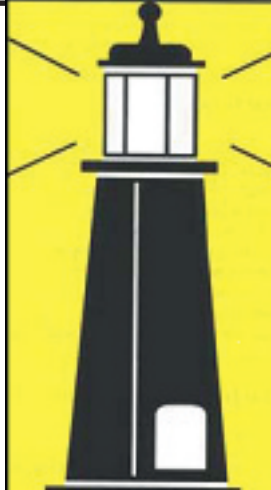


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Next Meetings:

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| Fri., Sept. 22, 8 p.m. GC Message (Closed) @AOH | Fri., Oct. 13 8:00 p.m. Budget Meeting (Closed) @ AOH |
| Fri., Nov. 10, 8 p.m. Veterans Program (Closed) @ AOH | Fri., Oct. 27, 8 p.m. Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH |
| Fri., Nov. 24, No Meeting (PostThanksgiving) | Fri., Dec. 8, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by 8:0=30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH |
| Fri., Dec. 22, BINGO (Open) | |

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**Deadline for Next Beam
Sept. 22**

A Word from Our

Chancellor Commander

My Pythian Brothers:

Welcome back. We start DGC David Salem delivering the Grand Chancellor's message at our Sept. 22 meeting. We follow October 13 with consideration of our budget. We plan a tribute to our member veterans on November 10 and BINGO fundraiser for our Foundation on December 22. The Annual Book of Remembrance is delivered with this Beam.

Congratulation to Sir Michael Sukenick on his election at DOKK Imperial Prince succeed Sir Roger Siegel. Also kudos Steve Gold re-elected Grand Secretary and Brian Klasewitz elected Grand Master At Arms.

Thank you to CGTrib and our Lodge Sec, Corey Bearak for our outings at Citi Field (Mets v. Yankees) and at the home of the Brooklyn Cyclones.

Fraternally Yours,

PC Ira Spiegel

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- see p. 7 for details

We Mourn The Loss of

Jay Schiffer (6-19-23), Estelle Fisher (7-10-23),
Judith Becker (7-26-23)

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Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation printed its *6th Annual "Book of Remembrance"* to provide a meaningful and solemn opportunity for FDR members and friends to memorialize beloved family members, loved ones and special friends. For those of you who cannot get to services during the holidays, you will be able to use this new publication at home to recite the Yizkor prayers. Its delivery was included with this issue of The Beam. Find it on line on FDR's website's "News" section.

Important Message from FDR

Financial Secretary PC Dean Mamet

Any member who has not paid dues for 2023-2024 is subject to suspension. By now members should know they must pay dues annually, whether they received a notice or not.

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Can't Miss Event:**

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***Members receive \$5 Credit for each
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FDR @ Grand Convention

At the July 19, 2023 Grand Convention, FDR's Corey Bearak delivered his Report as Chief Grand Tribune:

► Last year, as a follow up to guidance provided at that previous convention, on July 18, 2022, the tribunal issued a two-page advisory opinion. It followed an informal question presented on whether the Grand Law extends voting rights at a Grand Convention to a lodge operating on a warrant (as opposed to a lodge operating under a Charter. No formal opinion was sought. Since the state of Grand Law was announced as an opinion of the Grand Tribunal, the Grand Tribunal found it useful and practical to issue an advisory opinion that simply stated the fact that a lodge operating under a warrant “are entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge pursuant to the Grand Law.”

► In addition, at the November 7, 2022 Grand Council meeting, I brought up under Good of the Order that it has come to my attention without explaining why, as not to prejudice any possible future matter properly brought before the Tribunal, that the current process for bringing matters before the Grand Tribunal involves service in person or by mail. I had explained then that I wanted to share this information in case anyone would want to propose a change in the existing law at the next, this Grand, Convention. This means existing Grand Law does not permit any service (of legal papers) by email in order to commence an action under Grand Law. Apparently, no one submitted any resolution proposing such a change in Grand Law at this convention. As I stated then (November 7, 2022) and still hold that same position today, I wish to make clear I have reached no (personal) opinion on any need to change or not change existing Grand Law, but since it involves legislation, and can be changed, it makes sense to bring that fact to the full body to consider today or thereafter.

