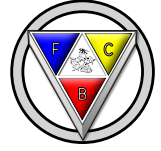




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All meetings are held at the Georgia Diner, located on Queens Blvd., in East Elmhurst,
just West of the LIE, Grand Central Pkwy., and Van Wyck Expy. (See Page 2).

Complimentary lunch is ordered/served at 12 Noon, with the meeting commencing at 1 PM.

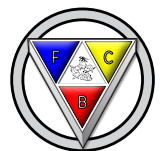
All meetings are projected to be completed by 2:30 PM so that attendees can be
on their way prior to late afternoon traffic.

NOTE: Meeting Dates can be subject to change;
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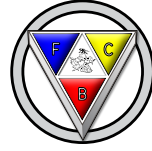


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THE GRAND LODGE
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Grand Lodge Scholarship Program offers \$4,000 in awards for four-year college programs and \$2,000 for two-year college programs. A parent must be a New York State Pythian for two years before applying and remain in good standing for the term of the scholarship.

If you have a grandchild in 10th grade, you should sponsor their parent(s) so that they can apply for 2028. Current 12th graders with a parent already a Pythian may apply now for 2026 awards. For applications and further details contact Chairman, Sir Michael Sukenick: sirmike2012@gmail.com.

A worthy program indeed, considering currently escalating costs for colleges. Every source of funds can be most helpful.





Chancellor Commander's Message



by C.C.Henry Gutterman



Greetings My Fellow Knights,

As you can read there are many important events and programs ongoing within our Lodge as well as Grand Lodge, that merit your attention. The information concerning the ongoing Scholarship Program could be most helpful both financially and in bringing in the next generation of membership into our Lodge.

Don't forget the "Last Call" for our Brunch this month; it is always a great afternoon with our Pythian family.

We still are looking for additional candidates for the Ranks to be held on June 10th.

Finally, give some thought to our subsidized cost factor for the Grand Chancellor's Dinner, on Page 4.

Lastly, our Florida Reunion Day Brunch was held in Florida in cool weather, but it was certainly a lot better than the weather that blanketed the NY area that weekend. Over 60 people attended and everyone enjoyed the facility, the food and service, as well as the entertainment.

Special kudos to our Chairman, PGC/PSR Irv Margulies who organized the day for all of our members and guests.

Hope to see you all on the 16th.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

PACDGC Henry Gutterman
Editor-In-Chief





OUR “SPRINGTIME” BRUNCH

We are bringing back our members’ “get-together” Brunch this Spring, on Saturday, May 16th, 12 Noon, at Vivo’s Caterers in Bayside, Queens. They are conveniently located where the Cross Island Parkway and the Clearview Expressway meet. There is on-site parking, just adjacent to the building and, weather permitting, this will be an outdoor event on their outdoor patio facility.

There will be no cost for members and spouses/significant others, and widowed members of the Triangle Association and their escorts. This is Members Only function, and advance reservations must be made! No Walk-Ons!

You can email your reservations to the email address on Page 2 along with any seating requests. If you are going to be part of a group, please appoint one person to be the “Captain”, who will make the reservations for the group. We will send out the table number to that person about a week prior. There will not be a registration table.

The cut-off date for ALL reservations is May 8th. This is a “casual dress” day, but no shorts, etc. A Special Note: This is a premier sports weekend, but we will not conflict with any events you may be wanting to view: .

If you are a baseball fan, the Yankees are playing the Mets, but it is a night game at 7:15 PM; If you are a horse racing fan, this is the day of the second leg of the Triple Crown, the Preakness, but posttime is at 6:45 PM.

So, you’ll have plenty of time to get home as we’ll be done by 4 PM.

“Come out and see some old friends, and make some new ones.”

