

The Gavel

Calendar of Events & Times

**JUNE 2026
EDITION**

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

June:

- JUNE 5:** DINNER OUT AT GRAND BUFFET, RAMSEY, NJ, 6:30PM (SUBSIDY TO BE DETERMINED)
JUNE 8: HABIBI TEMPLE DOKK INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. CLOSED. • CRAB SHANTY, CITY ISLAND, NY 7:00PM
JUNE 12: REGULAR CLOSED MEETING AT OUR CASTLE HALL, 6:30PM
JUNE 14: GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER.
TEMPLE AVODAH, OCEANSIDE, NY. 1PM. SEE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE GAVEL.
JUNE 19: INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, OPEN MEETING, AT OUR CASTLE HALL, 7:00 PM
JUNE 22: 72ND. DISTRICT CONVENTION WITH INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, @ NEW 304 DINER, 6:30PM
JUNE 29-30: GRAND LODGE CONVENTION,
ROMA VIEW CATERING, HOWARD BEACH, NY. SEE ARTICLE IN THIS ISSUE OF THE GAVEL.

July:

JULY 10TH PLANNING MEETING FOR UPCOMING PYTHIAN YEAR. 6:30 PM, OUR CASTLE HALL

SEE PAGE 5
FOR A DETAILED
CALENDAR
FOR THE YEAR

Award Winning
2022-2023 Newsletter

*Reminder ; The Final Date that
All Articles Are Due for the
September 2026 issue of "The Gavel"
is July 31st, 2026*



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

Coverte \$130.00 per person

Interested in Attending The Grand Chancellor's Dinner ??

RAMAPO LODGE MEMBERS,
AS WELL AS NON MEMBERS,
CAN ATTEND THE
GRAND CHANCELLOR'S DINNER
AT A COST OF \$ 130.00
FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
DSC HARVEY S. ROSENSHEIN • 845/425-3059
NO LATER THAN MAY 29TH, 2026
Make checks payable to: RAMAPO LODGE
MAIL TO: DSC Harvey S. Rosenshein,
8 GLADE COURT • NEW CITY, NY 10956-1546

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

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PYTHIAS**

**Chancellor Commander
Alan Paul Katz**

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| Alternate Dist. Rep. | Harvey Rosenshein
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CEMETERY / BENEFITS

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Arnold Seidman 201/327-8740



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SUNSHINE / VISITATIONS

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TO ALL MEMBERS:

Please notify all changes of address and/or telephone numbers to the membership committee.
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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 (June 2026)



The Summer is upon us with the three "H's, Hazy, Hot and Humid." I am not a fan of this weather and since May 12th, was my first Anniversary living in Rockland County, I have been preparing for it.

Originally, I wrote in NCOLR Bulletin that I will not serve as Chancellor Commander of Ramapo and after careful consideration realized that was not a wise decision. If I do not run the meeting orderly the brothers in attendance politely correct me and I try to learn from my errors.

This month of May, we had Honor nights at AOH in the Gerritsen Beach section of Brooklyn, New York for our Grand Chancellor, Bryan Hoffman and our Grand Secretary/Grand Chancellor Steven H. Gold. I cannot emphasize that these two people have, and are, going above and beyond in helping the Pythian Order with their hard work and dedication. It would be unfair not to mention that we have several other brothers in 72nd District that are just as dedicated.

This upcoming Pythian Year, I will become Assistant Chief and will show the same courtesy to my Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor, Steven Needleman, as I did this Pythian year that will shortly end.

I want to thank the following people who always pitch in with the Ramapo Collation. In fairness it will be done in alphabetical order by last name. Steven H. Gold, Erwin and Susan Grill and Harvey Rosenshein.

I want to wish my Pythian family a Happy and Healthy upcoming Summer and Independence Day celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Fraternally yours,

Alan Paul Katz

Alan Paul Katz, Chancellor Commander

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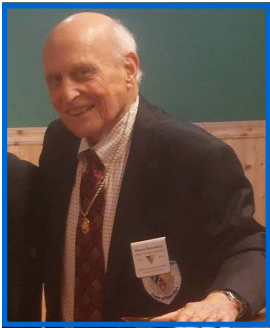
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Hello From The Editor-in-Chief, Harvey Rosenshein



Dear Brothers and Friends:

Our Pythian year is coming to a close shortly, and I wish to thank our Chancellor Commander of Ramapo Lodge, No. 485, DGC Alan Paul Katz, for his leadership of our lodge this year. Alan did a yeoman's job of leading our lodge, this Pythian year, and should be commended for it. He was always helpful in setting up our Castle Hall for our meetings, in ritual order. Alan was always there to help clean up after our collations, and to make sure the room was returned in the way we found it.

