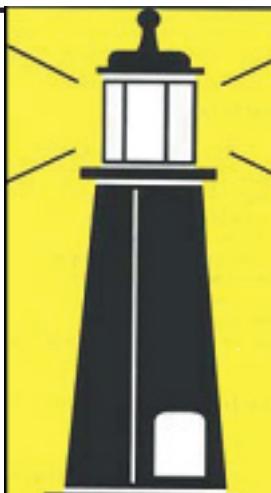


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Next Meetings:

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SMA Craig Shink Receives  
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@ AOH - Birthdays Collation to Follow

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Black Friday Football & Dinner  
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**Deadline for Next Beam  
November 14**

## We Mourn The Loss of

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## A Word from Our

### Chancellor Commander

My Pythian Brothers:

We opened our season with a pre-meeting dinner and approved a budget to cover events and more for this year. Thank you DGC Steven Needelman who delivered the Grand Chancellor's Message at our second September Meeting. SMA Craig Shink receives Earned Life Honors Oct. 10. IG David Steur is running a football pool to support our Foundation (\$20/tix). Please contact David at (917) 818-8983 or davidsteur26@gmail.com to get your tickets (See more on page 3.).

Black Friday Football takes place at AOH on November 28 (See more on page 6.). Next year, We have Bingos planned for early late January and early April. Please do not forget to reserve your seat(s) for the Holiday Dinner/Dance-Karaoke just before the new year and again hold a new year's brunch. Join us at our Sweethearts Dance at Matteo's February 14. Our Knight of the Shield is set for May 8. Our annual Mets v Yanks at Citi Field also takes place in May (Date to be confirmed.). Our Picnic/BBQ at Alley Pond Park in Queens is set for Saturday, June 6.

Hope to see you this month and more.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Smaller

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**Important Message**  
**from FDR Lodge Financial Secretary PC Dean Mamet**  
**Any member who has not yet paid their dues for the 2025-2026 Pythian year is subject to suspension. By now these members should have known that they have to pay dues annually, whether they received a notice or not.**  
**Dues not paid by October 1 are subject to a \$10 late fee.**  
**No excuses.**

## Football Pool to Benefit Foundation

Hello Brothers,

I first want to thank our Chancellor Commander, Jeff Smaller, for appointing to chair Fund-Raising. For the past year or so, I have been chair of Fund-Raising for Esquire-Goodfellowship Lodge #635 which runs an event through a company called FundCrazer. This year, they have invited FDR Lodge to participate with each Lodge splitting the net proceeds 50-50 and so benefit Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation

Tickets are \$20 each; the event runs from December 7, 2025 through January 4, 2026. Each ticket has 3 football teams listed each week for five weeks. The total score

for each of the teams will be your score. The three highest scores for each week will win \$100, \$75 and \$50, respectively, and the lowest score each week will win \$25. One ticket can win up to five times. Tickets can be purchased at any meeting of FDR or Esquire-Goodfellowship, or by contacting David Steur (davidsteur26@gmail.com) at (917) 818-8983. Make your check payable to "FDR Lodge 613." Thank you!

Fraternally,

David Steur, Inner Guard/Fundraising Chair, FDR Lodge #613

### Happy Birthday

6: Irina Krell; 7: Corey Bearak;  
10: Donny Ragovin; 11: Arnold Belkin; 12: Craig Shink;  
16: Rachelle Bearak; 19: Christopher York & Phyllis Rubenfeld;  
22: Michael Krug; 25: Barbara Rappaport; 28: David Rothstein;  
29: Bela Post; 31: Jeffrey Osofs.

### Happy Anniversary

3: Richard M. & Annette Schoen;  
4: Jeffrey & Judy Osofs;  
5: Alan & Linda Klein Fingerman;  
Noel & Robin Netel;  
Jerome & Iris Malewany;  
22: Morris & Gladys Gewirtz

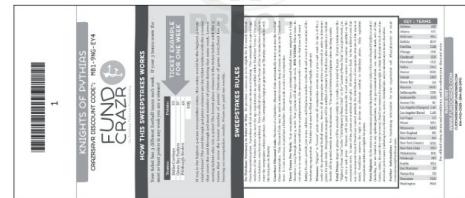
The Beam editor asks all brothers and widows who have not shared their birthdays and anniversary dates (we now milestone so you might wish to share the year) to please send or email their information to CGTrib Corey Bearak, P.O. Box 135, Glen Oaks, NY 11004 or email: Bearak@me.com. Also make sure we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

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Wifes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Wifes Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_





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- **PLUS:** OpenPlay for Canasta, Mahjong or Board Games - Please call Ted for Pricing (347.678.2202)



**AMAZON PRIME BLACK FRIDAY**  
**November 28, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.**

**Superbowl Boxes Will Be Available**

**RSVP by November 15 to PCDGC Ted Pashko at [TedPashko@aol.com](mailto:TedPashko@aol.com)**

**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.

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*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 was born in the City of ..... State of .....

