

The Gavel

Calendar of Events & Times

**MAY 2026
EDITION**

ALL MEETINGS AT Our Castle Hall
Wesley Hills Village Hall
432 Rt. 306 • Monsey, NY 10952

May:

MAY 1:
MAY 12

REGULAR MEETING WITH FIRST NOMINATION OF OFFICERS, 6:30 PM
ROCKLAND COUNTY KOP SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION AWARDS CEREMONY,
STREET SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER, NEW CITY, NY 6:30PM

MAY 18:

72ND DISTRICT MEETING, STREET SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTER, NEW CITY, NY 7:00PM

MAY 22:

REGULAR MEETING WITH SECOND NOMINATION OF OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS 6:30PM

MAY 29:

OPEN DINNER OUT. GRAND BUFFET, RAMSEY, NJ 6:30 PM

June:

JUNE 5TH
JUNE 19TH

REGULAR MEETING 6:30 PM
INSTALLATION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS OPEN MEETING 7:00 PM

July:

JULY 10TH

PLANNING MEETING FOR UPCOMING PYTHIAN YEAR. 6:30 PM, OUR CASTLE HALL

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FOR A DETAILED
CALENDAR
FOR THE YEAR

Award Winning
2022-2023 Newsletter

*Reminder ; The Final Date that
All Articles Are Due for the
June 2026 issue of "The Gavel"
is May 15th, 2026*



HUMANITARIAN BRUNCH



1:00 PM • SUN., MAY 3RD, 2026

@ TEMPLE AVODAH

3050 OCEANSIDE RD • OCEANSIDE NY

Cost : \$75.00 p.p. - RAMAPO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING • NON MEMBER \$75.00/ p.p

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NO LATER THAN APRIL 27TH, 2026

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**RAMAPO LODGE #485 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
2025-2026 OFFICERS**

**RAMAPO LODGE #485 KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS
2025-2026 COMMITTEES**

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BINGO

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**Our Castle Hall is located at the Wesley Hills Village Hall
432 Route 306, Monsey, NY
(Across the road from Wesley Kosher Supermarket)**



CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE (April / May/June 2026)



In a short time, I will be taking off the four hats that I wore through this Pythian Year. Being a Chancellor Commander of both Ramapo and NCOLR Lodge, President of the 72nd District as well as its Deputy Grand Chancellor. I have been asked by several brothers, "Alan how does it feel doing all these responsibilities?" I replied, "In due honesty, I did all the assigned tasks but if you would ask me which of them, I really would have preferred was: being President of the 72nd District."

Since moving to Rockland County, I learned more things here than when living in the Bronx. For example, attending Ramapo Lodge Meetings, in the immediate area three separate cars were used instead of two. Now, I have decided to either have my friend and mentor, PC Harold Heller ride with me, or I ride with Harold. This way, no one feels left out.

I attended most of my fellow Deputy, Steven Needelman's Messages in Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island, solo. But I must give special credit to Susan and Erwin Grill that took me to the investiture in Queens and three times to Brooklyn to give me a break in driving. Also, credit must be given to both PDSC Erwin Grill, GS Steven H. Gold and DSC Harvey Rosenshein for buying the refreshments on behalf of Ramapo Lodge regular Meetings and honor Nights.

In the month of May, we celebrate Memorial Day. Let us remember that this day is incommemoration of past and present servicemen and women who defend and protect our freedom.

Fraternally yours,

Alan Paul Katz

Alan Paul Katz, Chancellor Commander

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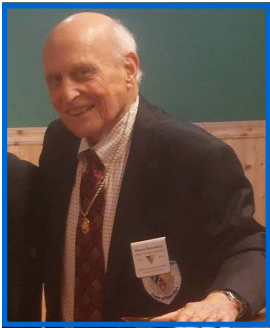
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Hello From The Editor-in-Chief, Harvey Rosenshein



Dear Brothers & Friends

I am once again taking on the editorial responsibility of the Gavel. Unfortunately, ACDGC Susan Grill is unable at this time to maintain the Editor-In-Chief of the Gavel.

