. These athletes experience the thrill of competing in authentic sports. They have overcome many obstacles, however they still remain active for life. Special Olympics continuing mission is to be inclusive no matter what their abilities. Special Olympics New York provides a training ground where those abilities are refined and given room to grow. A check for The Special Olympics was presented to Special Olympics Liaison Alexis Dawson in the amount of \$4,750.00.

Pictured from left to right are Co-Chairman PACDGC Stuart Teicher, Grand Treasurer PGC Don Rosenberg, Special Olympics liaison Alexis Dawson, Co-Chairman DGC David Salem, and Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick

(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)

SUPPORTING HOSPICE

The Dr. Morris Smoller Fund donates to the United Hospice , Rockland Division.

(Pictured l to r):

GS Steven Gold,, DSC Harvey Rosenshein, Cara Pace, CEO United Hospice, Frances Spiegel, Director of Development, Sir Michael Sukenick, PDSC/GTrib, Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC.

(picture courtesy of DSC Harvey Rosenshein)



On Sunday, October 1, 2023, many Pythians participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's® in East Meadow, NY. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all



ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease. It is wonderful that Pythians came together for an inspiring community event that celebrates the commitment to ending this disease. Special thanks to PCDGC/AGT Sir Marty Nyear and PACDGC Scott Geffon for being our team leaders, the Third Pythian District, Alliance-MidIsland Lodge #801 and Island Lodge #623 for their generous donations. Our Pythian team raised over \$2,800. This year, the charity of the Knights of Pythias Order is the Alzheimer Association. Thank you to all who participated and donated to fight this dreadful disease.

Respectfully submitted, DGC David Salem.

(picture courtesy of DGC David Salem)

2024 Diabetes Calendars are NOW available!!

Calendars are good for all of 2024

- Cost per Calendar is \$20.00 for the entire year. •

To purchase a Calendar, please send \$20.00 for each 2024 Calendar you wish to purchase with a check payable to: KoP Diabetes Research Assn. And mail it to:

SIG Craig Shink, 1 Willow Place, Great Neck NY 11021

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

Ramapo Lodge Celebrates Their 100th Anniversary

On Sunday, August 13, 2023 a celebration was held to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Ramapo Lodge. Our Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick and Grand Chief JoAnn Gunderson joined us for this momentous occasion.



 **Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias**
November 18, 2023

Photo of wall of donors to Cavalry Hospital. L-R GS Steven Gold, PDSC Michael Sukenick, and DSC Harvey Rosenshein. The Morris Smoller Social Services Fund of the KOP Domain of New York, has contributed a vast sum of funds over many years to be honored with a dove on their donor wall. *(picture courtesy of DSC Harvey Rosenshein)*



DGC David Salem, Grand Chief JoAnn Gunderson, Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick, CDGC Robert Fletcher and ACDGC Robert Wrana at the AOH raising money for The KOP Humanitarian Fund for the Veterans. Thank you to everyone who donated cash or items to sell and for volunteering.

(picture courtesy of DGC David Salem)

College Scholarships Applications Available!

Dear Pythian Member (parent),

Don't miss out on \$4000 worth of available college scholarships from Grand Lodge. In order to receive this scholarship, you (the parent 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 their child's college career.

Do the math! Example: \$65 a year for dues over the six years required equals \$390.00. Your child 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, you must be a Pythian for two years prior to the application!

Dear Pythian Member (grandparents),

If you have grandchildren, inform your child or child-in-law that they need to be a Pythian for two years prior to your grandchild being eligible for this scholarship.

In 2024 Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to:

Henry Goldstein (Brett Goldstein, Rochester Jay Lodge #639), and to
Shari Sortino (Andrew Sortino, Canarsie Lodge #636)

NEW CITY ORANGETOWN Lodge # 854 Attends Nyack Street Fair



On Sunday October 8, 2023, New City Orangetown manned a table at the Nyack Street fair with the goal of promoting the name recognition of the Knights of Pythias and to answer questions about the Pythian order and membership. Those who attended and worked the booth felt it was a success as it did get our name out there and we had the opportunity to speak to people who asked questions about the organization and membership. Some remembered the name and spoke about their family members who were members. Thank you to those who worked the booth, assembled the canopy, and worked so hard putting it all together.

↑↑ Pictured above l. to r. is OG Ed Blocker, Jan Cohen, ACDGC Stephen Herbst, Marsha Shapiro and GS Steven Gold. Not pictured is Michele Cohen who assisted with canopy assembly and manned the table earlier in the day.
(picture courtesy of GS Steven Gold)

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 webmaster@nypythian.org.

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Majestic Lodge Presents The Red Collar

Majestic Lodge presents Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick with the Red Collar on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Past Grand Chancellors with this year's Grand Chancellor.



Pictured (left to right): DSC Harvey Rosenshein, PGC Sir Charles Pakula, PDSC / PIP Roger Siegel, GC Richard Resnick, SR Sir Jordan Levy, and PDSC Erwin Grill *(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)*

GC Richard Resnick Receives The Blue Jacket !

46th Past Chancellors Association presents Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick with the Blue Jacket on Monday March 18, 2024.

The Past Grand Chancellors with this year's Grand Chancellor.



Pictured (left to right); PGC Sir Charles Pakula, SIG Craig Shink, GC Richard Resnick, SR Sir Jordan Levy, SR Sir Robert Ross, DSC Harvey Rosenshein and PDSC Erwin Grill.

(Photo courtesy Brian Klasewitz)



• **KOP JOINS IN THE LUCK OF THE IRISH??** •



Members of the Knights of Pythias showing their support of the Gerritsen Beach community as they joined the neighborhood St. Patrick's Day parade on March 30, 2024.



Pictured above: DGC David Salem, Susan Master, GMA Brian Klasewitz, CDGC Robert Fletcher and GP Bryan Hoffman. *(picture courtesy of GMA Brian Klasewitz)*



THE GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS



DOMAIN OF NEW YORK

cordially invites you to attend a Testimonial Dinner in honor of

Grand Chancellor Richard E. Resnick



SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2024 · 1:00 PM

@ **TEMPLE AVODAH**

3050 OCEANIDE ROAD · OCEANSIDE, NY 11572

\$130/pp · Black Tie Optional · Business Attire Required

For More Information, Contact:

GS Steven Gold · (845) 597-5141

PSR Sir Jerome Bernzweig · (516) 677-9789

GT/PGC Donald Rosenberg · (914) 396-6620

PCDSC Robert Kaufman · (917) 6226-8185

NOTE: RSVP's required by June 3 - Make Checks payable to "Grand Lodge K of P"
Please check with your Home lodge concerning any Lodge subsidy before you reserve direct



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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. Prices \$40 (S, M, L, XL); \$42 2XL; \$43 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 \$90 up to XL, \$92 2XL, \$93 3XL;

Windbreaker \$55 up to XL, \$57 2XL, \$58 3XL.

Zippered Hooded Sweatshirt - zippered, with your name, lodge and # if desired.
Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, black or grey.
Price: \$60 up to XL, \$62 2XL, \$63 3XL.

Pullover Sweatshirt (not pictured) - with your name, lodge and # if desired
Price: \$55 up to XL, \$57 2XL, \$58 3XL.

ORDER FORM - Pythian Humanitarian Fund

Item (circle selection)	Polo Shirt	Jacket	Zippered Hooded Sweatshirt
	Sweatshirt		Windbreaker
Size	Color		
Pocket? (Polo shirt only)	YES	NO	
Name			
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