► In efforts subsequent to the updating of the Grand Constitution and Statutes reported on at the last convention, I learned that a change in the Constitution needed to be submitted to Supreme Lodge for approval. As of the date I prepared this report, I have not learned of any approval and there could be retroactive impacts on some matters approved at prior Grand Conventions based on the applicability or inapplicability of the provision involved – which governed voting and the votes of subordinate lodges.

► A number of matters in the last year that I found as potential violations of Pythian law – potential only because I sought no rulings and brought no matters before my colleagues on the tribunal – occurred. I made a judgment that it served no purpose to pursue a formal resolution as names and details would then need to be entered in the Journal of Proceedings; I prefer not to see my domain embarrassed in any way and prefer any such matters to go to a landfill to decompose. I shared with my associates on the tribunal my view and intentions and offered the opportunity to “overrule” me but no such response materialized. Subsequent matters occurred and I am still considering whether to change my prior response. I have a lot going on in my professional, personal and outside of the order voluntary commitments lives so that may delay me further as well in any further response.

► Finally, a recommendation. Events during the past Pythian year, perhaps a bit beforehand, identify a need to clarify the role of the Grand Advocate. Outside the order similar roles would be by tradition, practicality and/or law proscribe – that means bar or prohibit, the person whose role is to provide legal guidance and often prosecute and/or initiate and bring matters on behalf of for example, in the case of our order, the Grand Chancellor, Grand Council, or Grand Lodge, not to handle any private matter that would be adjudicated within the order. When the legal advisor represents a private party, that creates an inherent conflict of interest no matter how pure of heart and upstanding such legal advisor might be. If a legal advisor acts in such a manner that presents such a conflict and Grand Chancellor is unable or unwilling to require a legal advisor to avoid such conflict, or replace such legal advisor, the best solution would be to codify the proscription. Thus, I bring this to the attention of the body so it can act now or in the future.

Attention Veterans!

FDR Lodge will honor our members who served in the Armed Forces at our November 10 meeting at AOH.

We need to know who you are.

Please contact Vice Chancellor PC Ira Spiegel at I4NSIC@AOL.COM to advise of your service.

Thank you.

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Happy Anniversary

1: Peter & Jodi Montano;
2: Craig & Amy Shink;
3: Larry & Lisa Brandwein;
28: Alan & Irina Krell
and Warren & Felice Nadel.

Happy Birthday

2: Steve Gold;
3: Allan Steinberg
5: Raul Palatnik;
8: Melvin Barenkopf & Michael Lokitz;
9: Richard Kurtzberg; 15: Gloria Goldstein;
18: Helene Kurzrok;
26: Francine Rubin & Richard M. Schoen;
28: Sheila Guttman;
30: Gladys Gewirtz.

The Beam editor asks all brothers and widows who have not shared their birthdays and anniversary dates (we now milestone so you might wish to share the year) to please send or email their information to CGTrib Corey Bearak, P.O. Box 135, Glen Oaks, NY 11004 or email: Bearak@me.com. Also make sure we have your up-to-date telephone numbers and emails. Please use the form below.

Please Print:

Members Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Wifes Name: _____ Wifes Birth Date: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Telephone No: (____) ____ - ____ Email _____

Bayview Nemo Benevolent Assoc. news

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Grave reservations are \$200 for a surviving spouse at the time of need. A couple can reserve a pair of graves in advance for \$400. The families of all internments pay a cemetery fee of \$50.

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I respectfully apply for membership in your lodge by INITIATION

I declare upon honor that I believe in a Supreme Being, that I am not unlawfully engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of intoxicating liquors or narcotics and that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live. Moreover, I declare upon honor that I do not advocate nor am I a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the Country in which this Order has a legal existence, by force of violence or other unlawful means, and that I do not seek by force or violence to deny to other persons their rights under the law of such country.

I as born in the City of State of

On the.....day of, 19.....

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Occupation.....