We all wish Susan a speedy recovery, and hopefully, she will soon be able to resume her duty as Editor-In-Chief of the Gavel.

I am certainly delighted to take on this responsibility, in Susan's and Erwin's, absence.

I hope to do as good as a job that ACDGC Susan and PDSC Erwin Grill, were doing.

Please feel free to contact me with any items or articles you would like published in the Gavel. My contact information is on the officer's page.

Hoping you enjoy reading this May issue of the Gavel, and please be reminded, that our deadline for our June issue will be May 15, 2026, for anything you might want to be included.

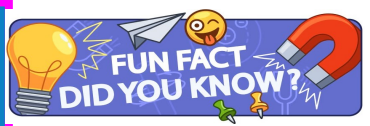
Fraternally yours,

Harvey Rosenshein

Editor-In-Chief



TRIVIA



Do You Know ???

1. I am something you can serve but never eat. What am I? (Answer: A tennis ball or a volleyball)
2. I am often bought for eating but never eaten. What am I? (Answer: A plate)
3. If an electric train is going north at 100 mph and the wind is blowing east at 50 mph, which way does the smoke blow? (Answer: Electric trains don't produce smoke!)
4. How much dirt is in a hole 3 feet deep and 6 feet wide? (Answer: None, because it's a hole!)
5. What can you hold without touching it? (Answer: A conversation!)
6. What has 13 hearts but no other organs? (Answer: A deck of cards!)
7. What's in the middle of Paris? (Answer: The letter "R"!)
8. What belongs to you, but others use it more than you do? (Answer: Your name!)
9. Why did the golfer bring an extra pair of pants? (Answer: In case he got a hole-in-one!)
10. What goes through cities and fields but never moves? (Answer: A road!)
11. It can be cracked, made, told, and played, but it isn't a joke. (Answer: A code!)
12. It can be long or short, grown or bought, painted, or left bare. (Answer: A nail!)



PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 2026-2027



All Lodge Meetings are at our CASTLE HALL

Village of Wesley Hills , Community Room, 432 Route 306, Wesley Hills, NY 10952

May 2026

- Friday, May 1st Regular Meeting with 1st Nomination of Officers, 6:30 PM @ Our Castle Hall,
- Sunday, May 3rd Humanitarian Brunch @ Temple Avodah • Oceanside, NY
- Tuesday, May 12th Rockland County KOP Scholarship Association awards ceremony, Street School Community Center, New City, NY 6:30PM
- Friday, May 22nd Regular Meeting ~ 6:30 PM 2ND NOMINATIONS of officers & ELECTIONS @ Our Castle Hall,
- Friday, May 29th OPEN DINNER OUT ~ Grand Buffet, Ramsey, NJ 6:30 PM

June 2026

- Friday, June 5th Regular Meeting @ Our Castle Hall, 6:30 PM
- Friday, June 19th INSTALLATION OF 2026-2027 OFFICERS 6:30 PM

Have a GREAT SUMMER!!

July 2026

- Friday, July 10th Planning Meeting for upcoming Pythian year. 6:30 PM, Our Castle Hall

FICTIONAL FRATERNITIES OF TV

(PART 1)

Beavers. *Newhart* (CBS : 1982-90). Dick Loudon (Bob Newhart), was an unwilling member in a club that required new members to wear a beaver tail off the back of their pants.

Benevolent Order of the Bison Lodge. *The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis* (CBS : 1959-63). Stingy grocery store owner Herbert T. Gillis (Frank Faylen) was a member.

Brooklyn Patriots. *Life of Riley* (NBC : 1949-58). Chester A. Riley (Jackie Gleason/William Bendix), an aircraft worker living in Los Angeles, and his neighbor Jim Gillis (Sid Tomack/Tom D'Andrea) were members.

Brotherhood Club. *Car 54, Where are You?* (NBC : 1961-63). Police officer Gunther Toody (Joe E. Ross) and his partner, Francis Muldoon (Fred Gwynne) from 53rd Precinct in the Bronx were members.

