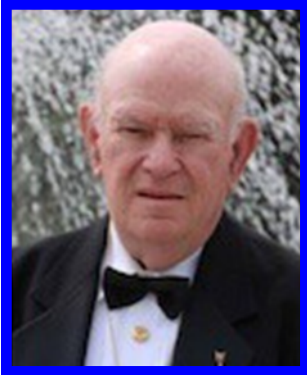


Pythian Knight

Spring - Summer 2023



A message from Grand Chancellor Sir Charles Pakula

I am the son of my father; I am the father of my son.

Looking back at the Pythian Order, over 50 years at least, we have tried some ideas, all good when conceived; most never realized expectations; not necessarily wrong but we expected certain results. There's an adage, every good idea finds its time; apparently for so many good ideas we tried to help sustain our order, we await that right time.

What to do?

Read the entire message at

<http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/GCmessage.php>

Sword of Defense from Rex Lodge #551



Sir Charles Pakula received the Sword of Defense from Rex Lodge #551 hosted by Pelham Brotherhood University Coop City Lodge #616

(picture courtesy of Harold Fox)

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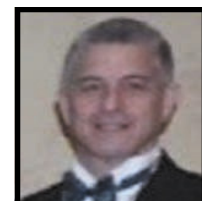
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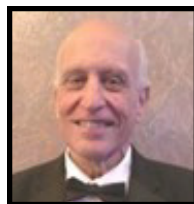
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PYTHIAN CHARITIES

On Thursday, February 2nd the Morris Smoller Social Service fund presented a check to Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care. The Knights of Pythias established this fund in memory Dr. Morris Smoller in 1983. This fund helps to support nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities with short and long-term rehabilitation and hospices. Presenting the check on behalf of the Morris Smoller Social Service fund and the Knights of Pythias were Supreme Rep Robert Ross, Supreme Rep Jordan Levy and Grand Inner Guard Brian Klasewitz. Jessica Wares, Administrator and Linda Charneco, Associate Director of Admissions received the check on behalf of Menorah Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing Care. The fund supports Menorah Center as it continues to provide excellent service to their patients.



Picture includes from left to right – Brian Klasewitz, SR PDSC Sir Robert Ross, Jessica Wares, SR Sir Jordan Levy, Gale Fleischman and Linda Charneco.

(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)

On November 22, 2022, Pythians visited Calvary Hospital to present a donation from the Dr. Morris Smoller Social Services Fund. DSC Harvey Rosenshein, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, PDSC/GTrib Sir Michael Sukenick GS Steve Gold, PGC Randy Silverman and PCDGC Sir Ron Klare made the presentation to Timothy Barr, Executive Vice President of the Calvary Fund, Inc., and Amy Cassidy. Calvary Hospital's Director of Development.



(Pictured l to r): Calvary Hospital Development Director Amy Cassidy, PCDGC Sir Ron Klare, GS Steve Gold, DSC Harvey Rosenshein, Calvary Fund Executive Vice President Timothy Barr, PGC Randy Silverman, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel and PDSC/GT Sir Michael Sukenick.

(picture courtesy of Unknown)

HUMANITARIAN FRONT - Pythians Supports Veterans



Pictured above from left to right is Brian Klasewitz, Yvette Cintron and Craig Kligfeld

(Photo courtesy of Julie Kligfeld)

On June 6, 2022, Brian Klasewitz and Craig Kligfeld of Majestic Lodge #109 Knights of Pythias presented clothing collected from local dry cleaners to Yvette Cintron, Chief, Department of Veterans Affairs, NY Harbor Healthcare System at our Veterans Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Members of Majestic Lodge have been reaching out to local cleaners with requests for clothing. This consists of articles of clothing not picked up in over a year. This clothing will benefit homeless veterans or any veteran in need. Our members of the Armed Forces have done so much for our country, we are honored to be able to do anything to assist.

2023 Diabetes Calendars are NOW available!!

Calendars are good for all of 2023.

- Cost per Calendar is \$20.00 for the entire year. •

To purchase a Calendar, please send \$20.00 for each 2023 Calendar you wish to purchase with a check payable to: KoP Diabetes Research Assn. And mail it to:

SIG Craig Shink, 1 Willow Place, Great Neck NY 11021

Should you have any questions or need additional information, please call SIG Craig Shink, President of the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Research Association, at (347) 351-3251.

Knights Outside of the Knights What do our Knights do outside of the lodges? Here is a little sampling.



Grand Inner Guard Brian Klasewitz receives award from New York Road Runner (NYRR) celebrating his volunteer work.

(picture courtesy of NYRoadRunner)



On April 4, 2023 Grand Outer Guard Craig Kligfeld and his team received the Carlos Nieves NYC CERT Team Award for Excellence in Deployment and Emergency Response. The award recognizes a division's generous commitment of time, support, and inspiration to its community.

(picture courtesy of NYC CERT)



Grand Vice Chancellor Richard Resnick was a featured artist in an international art show. Artists make world a better place by showing beauty and drama through their eyes. Richie's goal as a photographer is to do just that.

(picture courtesy of Richard Resnick)

College Scholarships Applications Available!

Dear Pythian Member (parent or grandparent),

Don't miss out on \$4000 worth of available college scholarships from Grand Lodge.