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

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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

### *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.).

## FDR Calendar for 2025-2026 - Clip & Save it

All meetings are Fridays except where otherwise noted

► Fri., Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m. SMA Craig Shink receives Earned Life Honors (Closed) @ AOH

► Fri., Oct. 24, 8:00 p.m. Pizza before Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH

► Fri., Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting (Closed); Special Birthdays Collation to follow @ AOH

► Fri., Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Black Friday Football & Dinner @ AOH: Eagles v. Bears (Kickoff @ 3:00 p.m.) on Amazon Prime. Dinner, BYOB, \$20 FDR members & 1 guest, \$30pp non-members, payable to FDR Lodge\* (\$5 & \$10 boxes on site; also Superbowl boxes contact - PCGTrib Corey Bearak Bearak@me.com). RSVP PCDGC Ted Pashko at TedPashko@aol.com

► Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Pizza before Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. @ AOH (Closed)

► Fri., Dec. 26 7:30 p.m. Holiday Dinner & Dancing, DJ & karaoke at AOH RSVP by Dec. 12 Member-only & guest BYOB \$25 FDR members (1 guest included), \$50 non-members (includes 1 guest), BYOB, payable to FDR Lodge\* to PCDGC Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

► New Year's Day Brunch noon at TBA \$25 FDR Member couples; \$15/pp FDR Members. Mail Check to "Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation" to Corey, PO Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004 by Dec. 22. Limited to 32 attendees, first PAID reservation, first in.

► Fri., Jan. 9, 8:00 p.m. Annual Foundation Meeting followed by Reg. Mtg (Closed) @ AOH.

► Fri., Jan. 23, Juke Box BINGO (Doors open 6:30 p.m.; Open) at AOH. \$50 FDR Member couples; others \$TBD includes Perry's Diner Catering & game cards; 50-50 raffles. RSVPs required by Jan. 9. Send checks payable to FDR Lodge\* to PCDGC Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375; tele: (347) 678-2202.

► Sun., Feb. 8, 5:00 p.m. District Superbowl gathering (OPEN) at AOH, \$15pp FDR Members & their significant other; \$30pp Non-Members. RSVP by Feb. 6 to PCDGC Ted Pashko (347) 678-2202.

► Fri., Feb. 13, 8:00 p.m. Board preceding Regular Meeting (Closed) at AOH. Collation to follow.

► Sat. Feb. 14 Sweethearts Dance @ Matteos, 155-10 Cross Bay Blvd., Howard Beach (Belt Pkwy., exit 17). Dining, & DJ/Dancing, Unlimited Wine & Soda, cash bar. \$80 FDR member couples; \$160 nonmembers. RSVP, contact PCGTrib Corey Bearak at Bearak@me.com. Mail Checks payable to FDR Lodge\* to Corey, PO Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004

► Fri., Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m. Members-only Pre-mtg. Dinner followed by Annual Benevolent & Reg. Mtg. RSVP by Feb. 20 to PCGTrib Corey Bearak.

► Fri., Mar. 13, 8:00 p.m. 1st Nominations (Closed) @ AOH. Collation to follow.

► Monday, March 16, 8:00 p.m. 46th District Blue Jacket to GC (Closed) at AOH. (tentative)

► Fri., March 27, 8:00 p.m. Dance Instruction – Collation to Follow (tentative - Open) @ AOH RSVP Warren Nadel Pricing TBA

► Fri., April 10, 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.) Foundation BINGO after Dinner @ AOH. \$50 FDR Member couples; others \$TBD includes Perry's Diner Catering & game cards; 50-50 raffles. RSVP by Mar. 27. Checks payable to FDR Lodge to Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd, Apt.1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.

► Fri., April 24, 8:00 p.m. 2nd Nominations & Elections (Closed) at AOH. Collation to follow.

► Sun., May 3, 10:00 a.m. Humanitarian Fund Brunch @ Temple Avodah. See FDR Pythian Events Calendar or Grand Lodge website for details.

► Fri., May 8, 7:00 p.m. Knight of the Shield – (Closed) at AOH. Must RSVP for 7:00 p.m. Pre-Program Dinner by May 3 to SMA Craig Shink

► Fri.-Sat.-Sun., May 15, 16 or 17 Mets v. Yankees @ Citi Field Date & details TBA

► Fri., May 22, No Meeting (Memorial Day)

► Sat, June 6, 12:00 noon BBQ & Cornhole Tourney @ at Alley Pond Park, Bayside. 12:30 p.m Tourney, 1:30 p.m. BBQ. RSVP by May 31. Suggested \$10/ couple donation to Kings-FDR Tolerance Foundation & mail to PO Box 135, Glen Oaks, NY 11004

► Fri., June 12, 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers, Charity & Scholarship Awards (Open) at AOH

► Sun., June 14, noon GC Dinner @ Temple Avodah, \$130/FDR member couples; \$130pp others

► Fri., June 26, Regular Meeting at AOH

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