Brothers of the Forest Lodge 202 *The Ant and the Aardvark* (NBC : September 27, 1970: Season 1, Episode 13 on *The Pink Panther Show*) The Ant's lodge brothers come to his rescue and ruin the Aardvark's plans. [00:00:40] Mirisch-DePatie-Freleng Productions, United Artists (theatrical release). Voices: John Byner. Directed by Art Davis, produced by David H. DePatie, Friz Freleng, written by John W. Dunn.

Loyal Order of Caribou Lodge. *Blondie* (NBC : 1957 ; CBS : 1968-69). Dagwood Bumstead (Arthur Lake/Will Hutchins), and his boss Mr. J. C. Dithers (Florenz Ames/Jim Backus) were members.

Cobra Lodge. *Mama's Family* (NBC/SYN : 1983-1990). Locksmith Vinton Harper (Ken Berry) joined the lodge. Those who violated the Cobra oath were hissed out of the organization along with the chant "He's not fit to be a snake/Chop him up with hoe and rake/Known to all as a disgrace/May the mongoose chew your face." Their secret handshake resembled a weaving, hissing cobra snake. The Cobra's highest ranking officer was the Grand Viper.

Delta Gamma. *Happy Days* (ABC : 1974-84). Richard "Richie" Cunningham (Ron Howard) became a member of this University of Wisconsin fraternity.

Delta House. *Delta House* (ABC : 1979). Faber College, Pennsylvania, fraternity. Based on the movie *National Lampoon's Animal House* (1978) starring John Belushi and Tim Matheson.



The Grand Council
Knights of Pythias
Domain of New York

Proudly invites you to attend a
Testimonial Dinner in honor of

Hon. Bryan Hoffman
Grand Chancellor

&

Hon. Steven Gold
Grand Secretary

Sunday, the Fourteenth of June
Two Thousand Twenty-Six
At One O'clock in the afternoon
Temple Avodah of Oceanside
3050 Oceanside Road
Oceanside, New York 11572
R.S.V.P. by May 29th, 2026

Black Tie Optional

Couverture \$130.00 per person

Interested in Attending The Grand Chancellor's Dinner ??

RAMAPO LODGE MEMBERS,
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GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER

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IN MEMORIAM SMA CRAIG SHINK

RECENTLY, OUR ORDER HAS LOST ONE OF ITS EXTREMELY DEDICATED PYTHIANS, SMA CRAIG SHINK. BRO. CRAIG WAS CHAIRMAN OF GRAND LODGE INSURANCE COMMITTEE, AND HE SERVED MANY YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE KOP DIABETES RESEARCH ASSOCIATION.

HE WAS A GREAT FRIEND OF OUR LODGE.

WE SEND OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO HIS WIFE, AMY, DAUGHTER, NICOLE, STEPSON MATTHEW, AND HIS SISTER DAWN.

WE ALSO, MOURN THE LOSS OF BRO. NEIL FELDFOGEL, LIFE MEMBER PC JULIUS "JULIE" GRAIFMAN, CLARA DINNER, WIFE OF DECEASED BRO. LENNY DINNER, AND NANCY JAVVTIS, WIFE OF BRO. DAVID JAVVTIS. RAMAPO LODGE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SEND THEIR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO THEIR FAMILIES. MAY THEY ALL REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.



