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# The Knightly News

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**Alliance-MidIsland Lodge # 801**

**Friendship, Charity, Benevolence**

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See more inside this newsletter**

My Pythian Brothers,

Spring has arrived and with it comes a renewed sense of community, camaraderie, and purpose. On Saturday, April 18th, we came together for our Spring Food Drive. Thanks to your generosity and hard work, we collected a large amount of food to support local families in need at the powered by Christ food Pantry in N. Massapequa. Your kindness truly reflects the spirit of friendship, Charity, and benevolence that defines our order. Thank you to Andrew Melville for coordinating and running this event.

Mark your Calendars for these exciting upcoming events:

Bowling Sunday, May 17th- Whether you're a seasoned bowler or just in it for fun, all are welcome. This is an open event being run by Marc Becker.

Axe Throwing Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> in Farmingdale. No regular meeting. Test your aim and enjoy a friendly night of competition.

I hope to see everyone at these upcoming events!

Fraternally Yours,

Barry Hyman O.D.

Chancellor Commander

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**NEXT MEETINGS**

**MAY**

**Thursday, May 14th - 8:00 pm**

**Thursday, May 28th - 8:00 pm**

**JUNE**

**Thursday, June 11th 7:00pm AXE THROWING  
COME ONE COME ALL**

**Thursday June 25th - 8:00 pm**

**Our Lodge Home**  
**28 West Carl Street**  
**Hicksville, NY 11801**  
**(Town of Oyster Bay Community Center)**

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**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](mailto: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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**YOUR CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT**

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

50 year members pay \$30.00.

**MISSED APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

<b>FERN FRIED</b>	<b>APRIL 14</b>
<b>SCOTT FRIED</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b>

**MAY BIRTHDAY**

<b>JERRY MARON</b>	<b>MAY 25</b>
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**ANNIVERSARY**

<b>MORTON and BELLE STRIZVER</b>	<b>MAY 21</b>
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**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 brothers, 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.

## **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS**

MAY 14TH FIRST NOMINATION  
 MAY 28TH SECOND NOMINATION and ELECTIONS  
 JUNE 25TH TENTATIVE DATE FOR INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

## **GRAND CHANCELLOR RED JACKET NIGHT**

Red Jacket night on April 23rd was enjoyed by those who came to celebrate our Grand Chancellor, Grand Secretary and Grand Advocate. As usual, a few speeches were entertaining.

## **UP COMING SOCIAL EVENTS**

**Axe Throwing - Thursday, JUNE 11, 2026 AT 7:00PM \$40.00 per person.**  
 PLACE - 11 MICHAEL AVENUE, FARMINGDALE. PACDGC SCOTT GEFFON is taking reservations 516-808-8160

## **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)  
 Corn Hole  
 Smash Things (yes, break things)

## **FAMILY FUN TIME BOWLING IS BE PLANNED**

To Lodge members and their families. The lodge is planning another bowling event which will take place on Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 3:00pm.

**PLACE: LEVITTOWN LANES SOUTH - 56 TANNERS LANE, LEVITTOWN**

This is a fund raising event like the last one. For \$32.00 per person we get 2 hours of unlimited bowling. Includes shoes, pizza and soda. There will be fun, prizes and a 50/50 to help with the fund raising.

All those interested are to make reservations by contacting Marc Becker ([marclbny50@aol.com](mailto:marclbny50@aol.com)) 516-659-3035.

Thanks for your participation in advance.

Fraternally yours, Marc Becker PC.

## **ISLAND HARVEST FOOD DRIVE**

Our food drive on Saturday, April 18th was well attended by our voluntars. The day was active as we collected many pounds of food as well cash to do additional shopping.

Full report next month.



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March 27, 2026

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*Thank you for your support!*

Knights of Pythias  
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Dear Scott,

At its heart, the Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center, formerly known as the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation, is about improving the quality of life for those living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. So, it was with deep gratitude that we received your very kind donation of \$200 in honor of Geri Serkes. Thank you.

Yours is truly a tribute that will directly help families affected by Alzheimer's disease when they need us the most. Individuals with this devastating disease can benefit from cognitive stimulation and enjoy dancing, music and exercise in our social adult day program. For caregivers, it means attending our caregiver support groups where they can share feelings, ideas and talk with others who share the same challenges.

Whether helping families access our day programs, in-home respite or providing compassion and resources through a simple conversation, the Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center will be there; thanks to your decision to honor a special person. And in turn, we will help individuals and families struggling with Alzheimer's find "life worth living" after the diagnosis.

Thank you for remembering Geri Serkes by supporting others through the Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center.

Sincerely,

*Victoria Cohen*

Victoria Cohen, LCSW  
Executive Director

\*No goods or services were provided by the organization in exchange for this contribution.

**Important tax statement:** This letter serves as your receipt for tax purposes. The Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, publicly supported organization, our tax ID number is 11-2926958. Unless noted above, you have not received goods or services in exchange for your gift and your gift is fully tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Whenever I have to fill out a form that asks "who to call in case of emergency" ...


I always put "ambulance" because no one in my family is going to answer a call from an unknown number.

They say 30 is the new 20 & 40 the new 30. All I know is 9pm is the new midnight 😂

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