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MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH FRIDAYS OF EACH MONTH (EXCEPT AS NOTED) AT OUR CASTLE HALL:  
 AOH HALL, 2750 GERRITSEN AVENUE, BETWEEN FLORENCE AND EVERETT AVENUES, BROOKLYN, NY 11229

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO REGULAR MEETING AS SCHEDULED.

WATCH THE BEAM FOR DETAILS

Next Meetings:

Fri., Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m.  
 Members-only Pre-Meeting  
 Pizza Dinner & 8:00 p.m.  
 Budget Meeting  
 @ AOH - RSVP by 9/12 to Corey Bearak

Fri., Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m.  
 RADIO BINGO (Open)  
 for FDR's Foundation-Supported  
 Charities (Doors Open 6:30 p.m.)  
 Details Page 3 @ AOH

Fri., Oct 11 - YOM KIPPUR  
 No Meeting

Fri., Oct. 25, 7:00 p.m.  
 Pre-Meeting Dinner (RSVP  
 by 10/21) & GC Message  
 @AOH (Closed)

Fri., Nov. 8, 8:00 p.m.  
 Board Meeting followed by  
 Regular Meeting (Closed)  
 @ AOH

Fri., Nov. 22, No Mtg.

Fri., Nov. 29, 2:30 p.m.  
 Black Friday Football & Dinner

Read the Beam on line FDR's Website at:  
***<http://fdrlodge613knightsopythias.com/Resources/bulletins.php>***

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**Deadline for Next Beam  
October 11**

### We Mourn The Loss of

Arthur M. Silver (5-25-23), Ethel Grossman (6-3),

Rhoda Sonenblum (5-26-21), Bernard Chayut (8-24),

Mack Selzer (8-2), Gloria Kayer(8-27), Jerry Mossberg (9-1)

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## A Word from Our

### Chancellor Commander

My Pythian Brothers:

This is my first message to you as your "CC" and I hope you'll view it and the ones that follow with favor. Welcome back to our new Pythian and FDR year. We offer a robust program and hope you'll join us at our meetings, programs and events. Thank you for my predecessor and friend Ira Spiegel for his service "for more than a bit" in this role. Congratulations to Craig Shink who Supreme Lodge elected Supreme Master at Arms this summer; similar congrats to dual brothers David Salem appointed Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor and Brian Klasewitz elected Grand Prelate at this summer's Grand Convention.

We start our years with a Members-Only Pre-Meeting Pizza Dinner and Budget Meeting September 13 (RSVP to Corey by 9/12) and RADIO BINGO Fundraiser on September 27 (See page 3; please share this event with your friends.). We receive the Grand Chancellor's message following dinner on October 25. Black Friday Football takes place at AOH on November 29 (See more on page 6.).

Hope to see you this month and more.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Smaller

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- see p. 7 for details

Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation printed its 7th 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 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.

**Avoid a Conflict that Makes You**

**Miss a Can't Miss Event:**

view updates on our website:

***http://fdrlodge613***

***knightsofpythias.com/Events/***

Provide your email address to get notices of events, meetings, & the **The Beam** on-line. Send your email to Bearak@me.com.



# RADIO BINGO



**WHAT: Foundation RADIO BINGO Fundraiser**

**WHEN: Fri., Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.)**

**WHERE: @ AOH 2750 Gerritsen Ave Brooklyn, NY**

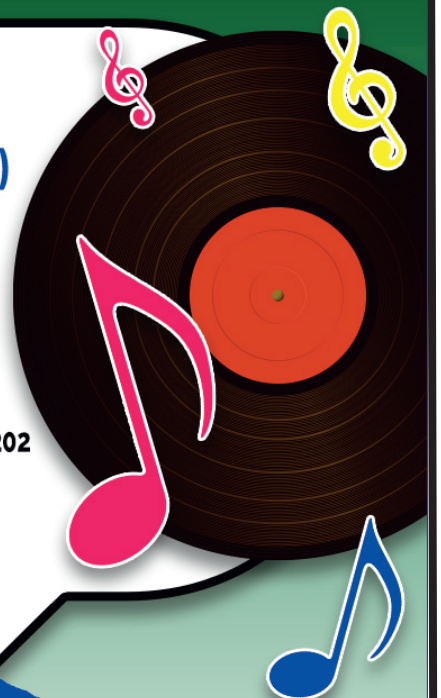
**\*COST: \$50 - Includes Perry's Diner Dinner Catering**

**Contact Ted Pashko for \*Members Discounted Price**

Reservations must be received by Sept 15th. More Info Ted Pashko 347.678.2202

Send Checks payable to: Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation:

Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.





# *FDR @ Grand Convention*

At the July 8, 2024 Grand Convention, FDR's Corey Bearak delivered his Report as Chief Grand Tribune:

► This year the Grand Tribunal over which I presided received no matters to consider, nor any advisory requests.”

► I wish to also point out that that matter I first raised under Good of the Order at the November 7, 2022 Grand Council meeting, 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 Grand Law at the last 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. No one submitted any resolution proposing such a change in Grand Law at the previous or 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..

► Since the recommendation I made last year has not been addressed, I find it prudent to raise again. I had identified a need to clarify the role of the Grand Advocate. Outside the order similar roles would 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 manor 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 once again bring this to the attention of the body so it can act now or in the future.

