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TO:

**"We Help People"**

*The Gavel*

## Calendar of Events and Times September - October

*Our Castle Hall is located at the Wesley Hills Village Hall  
432 Route 306, Monsey, NY (Across the road from Wesley Kosher Supermarket)*

### September, 2026

|         |                            |                                              |         |
|---------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------|
| Friday, | September 18 <sup>th</sup> | Regular Meeting - Grand Chancellor's Message | 7:00 PM |
| Monday  | September 28 <sup>th</sup> | District Meeting - Street School             | 7:00 PM |

### October, 2026

|           |                          |                                                                 |         |
|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Friday,   | October 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Regular Meeting                                                 | 6:30 PM |
| Friday,   | October 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Regular Meeting- Present Grand Chancellor with Pen Set          | 7:00 PM |
| Monday,   | October 26 <sup>th</sup> | BORKK Dinner - 304 Diner                                        | 6:30 PM |
| Wednesday | October 28 <sup>th</sup> | Presentation of Grand Chancellor's Message<br>at Yorktown Lodge | 7:00 PM |

### November, 2026

|         |                           |                               |         |
|---------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Friday, | November 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Regular Meeting               | 6:30 PM |
| Friday, | November 20 <sup>th</sup> | Regular Meeting               | 6:30 PM |
| Friday, | November 30 <sup>th</sup> | BORKK Meeting - Street School | 7:00 PM |

December 29, 2026 - Pre-New Year's Eve Dinner with  
New City/Orangetown/ Lakes Region Lodge - TBA.

*Award Winner Editor-in-Chief  
Susan Grill  
2022~2023 Newsletter*

*Reminder: The final date that all  
articles are due for the November, 2026  
issue of the "Gavel" is October 15, 2026.*

**RAMAPO LODGE #485 KNIGHTS OF  
PYTHIAS  
2026-2027 OFFICERS**

**Chancellor Commander  
Alan Paul Katz**

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2026-2027 COMMITTEES**

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## September - October 2026

I hope that all of my Pythian family that observes the Jewish Holidays had a most enjoyable one. With the closing of Yom Kippur and the beginning of the Jewish Festival of Succos it is a yearly sign that Fall and Winter is approaching.

I gave my first GC Message at Ramapo Lodge on September 18, 2026 and appreciated all in attendance that was there to support me. My upcoming messages are scheduled on October 2, 2026, 7:00 PM at Bartow Mall in the Bronx, 2051 Bartow Avenue, Bronx, New York 10475 representing Pelham Brotherhood/University Coop City #616 and Wendell Willkie Lodge. On October 13, 2026 it will be at New City/Orangetown Lakes Region Lodge at 7:00 PM and Yorktown on October 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

I have been in attendance to hear BGC Joseph St. John give the Message in Brooklyn for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time and at least 2 or 3 of the GC messages will be given in both Brooklyn and Upstate simultaneously.

I have to thank the following Brothers that have been of great help in supplying the collation for both the messages and regular meetings. Allan Cohen, Steven N. Gold and Harvey Rosenhein in addition to other Pythian brothers who have been helping with cleaning up afterwards.

This will be my second Pythian year serving as Ramapo Lodge's Chancellor Commander and my first time as an Assistant Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor.

One point of interest, being also a BOKK, I used to attend dinner meetings at the Airmont Diner in 2012 and 2013. Who would know that one day I would live around the corner from the former Airmont Diner that is now Furniture Village.

I want to wish my Pythian family a pleasant upcoming year filled with great happenings on a daily basis. Amen.  
Fraternally yours,

*Alan Paul Katz*

Alan Paul Katz CC/ACBGC



## Hello From The Editor~In~Chief Susan Grill

Hi, I am back. It is almost a year of some poor health but I am certainly getting better. Thank you to Harvey Rosenhein for taking over most of my work as Editor-in-Chief. We have a lot to thank him for. I still have a distance to recuperation after some bad falls and a case of pneumonia but slowly I am getting stronger. Will be starting physical therapy at Helen Hayes Hospital on October 15<sup>th</sup> and hopefully that will be a new beginning. I have learned a lot about myself and have my family (Erwin and Hayley) to thank for giving me the strength to keep going.

