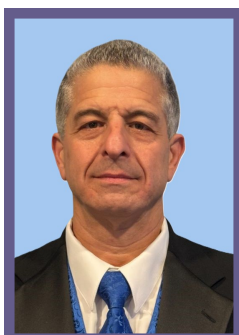


# Pythian Knight

Spring 2026



## A message from Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman

"With my **Team**, the **Council**, the **Committee Chairs** and willing **Members** I will work to strengthen Grand Lodge by staying involved and active."

*My vision for the future of our beloved Order is simple, but powerful—  
"Health and Friendship."*

I encourage every one of us to focus on our health and well-being, so we can remain active, engaged, and able to promote the value that binds us: Friendship. Because that friendship when nurtured becomes the spark that invites others in.

*And membership, as we know, is the lifeline of our future.*

*Read the entire message at*

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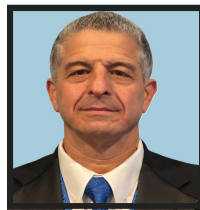
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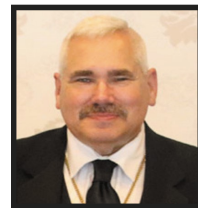
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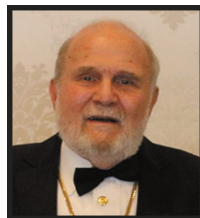
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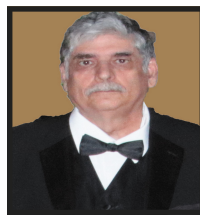
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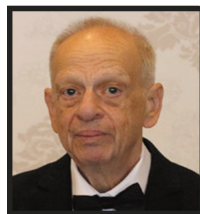
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## *Grand Chancellor's Team*

### *Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor*

Alex Needelman (Esquire Goodfellowship #635)

### *Assistants to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor*

46th District - Stuart Teicher (Majestic #109)

72nd District - Susan Grill (Ramapo #485)

### *Deputy Grand Chancellor*

72nd District:

Alan Paul Katz (Wendell Wilkie #473)

2nd, 46th & 3rd Districts:

Steven Needelman (Esquire Goodfellowship #635)

Rochester - Mark Adelman

Albany - Harold Rokowitz

# PYTHIAN CHARITIES

## PYTHIANS DONATE \$4,500 TO SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Special Olympics was held on Saturday September 20 at 9:00 at Cantiague Park in Hicksville. Thank you to all for showing up and making a difference. The Special Olympics mission strives to create a better world by fostering the acceptance and inclusion of all people through the power of sports. The Special Olympians discover new strengths and abilities, skills and success. These athletes find joy, confidence and fulfillment on the playing field and in life. They also inspire people in their communities and elsewhere to open their hearts to a wider world of human talents and potential. Thank you to The Humanitarian Fund, Harmony Lodge, and Michael DiBlasio for their generous donations. We raised \$4,500 and were the Golf Scorers for the Special Olympians.

- GOG David Salem Chairman.Chairman

(Pictured @ left) GOG / Co-Chairman David Salem, along with other Pythian participants, presenting a check to the Special Olympics Liaisons

### KOP was Feeling the Luck of the Irish!!



Members of the Knights of Pythias showing their support of the Gerritsen Beach community as they joined the neighborhood St. Patrick's Day parade on March 28, 2026.

Pictured Above are: GC Bryan Hoffman, GVC Brian Klasewitz, GP Craig Kligfeld, PCDGC Robert Fletcher, PACDGC Bruce Solomon, VC David Steur and Josh Birnbaum for marching in the parade.

### ● PYTHIANS VISIT CALVARY HOSPITAL ●

On August 25, 2025 We presented a check to Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. Here is what they posted on their Facebook page.

Calvary extends a warm welcome and thank you to The Knights of Pythias from the Domain of New York, who visited with us recently and presented Calvary with a very generous donation. We are grateful for your enduring support and contributions to our community over the last 35 years and deeply thankful for the ways you have brought the Knights' values of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence to life at Calvary. The Knights were founded after the Civil War to heal the wounds of conflict and unite people of goodwill — a mission which is as relevant and meaningful as ever. We are honored to have your steadfast support.

Thank you,  
Knights of Pythias.



(Pictured, from left to right, are Knights brothers PDSC Michael Sukenick ↑↑, PDSC Roger Siegel, GC Bryan Hoffman, and DSC Harvey Rosenshein with Calvary President Michael J. Fosina, MPH, FACHE, center.



On Sunday, October 4, 2025, many Pythians participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's® in East Meadow, NY. The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. The New York Knights of Pythias continue to come out yearly and support this GREAT cause, so that hopefully, one day, there is a cure.

Our Pythian team raised \$2,470.00. Thank you to all who participated and donated to fight this dreadful disease.

Special thanks to PCDGC/AGT Sir Marty Nyear and PACDGC Scott Geffon for being our team leaders.