Alan wore many hats this year, those being: a Deputy Grand Chancellor, President of the 72nd Pythian District, and Chancellor Commander of New City Orangetown Lakes Region Lodge, as well as our lodge. He is a true Pythian! We are fortunate that he has located to Rockland County and is able to attend both lodge's meetings and functions. Ramapo Lodge wishes him continued success in the future, with his Pythian career.

I look forward to seeing many brothers at our planning meeting in July, as we will be planning our future events and meetings for the upcoming Pythian year. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas for events you would like the lodge to undertake.

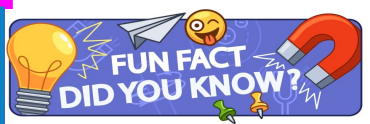
Fraternally yours,

Harvey Rosenshein

Editor-In-Chief



TRIVIA



Do You Know ???

1. What has a neck but no head?
2. I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I?
3. How many animals did Moses take on the Ark?
4. What has a head and a tail but no body?
5. What's full of holes but still holds water?
6. What can travel around the world while staying in the same spot?
7. What runs but never walks, has a bed but never sleeps?
8. You can hear but never see it—it only exists when created.
9. If you were in a race and passed the person in last place, what place would you be in?
10. What can fill a room but take up no space?
11. It has a ring, but no fingers get answered. It never asks questions.
12. It sounds like a single letter but is made up of three. Removing the first letter doesn't change its sound.



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**

June 2026

- Friday June 5: Dinner Out at Grand Buffet, Ramsey, NJ, 6:30PM
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- Monday June 8: Habibi Temple DOKK installation of officers. closed.
Crab Shanty, City Island, NY 7:00PM
- Friday June 12: Regular closed meeting at our Castle Hall, 6:30PM
- Sunday June 14: Grand Chancellor's Dinner.
Temple Avodah, Oceanside, NY. 1PM. (See article in this issue of the Gavel.)
- Friday June 19: Installation of Officers, open meeting, at our Castle Hall, 7:00 PM
- Monday June 22: 72nd District Convention with Installation of Officers, @New 304 Diner, 6:30PM
- June 29-30: Grand Lodge Convention,
Roma View Catering, Howard Beach, NY. See article in this issue of the Gavel.

July 2026

- Friday July 10: Planning Meeting at our Castle Hall, 6:30PM

FICTIONAL FRATERNITIES OF TV (PART 2)

Fraternal Order of the Bass. *Laverne and Shirley* (ABC : 1976-83). Lenny Kosnoski (Michael McKean) and Andrew "Squiggy" Squigman (David L. Lander), two brewery truck drivers, were members.

Glorious Guardians of Good. *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman* (SYN : 1976-77). Automobile assembly line worker Tom Hartman (Greg Mullavey) was a member. The head of the lodge was the Keeper of the Keys, also known as "Massah".

International Possum Brotherhood, Chapter 11. *Red Green* (1990-) Red Green (Steve Smith) ran a hunting lodge called Possum Lodge. Their motto was Quondo Omni Flunkus Moritati (When all else fails, play dead.)

Kings of Queens. *All in the Family* (CBS : 1971-78). Archie Bunker (Carroll O'Connor), a loading dock foreman, was a member. The head of the New York brotherhood was called the Grand Potentate. All members received prepaid burial insurance after twenty years. Their lodge hat was a golden fez with blood red lining. The lodge phone number was 555-4378.

Knights Of The Scimitar. *Cheers* (NBC : 1982-93). Clifford Claven (John Ratzenberger) was a member of this alcohol-free lodge.

Leopard Lodge. *Happy Days* (ABC : 1974-84). Milwaukee hardware store owner Howard Cunningham (Tom Bosley) was a Grand Poobah of Leopard Lodge No. 462. The lodge regalia was a leopard skin covered fez with a red top and black tassel.

Loyal Order of Dinosaurs. *Hot Lips Hannigan* (ABC : 1960). Before Fred Flintstone and Barney Rubble belonged to the Loyal Order of Water Buffaloes they were members of the Loyal Order of Dinosaurs.

Loyal Order of Water Buffalos. *The Flintstones* (ABC : 1960-66). First called the "Loyal Order of Dinosaurs," members included Fred Flintstone (voice of Alan Reed) and Barney Rubble (voice of Mel Blanc). Lead by the Grand Pooh-Bah, their headdress was a large furry hat with a set of horns and the password was "Ack, Ack, A-Dak."

Mallard Lodge. *Step by Step* (ABC : 1991-98). Construction company owner, Frank Lambert (Patrick Duffy) was a member.