## **Bayview-Nemo Benevolent Assoc.**

A deceased member in good standing and his spouse are each entitled to a grave in one of our cemeteries. The family receives \$750 for the member and \$500 for the spouse after the monument is erected or engraved. If the member or spouse was not buried in a Bayview-Nemo deeded property, the benefits will go to the family upon receipt of a death certificate. A widow remains in good standing by making a one-time payment of \$100.

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.

For further information on our Benevolent Association benefits please email our Cemetery Chairman, Lewis Smith, at [SMITTYLJS@VERIZON.NET](mailto:SMITTYLJS@VERIZON.NET). If immediate information is required, call him at (718) 633-0400.

**Family Plots Available** Buy a Family Plot and provide for your family members who are unaffiliated with FDR Lodge and save \$\$\$\$\$. We have plots available in Beth Moses and Beth Israel cemeteries. For more info contact: PDGC Lewis J. Smith (See his contact above.).

**Help Your Lodge Grow and Remain vital.** Brothers, we provide exciting events and meaningful meetings and raise considerable sums for our charities. All this and the benefits of membership. You know the deal. Spread the word. Bring a friend, a family member or co-worker. A Three-in-One Rank makes joining virtually painless. Get your prospective members (names and contact information) to SMA Craig Shink (347) 351-3251). Use Application in the December Beam or on our website or ask our Lodge Secretary for one.

## Knights of Pythias

**To: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Lodge No. 613, Knights of Pythias, of Domain of New York**  
**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.....

Address.....

Phone-Home.....Cell.....Email.....

Occupation.....

Business Address.....

Work-Phone-.....w-fax.....Email.....

*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, 2023]\* or \_\_\_\$500\*\*\*under age 60 and Social (Non-benefit) Members who sign waiver \*\*age 60 and above

## Support Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation

Contribute \$5.00 or more in someone's honor (birthday, anniversary, graduation, other occasion) or memory to include your special message in The Beam. Mail check payable to "Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation" to:  
PACDGC Lewis Smith, c/o Boulevard-Riverside, 1700 Coney Island Ave., Brooklyn NY 11230.



## FDR Calendar for 2024-2025 - Clip & Save it

All meetings are Fridays except where otherwise noted

### 2024

- ▶ Sept. 13, 7:00 p.m. Members-only Pizza Dinner followed by 8:00 p.m. Budget Mtg. (Closed) @ AOH. RSVP Corey Bearak at Bearak@me.com by 9/12.
- ▶ Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m. Foundation Radio Bingo \$50pp (Doors open 6:30 p.m.) @ AOH (See Page 3).
- ▶ Oct. 11 YOM KIPPUR No meeting
- ▶ Oct. 25, 7:00 Pre-meeting Dinner (RSVP by 10/21) & 8:00 p.m. GC Message (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Nov 8, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Nov 29, 2:30 p.m. Black Friday Football & Dinner & Chiefs v Raiders on Amazon Prime, BYOB, \$15/ FDR members (1 guest included), \$20pp others, payable to Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation \$5 & \$10 boxes on site; Superbowl boxes available.
- ▶ Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m. Pizza followed by 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Dec. 27 7:30p.m. Holiday Dinner @ AOH. RSVP by 12/13 BYOB \$25 FDR members (1 guest included), \$50 non-members (includes 1 guest), include Dinner & DJ, BYOB, payable to “Kings-FDR Tolerance Foundation” to PCDGC Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375

### 2025

- ▶ New Year’s Day Brunch @ TBA \$10/FDR Member or guest. Mail check to payable to KingsFDR Tolerance Foundation to Corey, PO Box 135 Glen Oaks NY11004
- ▶ Fri., Jan. 10, 8:00 p.m. Foundation (Closed) @ AOH.

- ▶ Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.) Foundation BINGO after Dinner fundraiser (Open) @ AOH Cost \$35 includes Dinner Buffet & BINGO Cards. Reservations must be received by January 19. Send checks payable to "Kings-FDR Tolerance Foundation" to Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.
- ▶ Sun., Feb. 9, 5:00 p.m. District Superbowl gathering (OPEN) at AOH, \$15pp FDR Members & their significant other; \$30pp Non-Members. RSVP by Feb 7 & for more info Ted Pashko 347-678-2202.
- ▶ Feb. 14, 8:00 p.m. Reg. Meeting @AOH (Closed)
- ▶ Sat. Feb. 15 Sweethearts Dance @ Matteos
- ▶ Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. Members-only Pre-meeting Dinner followed Benevolent (Closed) at AOH
- ▶ Mar. 14, 8: 00 p.m. Bd. Mtg followed by Regular Meeting (Closed) at AOH.
- ▶ Mar. 28, 7:30 p.m. Italian Sandwiches 8:00 p.m. 1st Nominations/ Reg Mtg (Closed) at AOH
- ▶ April 11, 8:00 p.m. Regular Meeting Passover Dessert Collation (Closed) at AOH
- ▶ April 25, 8:00 p.m. 2nd Nominations & Elections (Closed) at AOH
- ▶ May 9, 7:00 p.m. Knight of the Shield – FDR presents Shield to GC (Closed) at AOH
- ▶ Sat, June 7, 11:00 a.m. Softball & BBQ @ at Alley Pond Park in Bayside. RSVP by 4/26
- ▶ June 13, 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers Charities and Scholarship Awards (Open) at AOH

### 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.

### Happy Anniversary

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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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