RIP

Rest in peace



Did You Know Our Charter is Over

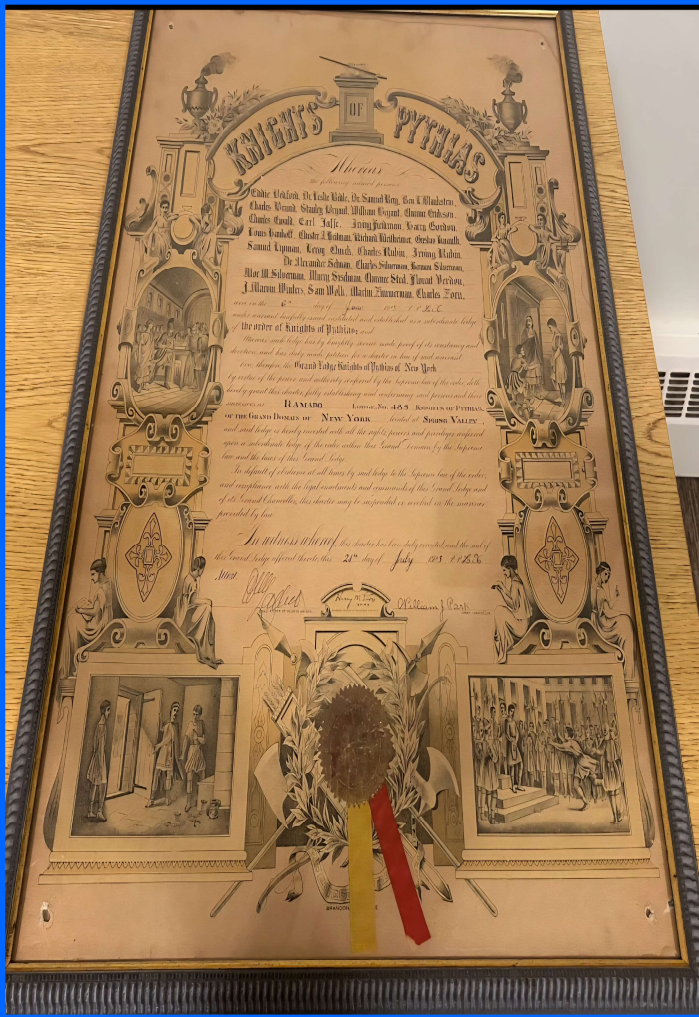
100 Years Old

Pictured Left is Ramapo Lodge No. 485's
Original Charter.

The lodge will be celebrating our 103rd
anniversary on July 24, 2026.

Ramapo's Charter was granted by the
Grand Lodge of the Great Domain of New
York on July 24th, 1923.

William J. Park was Grand Chancellor.



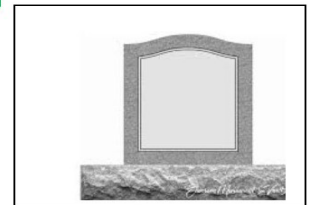
Answers to Do You Know ???

1. (Answer: A tennis ball or a volleyball) • 2. (Answer: A plate)
3. (Answer: Electric trains don't produce smoke) • 4. (Answer: None, because it's a hotel)
5. (Answer: A conversation) • 6. (Answer: A deck of cards) • 7. (Answer: The letter "R") • 8. (Answer: Your name)
9. (Answer: In case he got a hole-in-one) • 10. (Answer: A road) • 11. (Answer: A code) • 12. (Answer: A nail)

Cemetery

Several members have complained about the headstones which have been blackened by weather over the years. The committee has investigated the cost of power washing these stones and found it would be too expensive for the lodge to pay for all of them. Therefore, if any family wishes to clean a particular stone, they may do so by contacting Gene Jackson and paying him directly. His number is 845-596-7584. The cost is \$195.00 for a single headstone and \$325.00 for a double headstone.

Gene stated that the stones will look like new when he is done and should remain so for at least five years.



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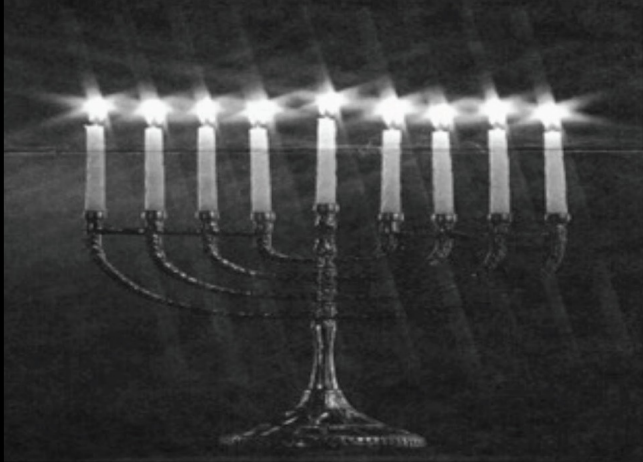
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The Gavel

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Lodge Brother
For generations we have served the Jewish Community with care and compassion, and we will continue offering our unsurpassed service and dedication. We are your friends and neighbors and we will always be here for you.

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