

Bless those who await their safe return

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Bless those who serve this country well; God,



Bless those who mourn the lost

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APRIL MAY JUNE 2026

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2026 MEETINGS

THURS APRIL 2ND *REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF PASSOVER !!*
TUES APRIL 21ST *ESQUIRE GOOD FELLOWSHIP'S HOMECOMING FOR ALEX NEEDELMAN @AOH*
WED APRIL 29TH *GENESIS PRESENTS GC BRYAN HOFFMAN'S GAVEL NIGHT @AOH*
& THE 46TH DISTRICT PRESENTS THE BLUE JACKET

MAY 2026 MEETINGS

SUNDAY MAY 3RD *HUMANITARIAN BRUNCH @TEMPLE AVODAH OCEANSIDE.NY (SEE AD BELOW)*
THURS MAY 7TH *REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING @ AOH HALL 7PM & COLLATION*
1ST NOMINATIONS FOR 2026-2027 OFFICERS

JUNE 2026 MEETINGS

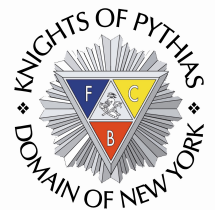
TUES JUNE 4TH *REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING @ AOH HALL 7PM & COLLATION*
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH *GRAND CHANCELLORS DINNER @TEMPLE AVODAH OCEANSIDE.NY (SEE AD BELOW)*

SUMMER 2026

JULY 2026 *GRAND LODGE CONVENTION*



Grand Chancellor's Dinner



honoring

BRYAN HOFFMAN

1:00 PM · SUN., JUNE 14TH, 2026

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CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear K.O.P. Brothers:

We are reaching the end of the Pythian Year in June, and it will mark the end of my 59th year in The Order.

During my term as Chancellor Commander, I have seen some positive changes, some negative changes, and some things with little or no change.

On the positive side , there are a number of younger members getting involved as officers in the individual. Hopefully , they may have friends that will also join The Order.

Some of the new members are officers in more than one Lodge. This can become problematic when some smaller lodges will not have enough past chancellors to hold jobs in the rest of the domain.

One item that has not changed is that many of the old-timers have not passed on their positions or educated the younger members , with the information necessary to carry on into the future for the lodges.

I Hope that all of you have had a good year and will come back to a new and improved Pythian order. Have a Great Summer !

Fraternally yours,

David Stollak

Chancellor Commander

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U-TURN ON

BLOOD PRESSURE



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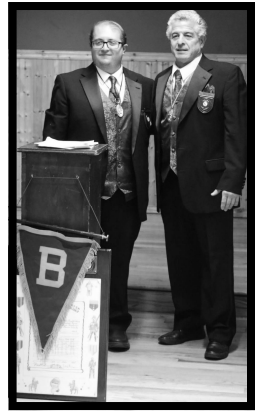
Remember never make medication changes on your own!

The Grand Chancellor Receives the Red Collar from Majestic Lodge



Majestic Lodge presents Grand Chancellor BRYAN HOFFMAN with the Red Collar on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Pictured Left): GC BRYAN HOFFMAN, with Chancellor Commander Joseph St John



Pictured right): GC BRYAN HOFFMAN, with DGC Steven Needelman

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1960'S SHEA STADIUM ↗↗



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FUTURE EVENTS NOW IN THE PLANNING STAGES:

APRILK 2026 EVENTS
APRIL 29TH 2026
GENESIS GAVEL NIGHT@AOH



MAY 2026 EVENTS
MAY 3RD 2026
HUMANITARIAN BRUNCH @ TEMPLE AVODAH · OCEANSIDE NY



JUNE 2026 EVENTS
JUNE 14TH 2026
GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER @ TEMPLE AVODAH · OCEANSIDE NY

SUMMER EVENTS
158TH GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
SUNDAY · BUSINESS MEETINGS
MONDAY · INSTALLATIION OF OFFICERS & DINNER

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& SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU
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- Establish lifetime friendships
- College Scholarships for Pythian children
- Business Contacts and Networking supporting our troops
- Credit Unions plus Health and Financial Programs
- Social events: Dances, Dinners, Parties, Cards and Entertainment
- Affiliations with drug rehabilitation facilities
- Holiday food baskets for needy families
- Fund raising for Medical Research
- Community Involvement
- Free Coats for kids and needy adults
- Burial plots or equivalent available

Attendance at meetings is optional, but very rewarding

***** **GAVEL NIGHT** *****

APRIL 29TH, 2026 @ AOH 7PM



**GENESIS BESTOWS A SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO
GRAND CHANCELLOR **BRYAN HOFFMAN**
& 46TH DISTRICT PRESENTS THE BLUE JACKET**



**HARMONY MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
BUSINESS ATTIRE REQUIRED · (SUITS/SPORTS COAT AND TIE)
RSVP REQUIRED TO : SR Jordan Levy, 2454 E. 2nd St., Brooklyn N.Y. 11223**

UPCOMING HONOR NIGHTS!

Thursday, April 23, 2026	07:30pm	RED Blazer presentation to Grand Chancellor	Alliance-MidIsland Lodge #801 will present the RED Blazer to Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman. This is a closed meeting at Hicksville Community Center - 28 W Carl Street Hicksville, NY 11801 Collation at 7:30, meeting to start about 8pm RSVP to Scott Geffon - email slwmq@yahoo.com or call 516-808-8160. RSVP by 4/8/2026, this is a must to know how much food to order.
Wednesday, April 29, 2026	07:00pm	Gavel Night / Blue Jacket	Genesis Lodge #64 will be hosting the Gavel Presentation to Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman. The 46th District will present the Blue Jacket to Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman. This is a Closed Meeting at the AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Avenue, Brooklyn NY. Please contact the the Recording Secretary Barry Resnick at resnick.barry@gmail.com for reservations.
Sunday, May 3, 2026	10:00am	Humanitarian Brunch	Temple Avodah of Oceanside 3050 Oceanside Road Oceanside, New York 11572

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FOR CHIEF DEPUTY GRAND CHANCELLOR

ALEX NEEDELMAN

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TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST, 2026 • 7:00 PM @ AOH

Pythian Scholarships Available

The Grand Lodge has scholarships available for the children of Pythians. In order to obtain an application, you must call the Grand Lodge Office (Monday - Thursday 10 AM - 3 PM). For those seeking scholarships for the fall 2026 the following rules and regulations apply:

1. The scholarship awards will be up to \$4,000.00, payable over a four-year period based upon funds available that year.
2. Two-year colleges will be recognized. The award will be reduced pro-rata.
3. College must be accredited by Middle States Association of Schools and Colleges or equivalent accreditation association.
4. A sponsor must be a member in good standing for at least two years before being eligible to apply for a scholarship and must remain a member for a least the duration of the scholarship period. In addition, the member's home lodge must be in New York State.
5. The widow of a deceased Pythian would be eligible to receive a scholarship for her child if the deceased spouse was a member in good standing at the date of his death and she has not remarried.
6. Only one child per family is able to receive a scholarship at any one time.

The eligibility requirements are:

1. A minimum average of 85%
2. Parents income not in excess of \$250,000
3. Sponsor must be a paid up member of his lodge
4. A completed application as per instructions sent with the application

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 EVENING OF WED APRIL 1ST
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