

Ramapo Lodge Knights of Pythias  
 Harvey Rosenshein  
 8 Glade Court  
 New City, NY 10956-1546



TO:

**"We Help People"** March, April ~2024

# THE GAUVEE

## Calendar of Events and Times

### March

Monday,	March 25 <sup>th</sup>	District Meeting ~ Street School	7:00 PM
Thursday,	March 28 <sup>th</sup>	Homecoming for CDGC Robert Fletcher & ACDGC Stephen Herbst ~ Bartow Community Center 2049 Bartow Ave., Bronx (Co-Op City)	7:30 PM

### April

Friday,	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Open Meeting ~ Amici Italian Restaurant	7:00 PM
Sunday,	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	Luncheon for IP Sir Michael Sukenick & GC Richard E. Resnick See Page 4 for Details	
Friday,	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting ~ Wine Night	6:30 PM
Monday,	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	District Meeting ~ Street School	7:00 PM

### May

Friday,	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Meeting ~ First Nomination of Officers	6:30 PM
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Award Winning  
 Editor-in-Chief  
 Susan Grill  
 2022~2023 Newsletter



Reminder: The final date that all  
 articles are due for the May issue of  
 the "Gavel" is April 20, 2024

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2023-2024 Officers**

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*Our Castle Hall is located at the Wesley Hills Village Hall  
432 Route 306, Monsey, NY  
(Across the road from Wesley Kosher Supermarket*

**Ramapo Lodge #485 Knights of Pythias  
2023-2024 Committees**

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**Sunshine/Visitations**

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**To All Members**

Please notify all changes of address and or telephone numbers to the membership committee.  
Dr. Alan Rosenfeld  
973/492-5700

Send all committee activity reports to:  
**Press & Public Relations Committee**  
To Be Determined

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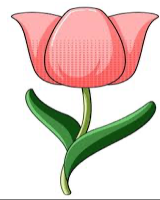
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Levona/Acme Lodge  
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# Chancellor Commander's Message March, April 2024



Spring has sprung and hopefully the weather will improve. We need warm and beautiful weather. As long as we have good health that is what is important especially with the holidays just upon us. Erwin and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and enjoyable fun time with your families. I lose out on a birthday cake as first seder is my birthday, but I guess growing up with a birthday in April, I have gotten accustomed to it. More important I will be with my daughter (and the dog) on my birthday.

As you will see on page 4, we were in Florida for a wonderful vacation and had the opportunity to attend the annual luncheon. We traveled with brothers and their wives for a great twelve day vacation with four days in Florida followed by a week Caribbean Cruise ~ Harvey and Rona Rosenshein, Steven and Louise Gold and Michael and Rita Sukenick (who did not attend the luncheon) and Roger and Starr Siegel who were unable to join us on the cruise. At the luncheon we were able to visit with Herb Appel, Adam Matz, Jerry Vogel and Phyllis, Elliot Ziviak, Harvey Gultz, Steven Goldberg and Ronna, Steven Cohen, Harriet Schwartz, Rhoda Halfon and Janice Teich. It was a great reunion. There were three other lodges at the luncheon so we were able to see many other brothers we had not seen in many years. Can anything be better!

Life begins to be great. On Thursday, March 21, 2024, Ramapo Lodge presented the Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick with the tradition pen set. What made the evening so special, I was presented with the Grand Lodge annual award for the Editor-in-Chief for 2022-2023 for the Gavel. I was so surprised when PACDGC Joel West was called up to make this special presentation.

The picture is on the front page. To everyone  
**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.**

*In Fraternity,*  
**Susan C. Grill**  
CC Susan C. Grill



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Special Olympics New York provides inclusive opportunities for people who are intellectual challenged to participate in sports, discover and unleash the champion within themselves. These athletes experience the thrill of competing in authentic sports. They have overcome many obstacles, however they still remain active for life. Special Olympics continuing mission is to be inclusive no matter what their abilities. Special Olympics New York provides a training ground where those abilities are refined and given room to grow. Grand Chancellor Richard Resnick presented checks to The Special Olympics for \$4,750.

*HABIBI & SALAAM TEMPLES, DOKK*

*Honors*

*Sir Michael Sukenick, Imperial Prince*

*&*

*Richard Resnick, Grand Chancellor*

*Sunday, April 7, 2024 ~ 12:00 PM*

*The Nyack Seaport*

*21 Burd Street, Nyack, NY*

*\$60.00 Per Person Habibi Temple Members &  
their significant others.*

*\$80.00 Per Person for other guests.*



Please RSVP by March 25, 2024 to  
Erwin Grill, PIR  
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Suffern, NY 10901

Make Check Payable to  
Habibi Temple#72

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s).

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For further information call PIP Roger Siegel 845/358-7992  
or PIR Steven Gold 845/774-8010

## RAMAPO CEMETERIES

Several Brothers have asked me about cemetery benefits.

Seems that there is some confusion. The following is excerpted from Triangle By-laws.

