



ISLAND LODGE # 623

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

March 2026



The Chancellor Commander's Message

My Island Lodge Pythian Brothers:

Good day, May and June are here. The weather will change, I promise. It would be great to see members at our events. We have bowling on Sunday May 17th at Levittown Bowling Lanes. More information inside this news letter. June 11th will be Axe throwing.

All members are too look inside and decide to be more involved.

As June approaches, we will be looking for members to step up and become an officer of the lodge. It is so important to be involved and attend meetings is important to continue this lodge. Any any all members are asked to come to our events and meetings. Let's keep Island Lodge viable

As always, I am very appreciative to the members who have been come to our meetings.

A last notification and alert, we need to hear from you concerning the letter about our lodge's future. You must bet at the May 21st meeting to determine the future.

PLANNING DISCUSSION AND VOTE THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026.

THERE WILL BE A BENEVOLENT MEETING AFTER THE MAY 21ST REGULAR MEETING. VERY IMPORTANT TO ATTEND

As always, if anyone has an activity that they would like us to schedule, please let me know. Please reach out to me.

Fraternally, CC Michael DiBlasio PACDGC

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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APRIL BIRTHDAY
Marty Kessleman 19th

MAY BIRTHDAYS
Brandon Abbe 29th

NEXT MEETINGS WILL BE

Thursday, May 7th	7:45 pm
Thursday, May 21st First nominations of officers	7:45 pm
Thursday, June 4th Second nominations and elections	7:45 pm
Thursday, June 18th	7:45 pm

CONTACT INFORMATION NEEDED

We require contact information. Without it, **benevolent benefits can not be guaranteed.** The information we have on record may not be correct.

So, to maybe not lose benefits, provide contact information to Jonathan Zweibel at zwibble1987@gmail.com or (631) 793-5079.

From the Desk of The Editor-in-Chief CC, Michael DiBlasio
I am looking for Birthday and Anniversary to add to our newsletter.

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Collation Committee: OPEN	

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)

FINAL-POSTING FOR THOSE WHO MAY NOT HAVE READ

Dear Brothers,

We hope everyone is well and healthy. However, it has become increasingly clear that Island Lodge is not doing well. As we go through this year, we began and still continue to propose events to bring members to get more involved. Whether it's attending our meetings or our social events (which most are subsidized) we need better participation.

Our lodge is not going through growing pains any longer but more like shrinkage pains. It has become more and more consistently difficult to fill the lodge meetings and collect our dues and generally there is not enough participation from our brotherhood. We are not sure if this is because you have lost interest or moved away without letting us know or if it's just because you are older and don't have a ride to get to us.

Over the last few months those of us that have been at the meetings have started to express an interest in looking to determine what direction Island Lodge is heading.

As such, is joining or merging with another Lodge worth entertaining? The benefits of doing this would see a greater participation in meeting and events. We could have more frequent events that would hopefully make you to want to participate with us more frequently.

We would keep the Island Lodge fraternal benefits the same if not better. And if you have reserved a burial plot in the past nothing will change for that either.

Now that this letter is published, we will be sending out meeting notifications in the coming weeks and months so you can come to our meetings and express (in person) any of your concerns or approvals or other ideas to sustain Island Lodge on its own.

Other possible outcomes would to sustain ourselves with more participation or a merger with another lodge. The idea of a merger (or absorption) needs to be addressed. Therefore, it is very important to just come and spend a time with your brothers to address the state of our lodge.

After we have group conversations about what we are thinking of doing, we will send out notice of a vote to decide the lodge's direction. As our bylaws state, you will need to be in attendance to place your vote for or against any motions or changes otherwise. Without attending the vote or voicing your opinion, it will be assumed that you are in favor of whatever decision is made.

Again, it cannot be expressed enough, to please join us more often to enjoy your brothers and their company. No one is that bad, we actually have laughs at meetings these days. And the benefits of this wonderful organization that you have built over the last 50+ years are you're for the taking. Our meeting is still the first and third Thursday of every month unless stated otherwise.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. We welcome any and all comments and suggestions.

Fraternally,

CC Michael DiBlasio and interested Brothers who are very much involved.

Prelate's Corner.

The past couple of weeks have been very sad for Island Lodge because we lost two brothers who were dedicated Pythian's and very nice guys.

We lost Bob Krinsky who was an active member of the lodge until almost his final days. Bob worked on our collation committee for many years. He always has a smile on his face and a warm greeting for any one he met.

Also Abe Fremeth passed away a couple of of months before his 97th birthday. Just like Bob, Abe always has a warm greeting and a smile for all of his brothers at the lodge. Both of these men would have gone out of the way to help any brother in need.

Condolences to both of these families. Both brothers will most certainly be missed at the lodge.

PACDGC Bob Mann is recuperating from a serious foot infection. He is in rehab at the Gurwin Rehab facility in Commack. Hope to see him back in action at the meetings very soon.

It's good to see Sandy Smith back at the meetings after being out a while with another foot infection.

Get well wishes to Jerry DiBlasio, father of our Chancellor Commander Mike DiBlasio. He has been admitted to a nursing facility in Florida. We all hope his health improves.

Congratulations to Millie Blum, daughter of brother Josh Blum and my granddaughter on celebrating her Bat Mitzvah on June 6.

If you have any news that you would like to see in this column, please contact me at mnyear@gmail.com.

Fraternally:

Sir Marty Nyear, Prelate

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) 516-659-3035.

Thanks for your participation in advance.

Fraternally yours, Marc Becker PC.

People born in the 50's have lived in 7 decades, 2 centuries & 2 millenniums. We had the best music, fastest cars, Drive-in theaters, soda fountains & happy days. And we are not even that old yet, we're just that cool.



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Me: Yeah, but the "L" is silent.

The Sarcastic Women

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Island Lodge meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, in person. Except the summer months.

If anyone needs a ride to the meetings, please contact our Chancellor Commander, Michael DiBlasio as soon as possible.

If you do not know, we are meeting at the Chai Center
501 Vanderbilt Parkway
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Also see us on facebook www.facebook.com/groups/kopislandlodge623

Directions:

Exit 51 North (Deer Park Road) to Vanderbilt Parkway. Center will be on your left. There is plenty of parking



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