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If this application is accepted, I promise full and faithful observance of all rules and law that govern this lodge and Order.

The Fee (see below) of \$.....Accompanies This Application

Written and signed by my own hand this _____ day of _____ 201__

1) Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being? _____ 2) Are you of sound bodily health? _____

3) Have you previously applied for the membership in the order of KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS? If so, when and where? _____

4) Are you willing to take upon yourself a solemn obligation to keep forever secret all that you may hear, see or be instructed in - an obligation that will in no way conflict with your conscience? _____

Signed.....

Print Name.....

We the endorsers of the above application, certify that the applicant possesses all of the necessary qualifications for members in the Order Knights of Pythias (print names below signatures):

Signed..... Signed.....

Print Name..... Print Name.....

Type of Membership: Check One... Regular ___ Social ___ Dual ___

DUES: \$60 Initiation Fee: Check One.....\$100 [\$50 if join by June 30, 2022]* or ___ \$500***under age 60 and Social (Non-benefit) Members who sign waiver **age 60 and above

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FDR Calendar for 2023-2024 - Clip & Save it

All meetings are Fridays except where otherwise noted

2023

- ▶ Fri., Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m. GC's Message & Semi-annual Password (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Oct. 13, 8:00 p.m. Budget Mtg (Closed)@ AOH
- ▶ Fri., Oct. 27, 8:00 p.m. Reg. Mtg - @ AOH Closed)
- ▶ Fri., Nov 10, 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting/ Veterans Program (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Nov. 24 - No Meeting Day after Thanksgiving
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 8, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by 8:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 22 BINGO (fundraiser (Open) @A OH \$20pp (three boards & 1 special)

2024

- ▶ Mon., Jan. 1, New Year's Day Brunch @ TBD.
- ▶ Fri., Jan. 12 8:00 p.m. Reg. Mtg. (Closed)@ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Jan. 26, 8:00 p.m., Annual Foundation Mtg. followed by 8:30 p.m. Reg. Mtg. (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri, Feb. 9, 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Florida Luncheon with Genesis Lodge @ Benvenuto's, 1730 N. Federal Hwy, Boynton Beach, FL 33435, \$15 FDR Florida residents, \$80 members; \$90 all others [Open Bar 12:30 -1:15 p.m. Pass-Around Hors D'Oeuvres, Mozzarella & Tomato Salad; Entrees: Chicken Francaise - Seared Salmon - Steak Shallot Demi Glace - Vegetarian; Coffee/Tea & Desserts .Valet Pkg.]

- ▶ Fri., Feb. 9, 8:00 p.m., Board followed by 8:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Sun., Feb. 11 Superbowl gathering (OPEN) @TBD
- ▶ Fri., Feb. 23, 8:00 p.m. Benevolent at 8:00 p.m. preceding 8:30 p.m. Reg. Mtg. (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Mar. 8, 8:00 p.m. Reg.Mtg. (Closed)@ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Mar. 22, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by 1st Nominations Location (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Apr. 12, 8:00 p.m. Reg. Mtg.(Closed)@AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Apr. 26, 8:00 p.m., 2d Nominations, Elections (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., May 10, 8:00 p.m. FDR presents Shield to GC (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., May 24, No Mtg. (Memorial Day weekend)
- ▶ Fri., June 14, 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers, Charities & Scholarship Awards (OPEN) @ AOH.
- ▶ Tue., June 25, 7:10 p.m. Mets v Yanks at Citifield to support Foundation. For info Corey Bearak (718) 343-6779 or Bearak@me.com.
- ▶ Fri., June 28 Year End Dinner, time/location TBD
- ▶ Planning Meeting TBD.
- ▶ CC Appreciation Dinner TBD.

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Congrats to newly elected DOKK Imperial Prince, PDSC Sir Michael Sukenick (seated center) with FDR's PDSC/Past Imp. Prince Sir Roger Siegel, PCDSC Robert Kaufman, PGC Harvey Rosenshein, CGTrib Corey Bearak & (standing)GS Steven Gold, SIG Craig Shink & PCDGC Dr. Alan Rosenfeld.

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