1. Only Brothers in Ramapo Lodge #485 and their immediate families are eligible.
2. Our contract with Sons of Israel for the purchase of our cemetery included a requirement that only those of the Jewish Faith could be buried in this cemetery. We purchased twelve non-denominational plots across Brick Church Road for members and/or spouses who are not of the Jewish Faith. Two are currently used or assigned at this time.
3. The Brother must also be a member of Triangle Club. It is never too late for a current Ramapo Brother to join Triangle Club. Initiation fees are based on age at time of joining. There are no dues. Brothers who are members of Triangle Club have a choice of \$200.00 death benefit or two cemetery plots, not necessarily contiguous. Brothers who have chosen cemetery plots in the past, could make them contiguous for a \$200.00 additional charge. Almost everyone who chose plots also chose contiguous plots. If you know you have two plots, there is a 99% chance you also paid for contiguous plots.
4. Brothers from Levona Acme Lodge who transferred to Ramapo Lodge in 2005, are included in all of the above. Levona Acme Lodge distributed a portion of their benefits fund to their brothers and delivered the balance to Ramapo Lodge to cover costs related to the transfer process.
5. We recently learned that Levona Acme Benevolent Association owned three cemeteries for their members and that these were given over to Ramapo Lodge to administer in accordance with Ramapo Endowment Fund Rules. The cemeteries are Beth Moses on Long Island, Cedar Park in New Jersey and King David in Putnam County.
6. Many of the transferred Levona Acme members already own plots in these cemeteries and are entitled to burial in one of these cemeteries at no additional cost for the graves. Some are not enrolled and will be allowed to purchase plots at the same rates as Ramapo Brothers pay. The charge to members who have not previously enrolled is as follows.
  - a. Initiation into Triangle Club if not already a member. This fee depends on age at time of joining.
  - b. \$400.00 per grave. If two graves are purchased, add \$200.00 per pair contiguous fee.
7. The by-laws relating to children are as follows.
  - a. Sons up to the age of 18 unless enrolled in full time college, in which case the age is 21. Other sons over age 18 must become Pythians.
  - b. Unmarried daughters of any age, including divorcees.
8. With the addition of the three new cemeteries, Ramapo Lodge now owns more graves than needed. As a result, we have made our requirements much more liberal. The Committee will review circumstances on an individual basis, and bend over backwards to help our members in need. Any Brother may select any cemetery in any location.
  - a. We have granted plots to "challenged" children of members who do not meet the age requirement.
  - b. We will accept families where the husband is a member of another Lodge.
9. Finally, Harvey Rosenshein and I have pledged to continue to administer all the cemeteries for as long as we are able, even if Ramapo Lodge should close. It is important to recognize that Triangle Club is financially and legally separated from Ramapo Lodge and the Endowment Fund is a subsidiary of Triangle Club.

Thank for the opportunity to clarify matters.

*PC Alan Rosenfeld,  
Financial Secretary*

Florida Luncheon & Cruise  
February 9 & 11, 2024  
Benvenuto's & Caribbean



## Planning Calendar for 2024

### March

Friday,	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
Thursday,	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Grand Chancellor's Official Visit ~ Open	7:00 PM

### April

Friday,	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dinner Out ~ Open      TBD	7:00 PM
Friday,	April 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting ~ Wine Night	6:30 PM

### May

Friday,	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Regular Meeting ~ Nominations	6:30 PM
Friday,	May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting ~ Second Nominations & Election	6:30 PM
Friday,	May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Dinner Out ~ Open      TBD	7:00 PM

### June

Friday,	June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Meeting	6:30 PM
Friday,	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Installation ~ Open	7:00 PM



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## 2024 GRAND LODGE DIABETES RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

### LUCKY NUMBER TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

Lucky Number Tickets for 2024 to help support the Knights of Pythias Diabetes Association are now available.

The net funds raised with the sale of these lucky number tickets, support the fight for a cure.

Each ticket sells for \$20.00, and is good for the entire 2024 year.

You can win multiple times throughout the year, each time your number is selected.

When purchased, each ticket has a unique three digit number.

If your ticket number is selected on Monday through Friday, you will win \$25.00.

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Numbers are based on the daily evening drawing of the New York State Lottery Numbers.

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DSC Harvey S. Rosenshein

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Your ticket(s) with your number will be mailed to you upon receipt of your check.

Thank you for your past and future support.

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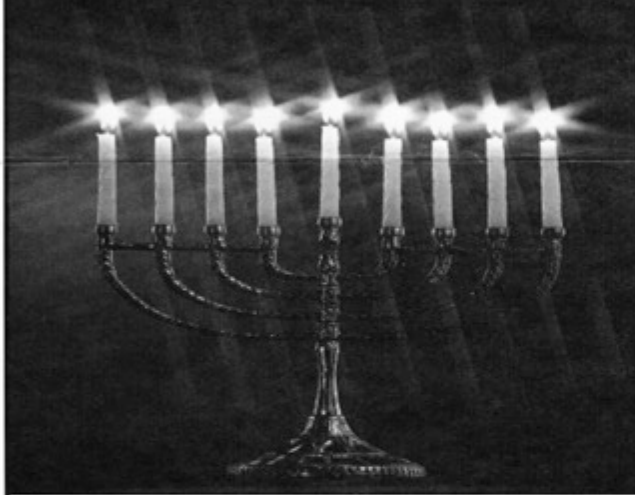
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