



NORTH SHORE LODGE #824

Knights of Pythias.



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The Knight Light

CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

No matter how big my feet may be, it will not be easy filling PC Barry Lisak's shoes as Chancellor Commander. He was innovative and made the meetings fun. His Trivia Quizzes with prizes were the highlight of each meeting. He also chaired our Zoom meetings—our step into the future—and led the poker games that followed each meeting. (He couldn't figure out how to play poker while on Zoom, but given time, I am sure that he would have.). Besides all that, he is a good guy, so we really miss him now that he has moved to Florida; but we must persevere.

I have been Chancellor Commander before, so it is familiar territory for me. With the support of the officers of the Lodge, I am sure that we will have a successful year. I hope that many of the readers of this article will come down to our meetings and

give us your camaraderie and good wishes. If anyone has anything that they would like to add to our agenda, please just let me know.

I plan to follow in the footsteps of my predecessors (who include me). I am unsure when you will be reading this article. Right now, our next special gathering will be our Annual Chicken Dinner and Turkey Raffle on the evening of November 15, 2022. I hope that all of you will be there, plate in hand and stomachs empty. If the date has passed, there's always our annual holiday party on December 20, 2022. Hope to break bread with you then.

Fraternally yours,

PC Rod Birnbaum
Chancellor Commander

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS?

We're back! Hope we were missed. The last edition of the Bulletin came out in November 2020. Oddly, not much has changed. After a hiatus of close to two years, we started meeting virtually on Zoom. Now, we have returned to in-person conventions and they are as enjoyable as ever, but not as filled with Brothers as we would like them to be. Sure, we get a quorum, but we're greedy. We would love it if more of you joined us. Why? You might ask. Well, basically it's the more the merrier and, as I recall, conventions are more fun when more people attend. A schedule of our meetings is printed in this Bulletin.

After several years as Chancellor Commander (the second time around), Barry Lisak stepped down. Unfortunately, for us, he moved to Florida. We wish Carol and him a good life in the Sunshine State. Not to worry, a Brother with experience at being at the helm is taking over. Welcome Rod Birnbaum. We're sure that you will do a fine job as our leader.

The Desk Officers—Itzy, Tony and Ron—still have their positions and are helping to keep the Lodge on an even keel. Sadly, with fewer members, we do not have as much money as we would like to hold expensive events; but we still have our September Dinner Meeting, November Chicken Dinner and Turkey Raffle, December Holiday Party, Passover Wine Give-away and June Open Dinner Meeting and Installation of Officers. Anyone with ideas for spicing up our meetings should give us a yell.

Our Castle Hall is at the same location on Little Neck Parkway. However, instead of meeting in the small building towards the back of the parking lot, we get together in a couple of the classrooms on the first floor of the first building by the entrance.

Since the pandemic slowed down, we have gotten

several new members. Welcome David Feldman, Arthur Hyams, Louis Kleiman, Michael Weber, Richard Weber and Alan Zeitler! If the Weber name sounds familiar, it's because their dad, Sidney Weber, is a life member of North Shore Lodge. By the way Sidney will be 97 years old in November, attends each meeting, and wins more than his share of the poker hands in the game that we play after every meeting. Sadly, a number of Brothers no longer are with us. Their names are listed in the Necrology section of this Bulletin.

Good news for those Brothers who stay home to be with their wives or significant others. Supreme Lodge amended the Supreme Constitution to permit women to become Knights. They will also be called Brothers. If anyone on the distaff side (or on any side, for that matter) wishes to join the Knights of Pythias, please let us know. A three-in-one rank is scheduled to take place on December 1st.

PCDGC Robert Banks is keeping active in the District and Grand Lodge. For the second year in a row, he is serving as Grand Lodge Chairman of Finance. Ron Degen started his 34th consecutive year as Grand Lodge Chairman of Law. They both attend District meetings and Grand Lodge events.

For me, the subsiding of the pandemic and the accompanying end of the restrictions on meetings was a welcome return to twice-monthly enjoyable gatherings with my North Shore brothers. Unless and until you join us, you will not know what you are missing. It's so simple, just sitting around, sharing stories, telling jokes, and enjoying dessert and coffee.