# 2026 Diabetes Calendars are NOW available!!

Calendars are good for all of 2026

- Cost per Calendar is \$20.00 for the entire year. •

To purchase a Calendar, please send \$20.00 for each 2026 Calendar you wish to purchase with a check payable to: KoP Diabetes Research Assn. And mail it to:

Attn: SR "Sir" Jordan Levy, 71 S Central Ave, Ste PH2, Valley Stream, NY 11580

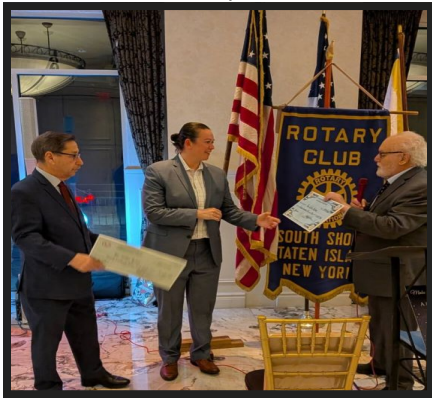
Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call SR Sir Jordan Levy, President of the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association, at (917) 841-6881.

## PYTHIANS MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE!

On Tuesday March 24, 2026 Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge and its Charity, The William Wernicoff Children's Foundation (The Dixie Fund), partnered up with The South Shore Rotary Club for "A Magical Knight", "Make a Dream Come True" event at The Vanderbilt on Staten Island. The Dixie Fund made a Dream Come True for 2 young adult cancer patients. The recipients of this year's awards were selected with help from local Pediatric Oncology Medical Centers. Many people from Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge, The South Shore Rotary Club and Two Medical Centers attended. Attendees purchased Raffle tickets for gift baskets and cash prizes. Hosts, Avery Marder and Sir Barry Wiener worked extremely hard to put this fundraising event together.

Thank you to all who attended and donated. You helped make these patients Dream Come True!

Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman cleaned up winning 7 gift baskets at the Make a Dream Event. as shown below. (far right)



## ANNUAL JACKET NIGHT, A SUCCESS!

On Thursday, November 7th, 2025, the Annual Jacket presentation took place at AOH Hall.

The 2nd Pythian District presented Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman with the Red Jacket.

Receiving the Red Jacket as well, was GS Steven Gold who will be a PGC at the end of the current Pythian year.

Harmony Lodge presented this year's Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor Alex Needelman with the Blue Jacket.

The turnout was wonderful, 48 attendees!! It included many past recipients of both jackets, as shown below.



*Red Jacket past recipients: (l to r) (front row) Randy Silverman, Sir Jordan Levy, Current Grand Chancellor & honoree Bryan Hoffman, Sir Robert Ross, Sir Roger Siegel, (l to r) (back row) Grand Secretary & honoree Steven Gold, Harvey Rosenshein, Richard Resnick, Phil Feigel,*

*Blue Jacket past recipients: (l to r) (front row) Randy Silverman, Sir Ron Degen (Grand Advocate), Bruce Sicherman, CDGC, honoree Alex Needelman, David Salem, & Robert Banks, (l to r) (back row) Steven Gold & Robert Fletcher*

# PRESENTING THE RED BLAZER!



On April 23, 2026 Alliance MidIsland Lodge's Honor Night was the presenting of the Red Blazers.

Bryan Hoffman was quoted, "I am honored to receive the Red Blazer the same night as such a well-respected and esteemed Pythian as Grand Advocate Ron Degen".

Grand Secretary Steven Gold also was honored.



# Pythians Give to Menorah Rehab !

On Friday, April 17, 2026 the Morris Smoller Social Service Fund made a donation to Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care.



Pictured from left to right Dolores Roque, SR Sir Jordan Levy, GVC Brian Klasewitz, SR Sir Robert Ross, and Jessica Wares.

# PYTHIANS OUT ON THE TOWN!!



Pythians support local theater companies, often planning Lodge events that include dinner & a show.

In November, 2025, Criers Lodge saw HAIR at the Rockaway Theatre. (shown left & below)

December 21, 2025 New York Rex Lodge journeyed to the Jerry Orbach Theater and saw SINGFELD-

A Musical about Nothing! (pictured bottom right)



# FDR Lodge Presents LIFE Membership to 2 Deserving KNIGHTS

On Friday, October 10, 2025, FDR Lodge members SMA Craig Shink and PCG Trib Corey Bearak were honored on their Earned Life Membership. Congratulations to them both on achieving this honor. We mourn the passing of Brother Craig. He was truly a devoted and great Pythian.



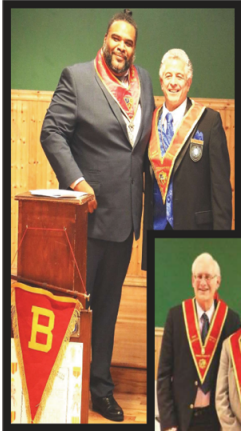
FDR CC Jeff Smaller looks on as PCDCS Robert Kaufman, presents PCG Trib Corey Bearak (shown above left), and SMA Craig Shink gets his certificate from PCDCS Robert Kaufman (shown above right)

# Make Sure You Get Your Pythian News & Event Updates

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# Majestic Lodge Presents The Red Collar

Majestic Lodge presents Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman with the Red Collar on Wednesday, March 19, 2026. The past recipients of the Red Collar present for the presentation was a Who's Who of the Domain of New York.



