



# KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

## GRAND LODGE – DOMAIN OF NEW YORK

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### PROCLAMATION

## SMA CRAIG SHINK

The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of New York mourns the sudden passing of our esteemed brother, SMA Craig Shink, who passed away on March 8, 2026, at the young age of 70.

Brother Craig became a member of FDR Lodge No. 613, in 1995, making him a member of our order for approximately 31 years. Brother Craig received his earned life membership in 2025 and it was presented to him at an FDR meeting just two days before his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Brother Craig served as a Deputy at Large during the 2003-2004 Pythian year for then GC Lloyd Merson and as an Assistant to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor during the 2005 -2006 Pythian year for then GC Jerry Silver. He was elected to the position of Grand Outer Guard for the 2007-2008 Pythian year and served with distinction with the culmination of his election as Grand Chancellor in 2012. Brother Craig was elected as Supreme Outer Guard at the 2018 Supreme Lodge convention in Newark, NJ.

Brother Craig served as Chairman and/or as a member of every FDR lodge committee as well as serving on the Board of Directors of Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation. He served on the board and was currently the President of its Bayview Nemo Benevolent Association. In addition he served as Chairman of the Grand Lodge Insurance Committee for many years as well as being a member of many Grand Lodge committees including the Diabetes committee which he was a past President.

In addition to the above, Brother Craig was an active member of Gotham Networking and a member of its Gotham Queens group. He recently retired from Long Island based Fabricant & Fabricant, Inc. where he was an insurance producer. He continued working as a consulting insurance agent and broker.

The officers and members of the Grand Lodge, of New York join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to his beloved family which includes his beloved wife Amy, daughter, Nicole, and Amy's son Matthew who he loved and spoke of as if his own.

In memory of this distinguished Pythian and beloved fraternalist, I, Bryan Hoffman, Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Domain of New York, do proclaim a period of mourning to continue through April 12, 2026. I direct that with appropriate ceremonies, the charter of each subordinate lodge and Grand Lodge be draped in affectionate recollection of our departed beloved brother.

Given under my hand and under the great seal of the Grand Lodge and attested by the Grand Secretary thereof, on this 13th day of March, two thousand twenty-six and Pythian Period CLXII.



ATTEST:

***Bryan Hoffman***

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Grand Chancellor

***Steven H. Gold***

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Grand Secretary