In order for your grandchild/child to receive this scholarship, your child or child-in-law (the parent of the recipient) must be (1) a Pythian for two years prior to applying for this scholarship; (2) a member of any Lodge in New York State; and (3) remain a member throughout their child's college career.

Do the math! Example: \$65 a year for dues over the six years required equals \$390.00.

Your Grandchild/child will be receiving, in turn, \$4000. This is a NO BRAINER!

Please call Grand Lodge for an application and complete list of eligibility requirements at (516) 739-5000.

Remember, your child or child in law must be a Pythian for two years prior to the application!

In 2022 Grand Lodge awarded scholarships to: Emma Beck (Michael Beck, Albany Lodge #540), Mollie Cohen (Stanley Cohen, Island Lodge #623), Luke Weinstein (Seth Weinstein, Ambassador Valor Lodge #664)

Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Brunch a success!

Knights of Pythias Humanitarian Brunch a success. We had a great turnout at this year's brunch with enough food to satisfy a Pythian. Thirty-Six baskets were raffled plus our annual restaurant raffle. Our Grand Chancellor Sir Charles Pakula picked the lucky winners of the restaurant raffles.



Sir Charles Pakula draws a lucky winner of the Restaurant Raffle as Craig Shink SIG looks on.

(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)



Some of the baskets we raffled off. ↑↑

↙↘ Jerome Bernzweig, PSR and Robert Kaufman, PCDC address the audience

(pictures courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)

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Knight of the Shield!

FDR Lodge #613 continues the tradition with the presentation of the Shield to Sir Charles Pakula on May 12, 2023.



Included in the picture from left to right, Harvey Rosenshein, Sir Roger Siegel, Craig Shink, Sir Charles Pakula, Robert Kaufman, Erwin Grill, and Sir Michael Sukenik.

(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)

GC Charles Pakula receives The Gavel, The Red Collar, & Soup!

Sir Charles Pakula receiving the Gavel from Genesis Lodge #64, Red Collar from Majestic Lodge #109 and a special presentation of mushroom barley soup from GIG Brian Klasewitz and GOG Craig Kligfeld



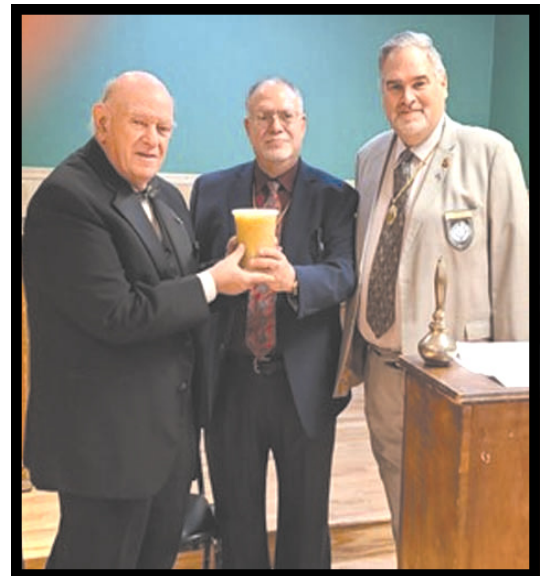
Sir Charles Pakula receiving the Gavel from Genesis Lodge #64, Chancellor Commander Ken Schecter

(picture courtesy of Craig Kligfeld)



Sir Charles Pakula receiving the Red Collar from Majestic Lodge #109 Alex S. Needleman PACDGC

(picture courtesy of Craig Kligfeld)



Sir Charles Pakula receiving a special presentation of mushroom barley soup from GIG Brian Klasewitz and GOG Craig Kligfeld

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• **NEW KNIGHTS** •

3 - IN—1 RANKS



On Wednesday, May 24th Genesis Lodge hosted a three in one rank with a class of 30. The lodges included were Esq. Goodfellowship #635, Genesis #64, King Solomon/Utopia #400, Knickerbocker #510, Majestic #109, North Shore #824, and Rex #551.



Pictured; Darya Matskin, Joseph St John, David Zubin, Alex Levin, Joel Kasen, Monte Nowenstein, Wendy Lynn Rudell, Todd Heskins, Philip Handlarsky, Richard Etkin, David Rogoff, Michelle Bornfeld, Irene Fishon, Sybil Blumenthal, Dorothy Chusid, Anthony Florido, Diane Haber, Vivian Marcovici, George Schafer, Jacob Weber, Matthew Weber, Aaron Wohl, Martha Ende, Bernard Fraid, Kenneth Frank, Barry Gutman. Also in the photo are GC Sir Charles Pakula, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, & PGC Phillip Feigel *(picture courtesy of Harold Fox)*



On Tuesday, May 16th, New City Orangetown Lodge #854 hosted a 3 in 1 rank at Ramapo Lodge's #485 castle hall in Wesley Hills, NY. We brought in six new members to the order. Pictured below are our new Brothers.

Pictured from left to right: GC Sir Charles Pakula, Michele Cohen, Elba O. Melendez, PDSC Sir Roger Siegel, Marsha Shapiro, Joel Hershkowitz, Marilyn, Blocker, Michelangelo Giordano, and DSC Harvey Rosenshein *(picture courtesy of Brian Klasewitz)*



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Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, black or grey.

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