

CRIERS OFFICERS 2025 – 2026

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2025-2026 MEETINGS Collation 7:00 PM

5/1/2026 Friday	2 nd Nominations / Elections
5/15/2026 Friday	Grand Chancellor Honor Night
6/5/2026 Friday	Installation of Officers
7/17 – 7/19/2026	Criers Lodge Weekend
9/4/2026 Friday	Regular Meeting
9/18/2026 Friday	Deputy Visitation
9/27/2026 Sunday	The Importance of Being Earnest
10/2/2026	Regular Meeting
10/16/2026	Regular Meeting

Dues were mailed. Payment must be received by June 30, 2026. Please remit payment on time to avoid late fees, suspension, loss of Lodge and Benevolent benefits.



Chancellor Commander's Message

Criers Lodge and its members have had an interesting few months. We managed to have three different seasons in a two-week period. We touched on summer for a few days as the temperatures were around 80 followed by a few days of spring and then winter came back and joined us with temperatures starting in the 30s. As we move into May, I sure hope the weather will get a little warmer and that the winter weather will say goodbye until much later in the year. We saw *Man of La Mancha* at the Rockaway theater.

We have plans to go to a Cyclones game. May 15, we will be presenting a gift to Grand Chancellor, Bryan Hoffman and Grand Secretary, Steven Gold; please dress appropriately. Criers is going on a weekend in July to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. Genesis Lodge will be joining us. The more the merrier. We have dinner plans for one night and on the second night a dinner and a show seeing *School of Rock*. As a note for anyone that enjoys gambling, there's a casino 10 minutes away from the hotel We are always looking for new ideas or fun things for us to do. Come on down and join us. Fraternally yours, CC/GVC Brian Klasewitz



Notes and Happenings SLMPDGC Sol Greenberg

We had our first nominations and elections. Congratulations to Brian Hager. He has been a Crier for over 40 years. This is his first time as Chancellor Commander. We wish him well. Twenty people went to *Man of La Mancha*, at the Rockaway Theatre, which was originally postponed. To me, the story was easy to relate to because it is the story of my life with Criers. By the end, things get better. For those that don't attend meetings, you are missing out on all the hard work you did that put this lodge in the position to enjoy what you helped us achieve. If this does not make sense it is because you have not attended our meetings. Please read our newsletter to learn what is going on with Criers. As always, I urge you to attend meetings. Have a great summer. Sincerely Sol



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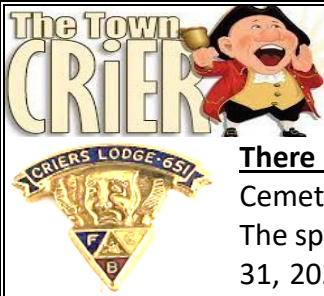
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CDGC ALEX NEEDELMAN HOMECOMING

On April 21, The Master of Ceremonies, Sir Barry Wiener opened the Homecoming of Chief Alex Needelman with 56 people in attendance. Grand Prelate, Craig Cligfeld gave the Invocation. Dignitaries were introduced by the Acting Grand Master of Arms, Lewis Smith. After Grand Chancellor Bryan, Hoffman was introduced, the festivities began. Allan Kaplan spoke about how their fathers met during World War II. Allan has known Alex for over 60 years. Allan sponsored Alex and spoke about Alex's growth in the lodge and the Order. Lenny Strum spoke about how Alex is always willing to help others and is a hard worker. Deputy Alan Paul Katz stated that he enjoyed working with Alex this year and Alex was always available when Alan called for advice. Deputy Steven Needelman, Alex's son, stated that it was an honor working together with his father Alex this year and he hopes his father will go further in the Order. Sir Ron Degen stated that Alex did a great job as



