

# Pythian Knight



May 2017

## *Annual Boardwalk Breakfast Supports our Vets & Troops*

On Sunday March 12, 2017, The Pythian Humanitarian Fund chaired by Chief Deputy Supreme Chancellor Robert Kaufman and PSR Jerry Bernzweig hosted a Pancake Breakfast at Tom's Restaurant on the boardwalk in Coney Island.

CDSC Kaufman hosted the event with Genesis Lodge #64 Chancellor Commander Jeffrey Freese to benefit our servicemen, servicewomen and veterans. Sir PCDGC Barry Wiener and PACDGC Scott Geffon ran a 50/50 to raise additional funds.

All breakfast net profits and other funds raised that morning support our Veterans and Troops currently serving our country. The Servicemen and Women and Veterans Committee, a sub-committee of the Pythian Humanitarian Fund, has been sending more than 2,000 packages consisting of many personal items that can not be purchased in the field.

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GC Shelly Blitz,  
Humanitarian Fund  
co-chair PSR Jerry  
Bernzweig and  
Breakfast host  
Genesis Lodge 64  
CC Jeffrey Freese  
and CDSC Robert  
Kaufman, who also  
co-chairs the  
Humanitarian Fund.  
Photo by DGC  
Richard Resnick.

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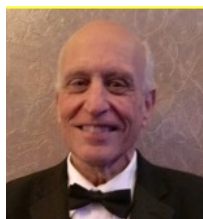
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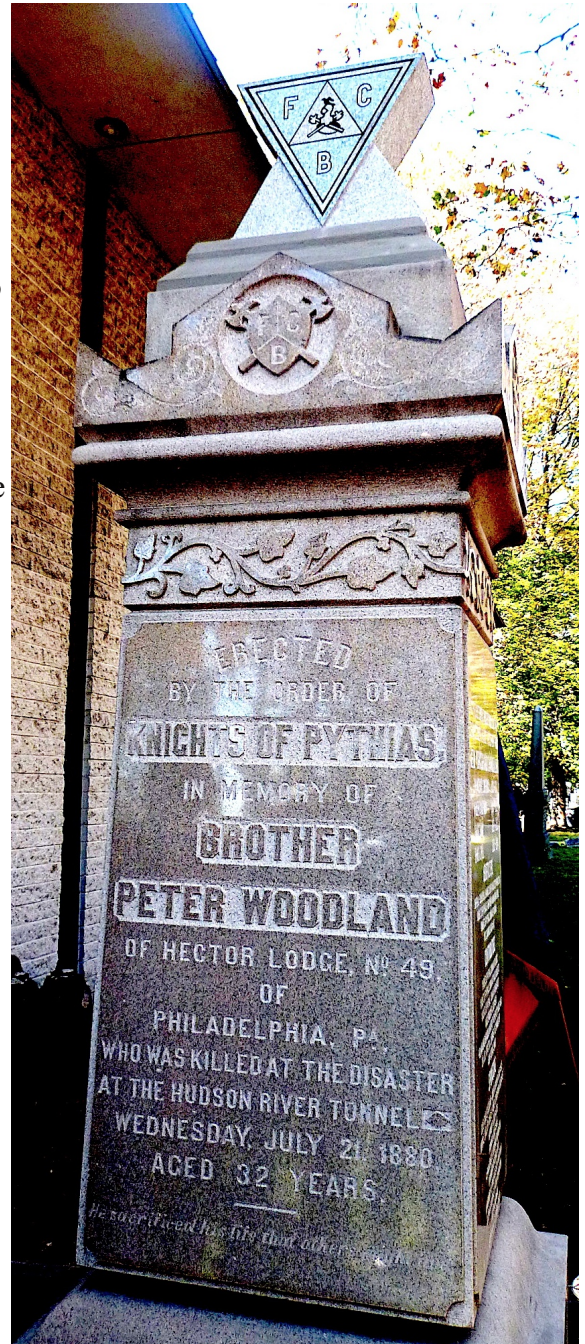


# Pythian News

## Knights of Pythias Honor Hero Who Saved Lives

### *Fraternal & Charitable Order rededicate Monument to Peter Woodland*

The Order of Knights of Pythias, honored a heroic member who died tragically saving many lives at a monument re-dedication ceremony, Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Bayview- New York Bay Cemetery, 327 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey. Peter Woodland, a Pythian and member of Hector Lodge No. 49, of Philadelphia, worked as an assistant supervisor during the building of the Hudson Tubes connecting Jersey City and New York City beneath the Hudson River. On July 21, 1880 he sacrificed his life to save others. Working 60 feet below the surface of the riverbed, Woodland heard what New York Sun



reporters called 'the shriek of escaping air,' and shouted for fellow laborers to 'make for the lock!' Eight men reached the air chamber and safety. The death toll of 20 would have been far higher.. The Grand Lodge of New York initiated the restoration effort with a Woodland Monument Refurbishment Fund campaign. For more information, view the story on the Grand Lodge website at:

<http://tiny.cc/me8rky>



## ***Annual Boardwalk Breakfast Supports our Vets & Troops***

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Watch Pythian Events on the Grand Lodge website page for next year's breakfast and mark your calendar accordingly. See <http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/Events/>.

Packages of much needed supplies will be sent sent to our troops.

Committee Chair PCDGC Sir Joe Robinson notes that the U.S. Postal Service increased the cost to send packages overseas to our Servicemen and Women from \$16.95 to \$17.35.