GRAND CHANCELLOR’S “DINNER”

The Grand Lodge has announced that the Annual function in Honor of the Grand Chancellor, this year honoring GC Bryan Hoffman, will be held on Sunday, June 14th, 2026, commencing at 1 PM at Temple Avodah, in Oceanside, Long Island. This is always a gala affair and we hope that you will attend. While the “Retail Rate” for tickets is \$130.00 per person, Knickerbocker Lodge will be subsidizing this event, so that it will only cost you \$65.00 per person. Check should be made payable to Knickerbocker Lodge, and can be mailed to our mailing address on Page 2. Let’s come out and thank GC Bryan for his efforts on behalf of us all.





KNICKERBOCKER TO HOST A THREE-IN-ONE RANK!



“We’re looking for a few good men,” and Women, of course.

Knickerbocker Lodge is going to Host a Three-In-One Rank later this Spring, on Wednesday, June 10th, 2026, at Vivo’s Bayside. This will be a DAYTIME event: We will provide a buffet brunch at 12 Noon, with the Ranks thereafter, and projected to be completed around 3:30 PM. There is also onsite parking, as well as elevator access, as we will be using the second floor facility.

The brunch will be complimentary for the members of the Grand Lodge Ritual Team any other members of the Grand Council, as well as for all Candidates and their sponsors accompanying them.

As you all know our Order is non-sectarian, so that all are welcome to join, regardless of religious or cultural affiliations. You all are also reminded that the Lodge is open to membership by the spouses/significant others of candidates, and also significant others of widowed members of the Triangle Association. This is also the occasion to bring into Membership, various relatives (i.e, sons, sons-in-law, grandchildren, male or female, and, yes, even your brother-in-law).

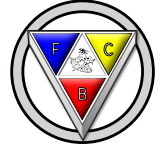
As far as fees, our annual billing for dues is on July 1st; however, due to the fact that our Candidates will be joining in June, their dues payments of \$70.00 will carry them thru June 30th, of 2027. There will also be a one-time administrative fee of \$25.00, so that the total cost will be \$95.00 per person, regardless of age.

In order to receive Membership Application forms, kindly send a request to the email address on Page 2, and it will be sent out to whomever you designate.

So, here is an opportunity to bring in candidates, without having to travel to Gerritson Avenue in Brooklyn for the evening. No excuses! Don’t procrastinate; bring in some new members!

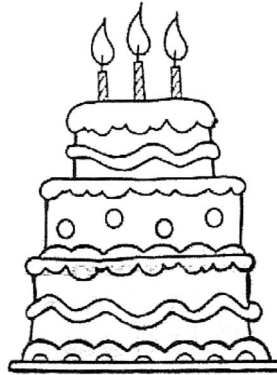
SPECIAL NOTE: If there are Lodge members that would like to attend for lunch and stay to witness the ritualistic conference of the Three-In-One activities, there are **NO WALK-ONS**. You must make an advance reservation by using the email address on Page 2. The cut-off date for advance reservations is May 22nd, 2026. This is a “closed” Rank/Meeting.





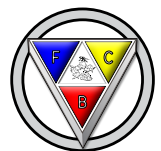
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| 11 Iris Braun | | 30 Margaret Reiter |
| | | 31 Janet Krane |



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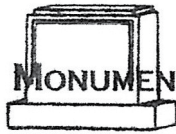
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What It Means to Be a Naturalized American

TO THE EDITOR:

Re "You Can't Denaturalize Me," by Carlos Lozada (column, Jan. 25):

Mr. Lozada's excellent essay about what it means to be a naturalized American moved me deeply. It reminded me of my late father, Eddy Courts.

A Jewish engineer and composer, born in Poland and educated in France, he managed to escape from Europe during World War II and find his way to Brazil before marrying and settling in the United States in 1946.

Here, he raised a family while writing music and founding a company with offices around the world, earning a presidential "E"

award for excellence in exports along the way.

But his proudest moment was when he became a U.S. citizen, swearing allegiance to a country he had admired his whole life. Eager to assimilate, he nevertheless recalled with wonder and appreciation that the judge presiding over his naturalization ceremony enjoined the group of new Americans:

"Do not forget your own cultures and traditions. Sing your songs. Make your foods. Speak your languages. Your ideas, your energy, your courage make us all stronger."

If only we saw more of that sentiment today.

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