Chief and thanked Alex for taking on the role of Chief this year. Sir Joseph Robinson spoke and stated that Alex was one of Joe's Assistant Chiefs when he was Chief many years ago. Joe said that Alex was a great Assistant Chief. Grand Outer Guard David Salem said that he loves Alex and he was his mentor. David Salem and "The Lovely" Lea Salem presented Alex and his son Steven Needelman a laptop computer, **WITH A CAMERA**, to help him attend ZOOM meetings. Grand Inner Guard Sheldon Miller and Grand Master of Arms Paul Barth spoke about the great job that Alex has been doing this year. Grand Secretary Steve Gold said he hopes to work with Alex while serving on the Grand Council. Steve stated that he knows Alex did a great job as Chief and will do a great job on the Grand Council. Grand Prelate Craig Kligfeld and Grand Vice Chancellor

Brian Klasewitz stated that Alex did a great job this year and they look forward to working with him on the Grand Council. Past Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick stated that Alex did a phenomenal job as Chief and wished him luck on the Council. DSC Harvey Rosenshein extends his wishes and Supreme Chancellor Donald Stamm's best wishes. The man of many titles and the greatest roaster in the Order, Sir Michael Sukenick launched a few suggested jokes. He presented Alex with his Coat of Arms (a styrofoam shield with three needles) and an "old" sign from his "grandparents" "Needle" store (also made from styrofoam). Michael had the audience hysterically laughing. Sir Roger Siegel presented Chief Alex, on behalf of the Imperial Palace, a DOKK travel mug. Supreme Representative Sir Robert Ross congratulated Alex on his great work this year and he expects Alex to keep up the great work. Supreme Representative Sir Jordan Levy reminisced about how long he knows Alex, over 40 years. He hopes Alex goes further on in the Order. Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman thanked everyone for coming out to honor his Chief Alex this year. He told Alex to keep the Order strong. Sir Barry Wiener stated that he has known Alex for over 30 years. Alex made an impression as Deputy, and they have become longtime friends. Barry stated that Alex does a lot for Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge and that he is a quiet but great leader. Alex thanked everyone for showing up to his Homecoming. Alex spoke about how he became a Pythian and thanked his team for the wonderful jobs they did this year. He stated that Sir Joel Bergenfeld knew that when Bryan Hoffman became Grand Chancellor, Alex would be his Chief. Alex was very appreciative and thanked many people. Sincerely, GOG David

After postponement, we went to see Man of La Mancha on Saturday April 18 at The Rockaway Theatre.



THEATRE NIGHT Sunday September 27 at 2:00, we will be going to The Rockaway Theatre Company to see The Importance of Being Earnest. Dinner at Perry's afterwards \$25 per member. Non-members \$20 per ticket and separate restaurant check. Checks payable to Criers Lodge #651. We have 30 tickets, first come first served. Mail to David Salem 245 Sunnyside Road Oceanside, NY 11572



GRAND CHANCELLOR HONOR NIGHT

On Friday, May 15, 2026, Criers Lodge will honor the Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman and Grand Secretary Steven Gold. These two have worked extremely hard for our Order. Their dedication and commitment to our Order is extraordinary. Proper attire required.



CRIERS WEEKEND On July 17 – 19 Criers Lodge will be going to Bethlehem, PA for a weekend, which includes hotel, breakfast and dinner. The cost is \$400 per member and spouse. Single members pay \$300. Limited number of rooms, first come first served. Members must be in good standing and have already paid their dues for the 2026/2027 Pythian year. For more information contact GOG David Salem (516) 655-4469 BRDWAYDAVE@aol.com



Friday, June 5 at 7:00 at our Castle Hall, 2750 Gerritsen Ave, DGC Steven Needelman will be installing our officers at our FREE Installation Dinner. **RESERVATIONS A MUST BY 5/15/2024** with Recording Secretary, GOG David Salem (516) 655-4469 BRDWAYDAVE@aol.com.



Our condolences are extended to the families of: Seymour, Beneroff, Charlyne Krauss, Lawrence Marshall, Mel Mason, Eugene Metz and Arnold Simon
May their souls rest in everlasting peace.

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THE PYTHIAN ORDER AND CRIERS LODGE ARE NOW ACCEPTING WOMEN!!!! For more information and an application please contact GOG David Salem. We currently have 3 women who attend meetings.



The World is composed of "Sniffers", "Weepers" and "Criers" predominating – O Henry

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