Moron Union. *The Three Stooges.* Larry, Moe and Curly Joe belonged to the Moron Union whose theme song was: "We are Morons, through and through, Let us sing our song for you...."

Mystic Knights of the Sea. *The Amos 'n' Andy Show* (CBS : 1951-53). Amos Jones (Alvin Chidress), Andrew "Andy" Brown (Spencer Williams) were members; George Stevens (Tim Moore) was the lodge's head "Kingfish".

ROCKLAND COUNTY KOP SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

The Rockland County Scholarship Association had a very successful event on May 12. The awards ceremony was held at the Street School Community Center in New City. The event was well attended by members of both lodges in Rockland, as well as guests. Eight college bound seniors from high schools in Rockland County were awarded scholarships from the Association. The students receiving awards, were judged on their community service, academics, and a written essay on the tenets of our order, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence. The keynote speaker was Bob Axelrod, Councilman of the Town of Clarkstown, who gave a very inspiring speech. Each recipient was given a check, along with certificates from County Executive Ed Day, as well as Clarkstown Supervisor, George Hoehmann. They also received a certificate from the Rockland County KOP Scholarship Association.



REX PRESENTS GC BRYAN HOFFMAN WITH THE SWORDS OF DEFENSE

On May 9th, 2026 at AOH in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, Rex Lodge presented the Swords of Defense to Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman and the Lady of the Knight to our First Lady Theresa Hoffman. That's Our own DSC Harvey Rosenshein helping preside over the ceremony presenting Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman with the Sword of Defense..the turn out was wonderful as always and it was a fabulous ceremony and presentation.



RIP

Rest in peace



IN MEMORIAM PC ALVIN APPEL

RAMAPO OFFICERS AND MEMBERS SEND THEIR DEEPEST REGRETS ON THE PASSING OF PC ALVIN APPEL, TO HIS WIFE, RHODA, AND FAMILY.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND PACDGC HERB APPEL.

AL WAS A LIFE MEMBER OF RAMAPO LODGE NO. 485.

MAY HE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

RIP

Rest in peace





Grand Lodge of Domain of New York Convention



The 158th Annual Convention of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias State of New York Monday to Tuesday, June 29-June 30, 2026, at Roma View Caterers, Howard Beach, NY.

Monday will be business meeting from 8:00Am to 6:00PM.

Tuesday will be installation of officers, from 11:00AM to 3PM.

If you wish to attend,

YOU MUST notify DSC Harvey S. Rosenshein, by June 7, 2026, latest.

Cost for attendance at both days is at a cost of \$195.00 per person.

If attending only the second day, which is installation of incoming Grand Lodge Officers, the cost is \$90.00 per person.

There will be Continental breakfast and Buffet lunch on first day of convention, with plated luncheon on Tuesday.

Checks must be made out to Ramapo Lodge No. 485, with indication in memo section for GL Convention.

Answers to Do You Know ???

1. (Answer: A bottle!) • 2. (Answer: A barber!) • 3. (Answer: None—it was Noah!) • 4. (Answer: A coin!)
 5. (Answer: A sponge!) • 6. (Answer: A stamp!) • 7. (Answer: A river!) • 8. (Answer: An echo!)
 9. (Answer: You can't pass the last person!) • 10. (Answer: Light!) • 11. (Answer: A telephone!) • 12. (Answer: A bee / B)

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.



RAMAPO LODGE (KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS)
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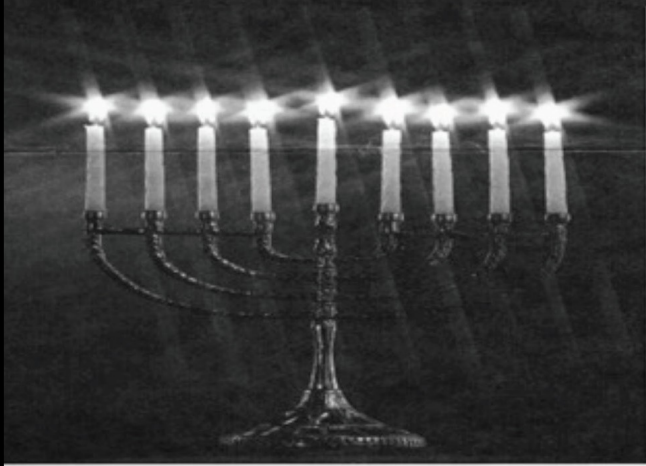
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Happy 250th
Birthday, America



“We Help People”

The Gavel

Observing Jewish Funeral Customs and Traditions



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.

Hellman Memorial Chapels

Steven C. Dranow, PDGC
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Special allowance to Pythian Brothers and their families.