North Shore Lodge is back. BE THERE!

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Ira S. Lugener

To My Brothers,

Welcome King Rod. As I wrote six years ago when you were voted in as Chancellor Commander for the first time, "Let's hope that you're not a spendthrift like your late father-in-law, King Barney." He was a great guy, but wow, how he liked to spend our money. Anyway, as long as I get my fair share, I guess I should not complain.

The last time that I wrote an article for the Bulletin, people were fighting about masks and COVID 19. While the controversy surrounding those issues has somewhat subsided, folks are quarreling now more than ever; but not I. Iris and I are too busy looking for bargains and making wise investments whenever we can.

With the economy going crazy for all sorts of reasons, I am going to give you some sage advice that I would not tell anyone other than my dear Brothers of North Shore Lodge. However, please keep it under your hats (You must recall hats, they cover the place where your hair used to be). In the 60's, as we know from The Graduate, the magic word was plastic. Today, marshmallows are the wave of the future. You cannot go wrong if you invest in them. Not only can you stick them with chocolate between two graham crackers and roast them over a fire to make s'mores, but the Government will be using them in its Space Programs as an

ingredient in a newly developed rocket fuel. Remember, you heard it here first.

Many of you do not attend meetings, so you only know what the men in power want you to hear. Let me warn you that they are planning a trip to Las Vegas at your expense. Yes, the Lodge will be paying for the plane tickets and hotel accommodations for anyone who attends 10 meetings before March 1st. His spouse or significant other can get a 50% subsidy. Well let me tell you, old Ira and Iris are not fools. Iris and our three sons and three daughters (the Knights now has female Brothers—now that's an oxymoron) joined the Knights and are planning a great week in April, compliments of you know who—YOU! I slipped this article into the Bulletin. If you want to try to put an end to this treasury depleting nonsense or would like to join in the spoils, come down to a meeting. While I love the thought of a free lunch, I also do not want the Lodge to go bankrupt and have no money left to bury Iris and me (of course, not today, God forbid, but whenever the time comes).

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Ira S. Lugener

Calendar for North Shore Lodge 2022-2023
All Regular Conventions will be held at the
Harvest Mission Church at 7:45

Meeting Dates:

Nov. 1 Regular Convention

15 Regular Convention, Chicken Dinner, Turkey Raffle,

7:30PM

Dec. 6 Regular Convention

20 Holiday Party—Open Meeting, 7:30

Jan 10 Regular Convention

17 Regular Convention

Feb 7 Regular Convention

21 Regular Convention

Mar. 7 Regular Convention

21 Regular Convention

Apr. 4 Regular Convention—Wine Night

18 Regular Convention

May 2 Regular Convention, Memorial Service, First Nominations

16 Regular Convention, Second Nominations & Elections

June 6 Regular Convention

13 Installation of Officers, Open Meeting, Dinner, 7:30 P.M.

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NECROLOGY

It is with deep sorrow and regret that we offer our sincerest sympathy to our Brothers and their kin upon the demise of dear members or their families.

BROTHER ROBERT GREENE

JUNE 23, 2022

BROTHER MARK RABBACH

JANUARY 16, 2022

BROTHER JACK DILDO

DECEMBER 14, 2021

BROTHER HARVEY EISENBERG

DECEMBER 12, 2021

BROTHER ALFRED KESLINGER

NOVEMBER 23, 2021

BROTHER SEYMOUR SPEISMAN

AUGUST 8, 2021

BROTHER WALLACE WEINBERGER

JULY 14, 2021

BROTHER GERHARD BUFE

JUNE 27, 2021

BROTHER JARED GETZEL

DECEMBER 30, 2020

SON OF PDGC ARTHUR GETZEL

BROTHER ARNOLD BERNSTEIN

JULY 26, 2020

BROTHER HOWARD MARGULIS

*We thank thee, O Lord for their companionship
and the sweet memories they leave behind.*

*May their souls be bound up in the Bond of Eternal Life
and may their families know no more sorrow.*

Amen