Pictured (left): GC Bryan Hoffman receives the Red Collar from CC Joseph St. John



Many past recipients of the Red Collar were in attendance. Pictured (left to right): SR Sir Robert Ross, PGC Randy Silverman, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, GC Bryan Hoffman, DSC Harvey Rosenshein, SR Sir Jordan Levy & PGC Richard Resnick.

# GC BRYAN HOFFMAN Is Honored with KNIGHT OF THE SHIELD

FDR Lodge presents Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman with His Commemorative Shield on May 8th at AOH in Brooklyn. GS Steven Gold, although not receiving a shield, was honored as well.



Pictured (left to right): PGC Randy Silverman, PGC Phillip Feigel, GC Bryan Hoffman, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, & PDSC Erwin Grill.



The 2 Honorees GC Bryan Hoffman & GS Steven Gold

GC Bryan Hoffman displays his Shield along side of Warren Nadel



# GC Bryan Hoffman Receives The Gavel From Genesis Lodge #64 & Blue Blazer from the 46th District!!

On Wednesday April 29, 2026, Genesis Lodge #64, bestowed Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman with The Gavel at AOH in Gerritsen Beach. The GC was also presented with The Blue Blazer from the 46th District.



CC George Field presents GC Bryan Hoffman with The Gavel



GMA Paul Barth with Honoree GC Bryan Hoffman

Honoree GC Bryan Hoffman addresses the attendees



Past recipients of the Blue Blazer from the 46th District that were in attendance were: (front row l. to r.) PDSC Sir Michael Suenick, Honoree GC Bryan Hoffman, PGC Randy Silverman, PGC Phil Feigel (back row l. to r.) SR Sir Jordan Levy, SR Sir Robert Ross, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, & PGC Richard Resnick





# HUMANITARIAN BRUNCH

The Humanitarian Fund held its Annual Humanitarian Brunch at Temple Avodah in Oceanside, New York, on Sunday, May 3, 2026. Everything was wonderful, as Kombert Caterers ensured the event was a great success. As usual, it was a packed house, with Pythians showing their unwavering support for the Humanitarian Fund. The raffles and auctions were also a tremendous success.

The Restaurant Raffle, which had traditionally been organized by SMA Craig Shink, held its inaugural year as a memorial raffle honoring Craig's memory. In a touching moment, his wife, son, and future daughter-in-law drew the first winners of the newly named Craig Shink Memorial Raffle. Craig will always be remembered fondly as an exemplary Pythian. May he rest in peace. Co-Chair PCDSC Robert Kaufman & Co-Chair DSC Harvey Rosenshein were wonderful emceeing the event.



The turnout was tremendous as always. ↑↑



↖↖ DSC Harvey Rosenshein, addresses the crowd as the raffle drawings are about to begin.

VC Brian Klasewitz & PCDSC Robert Kaufman, along with GS Steven Gold GC Bryan Hoffman & GP Craig Kligfeld draw tickets for basket winners



Harvey Rosenshein, DSC with Robert Kaufman, PCDSC who is addressing the audience as GVC Brian Klasewitz looks on ↗↗



## NEW KNIGHTS 3 - IN - 1 RANKS

On Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge hosted a three in one rank with a class of 6 new Knights. (shown left)

On Wednesday, April 1st, 2026 Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge hosted another three in one rank with a class of 7 new Knights. (shown right)



## Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman has been busy Receiving Gifts from throughout the Domain of New York

Throughout Grand Chancellor Bryan Hoffman's term in office, he was honored with various gifts in appreciation for his dedication to the KOP by different lodges and organizations throughout the Domain of New York. Here are just a few of those gifts: on December 9, the 72nd District presented him with a briefcase; on March 17, 2026, Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge presented him with a clock; and on March 28, 2026, Ramapo Lodge presented him with a desk pen set.



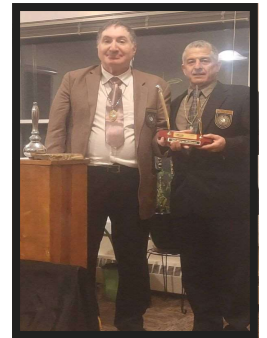
↑↑ President of the 72nd District Alan Paul Katz presents GC Bryan Hoffman, with the Briefcase



↑↑ Members of the 72nd District presents GC Bryan Hoffman, with the Briefcase pictured are GS Steven Gold, PCDGC Bruce Sicherman, President of the 72nd District Alan Paul Katz, ACDGC Susan Grill, GC Bryan Hoffman, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, PGC Randy Silverman, & PGC Sir Charlie Pakula



↑↑ PCDGC/G Trib Barry Wiener presents GC Bryan Hoffman, with the Clock



↑↑ DGC Alan Paul Katz presents GC Bryan Hoffman, with the Desk Set



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