We have a list of calendar events enclosed with one of the most important dates ~ December 29, 2026 ~ Pre-New Year's Eve at Gilligan's with New City/Orangetown/ Lakes Region Lodge - TBD. This is like a repeat of last year. We do not have the menu yet but will probably be similar to last year. PLEASE plan on attending. It will certainly be an enjoyable evening.

As always, I ask for additional stories to help the Gavel run well. Joe Robinson sent a delightful story about Louis Armstrong which is on page 5. Enjoy reading it, very enjoyable. That is the kind of articles we need. Hopefully a happy and healthy New Year. We are about to celebrate our oldest great-nieces wedding on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. It will be a great celebration for the family.

In love and a long life, Susan & Erwin

*Susan*

## Planning Calendar for 2026~2027

### September

Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> District Deputy Grand Chancellor's Message Ramapo Lodge 7:00 PM

### October

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Pelham Brotherhood/Wendell Wilkie Lodges 7:30 PM

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### December

Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup> Joint Pre-New Year's Eve Dinner TBD

### January

Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Dinner Out ~ Open ~ TBD 7:00 PM

### February

Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

### March

Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting – ACDGC Homecoming 7:00 PM

Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

### April

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> Dinner Out ~ Open ~ TBD 7:00 PM

### May

Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting ~ First Nominations 6:30 PM

Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> Regular Meeting ~ Second Nominations & Elections 6:30 PM

### June

Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting 6:30 PM

Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> Installation ~ Open 7:00 PM

*New City/Orangetown/  
Lakes Region Lodge &  
Ramapo Lodge  
Pre-New Year's Eve Dinner  
Gilligan's, Pomona, NY  
Tuesday,  
December 29, 2026  
Information TBA*

### **Condolences**

The officers and members of Ramapo Lodge extend their sincerest condolences on the passing of PDGC Eric Calyo, and Toby Fleisher, wife of Brother Sidney Fleisher.

*May Their Souls  
Rest in Eternal Peace.*

## **Thought you'd like this short~~~Provided by Joe Robinson**

A Jewish family Karnofsky, who immigrated from Lithuania to the United States, took pity on the 7-year-old boy and brought him to their home.

There he stayed and spent the night in this Jewish family home, where for the first time in his life he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

When he went to bed, Mrs Karnovski sang him Russian lullabies, which he sang with her.

Later he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs.

Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family.

Mr. Karnofsky gave him money to buy his first musical instrument, as was the custom in Jewish families.

Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions such as St. James's Hospital and Go Down Moses.

The little boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family, who adopted him in 1907. And proudly spoke Yiddish fluently.

In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore the Star of David and said that in this family he learned "to live a real life and determination."

This little boy's name was Louis Armstrong. This little boy was called Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish and "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "big cheeks, a nickname some say was given to him by Mrs. Karnofsky!

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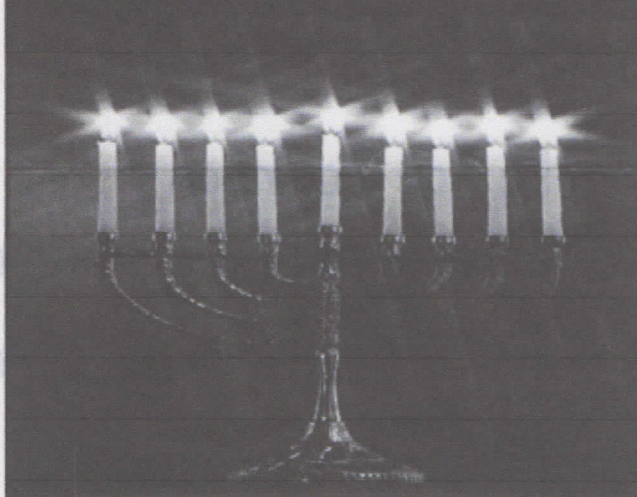
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