

## Pythians Install New York's Alan Ast as Supreme Treasurer

The national fraternal and charitable order Knights of Pythias installed a New Yorker as its new Supreme Treasurer, March 22. Current New York Grand Treasurer Alan Ast, after nearly a decade in the post, was tapped by Supreme Chancellor Gerald Deitch and installed by Supreme Prelate Alan Krell in a special ceremony at FDR Lodge #613 in Brooklyn with many of Alan's friends and fraternal brothers in the Order in attendance.

Alan Ast, a certified public accountant, has provided accounting services as a sole practitioner for more than 30 years. Alan is married to Caryn and they have two daughters, Samantha and Rebecca.

Grand Chancellor (GC) Craig Shink, who leads the Domain of New York, stated, "Alan's Pythian career began in 1986 at New City Lodge at Caryn's urging. From the onset, Alan took an active role in committee and ritual work at New City Lodge culminating with his election as Chancellor Commander." Alan remains active in New City Orangetown Lodge #854 and FDR Lodge where he is a dual member.

Supreme Prelate Krell welcomed the opportunity to install the Pythian who succeeded him as Grand Treasurer in 2004, noted that Alan previously served the New York Grand Lodge in many positions including as a member of its Ritual Team, a Deputy Grand Chancellor, Assistant to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor and member and later chair of the Finance Committee.

The [Order of Knights of Pythias](#) is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. The distinguishing [principles](#) of this fraternal organization are "FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE". Domains of the Order exist in most states and provinces, and subordinate lodges are located in many cities and towns across the United States and Canada.

New York Grand Lodge supports [charities](#), including the [Pythian Humanitarian Fund](#), [Diabetes Research Association](#), [Pythian Camp](#), [Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund](#) (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the [Special Olympics](#).

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*Supreme Prelate Sir Alan Krell, Grand Chancellor Craig Shink of New York, and newly installed Supreme Treasurer Alan Ast. (Photo by Sir Jerry Silver)*

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