For more information about the committee, visit its page on our Grand Lodge website:  
<http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/Charities/veterans.php>

<<< **Pythians Helping People!** >>>

### **Coats For Kids**

### **Pythians Provide for Those In Need**



The Knights of Pythias collected over 1,000 coats in more than 10 large bags on the 20th Anniversary of this annual Pythian communal effort, Saturday, December 3, 2016,

This Grand Lodge initiative, begun the Winter of 1996, represents one of many altruistic endeavors of our Order. From its inception 20 years ago through today we donated tens of thousands of collected coats to those in need through organizations on Long Island, in all five boroughs, Westchester County and as far as Monroe, New York.

Recipients of these coats and other items of clothing collected by Pythians include shelters for the homeless, churches, schools, and veteran groups. For more information, visit the Grand Lodge website *Pythian News* page at

[http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/2016-12-03\\_coats\\_for\\_kids.pdf](http://knightsofpythiasnewyorkgrandlodge.com/News/files/2016-12-03_coats_for_kids.pdf)



# Upcoming Pythian Events

- Tue, May 9, 7:30 p.m.** New City Orangetown Lodge #854 Annual Scholarship Night (Open) at Ramapo Senior Center, 319 Haverstraw Road, Suffern, NY.
- Thur, May 11, 7:00 p.m.** United Queens #175 (Winter) Jacket (to Jr PC) & Tie (to GC Sheldon Blitz ) Knight (Open) at Amer. Leg. Post, 10-20 Clintonville St, Whitestone, NY 11357. Info, Joe Robinson (646) 270-6285.
- Fri, May 12, 8:30 p.m.** FDR Lodge #613 Night of the Shield to GC Sheldon Blitz (Closed) at Masonic Hall, 1348 E. 64th St, Brooklyn; Corey Bearak (718) 3436779
- Sat, May 13, 7:30 p.m.** Grand Chancellor's Dinner at Temple Avodah (see back page)
- Mon., May 15, 3d Dist.** Deputy dinner honoring DGC Arthur Getzel (OPEN) at East Meadow Jewish Center, 1400 Prospect Ave., E. Meadow, NY cost TBA. RSVP CDGC Robert Banks
- Tue., May 16, 7:00 p.m.** Rex Lodge #551 presents Swords of Defense (OPEN) at AOH, 2750 Gerritsen Ave., Bklyn, NY 11229. 7:00 p.m. Dinner precedes program. RSVP REQUIRED to Marty Fasting (718) 338-5620.
- Sun, May 21, 11:30 a.m.** Salaam & Habibi Temples DOKK honor GC Sheldon Blitz at Ayhan's, 550 Sunrise Highway, Baldwin. Buffet Brunch, \$30 per person. Salaam Temple RSVOs to Alex Needelman. Habibi Temple RSVPs to Roger Siegel. All others contact Steven Kohn at (646) 258-3042.
- Wed, May 24, 8:00 p.m.** Genesis Lodge #64 Presents Gavel to GC Sheldon Blitz (Closed) AOH Hall, Bklyn
- Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.** Genesis Lodge #64 host 3 in 1 Rank (Closed) at AOH Hall, Brooklyn. All Lodges are invited to have members take the ranks. Questions please contact Errol Lewis at (917) 743-9969.
- Thu, May 25, 8:00 p.m.** North Shore Lodge #824 Homecoming for CDGC Robert Banks (Open) at Amer Leg Hall, 10-20 Clintonville St, Whitestone, NY 11357 Dessert and Coffee Collation
- Sat, June 3,** American Cancer Society RELAY FOR LIFE at MCU Park, Coney Island, Brooklyn, NY
- Sun, June 4, 11:00 a.m.** Humanitarian Luncheon (see page 7)
- Tue, June 6, 7:30 p.m.** New City Orangetown Lodge #854 Installation of Officers by DGC Steven Cohan
- Wed, June 7, 7:00 p.m.** DGC Steven Cohan installs officers of Yorktown Lodge #859 (Open)
- Fri, June 9, 7:30 p.m.** Crier's Lodge #651 Homecoming for Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz (Closed) at AOH
- Sun, June 11, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.** Wendell Willkie Lodge #473 72nd Anniversary Luncheon at Sea Shore Restaurant & Marina, 591 City Island Avenue, City Island
- Sun, June 11, 8:00 a.m.** Camp Sunrise Walk at Wheatley Heights, NY
- Tue, June 20, 7:00 p.m.** North Shore Lodge #824 Installation of Officers at Location TBA (TBD if open)
- Fri, June 23, 8:30 p.m.** FDR Lodge 613 Annual Installation & Charitable & Scholarship Awards (Open), Masonic Hall, 1348 E. 64th St, Brooklyn, NY; Corey Bearak (718) 343-6779.
- Sun, June 25, 12:00 noon** Yankees Old Timer's Day at Yankee Stadium Sponsored by The Wm. Wernicoff fund of Esquire Goodfellowship Lodge #635. \$80ppt (\$75 4 or more) Contact PDGC Keith Karon [kisskk66@icloud.com](mailto:kisskk66@icloud.com) or PCDGC Brian Kohn [bskohn@aol.com](mailto:bskohn@aol.com).
- Wed, Aug 16, 7:00 p.m.** FDR Lodge #613 charities sponsors Mets v. Yankees at Citifield, Coca Cola Corner, \$60 FDR members, \$85 non-members. Contact Corey Bearak (718) 343-6779 or [Bearak@me.com](mailto:Bearak@me.com).

**Grand Lodge updates this events listing on its KOPNY.ORG website almost daily.**

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# *More Pythian News*

## **Albany Pythians Lead the Way**

### *Support Double H Ranch Programs for children & their families*

Grand Lodge supports a number of special needs charities including the Double H. Ranch in Luzerne, NY founded in 1992 by Paul Newman and businessman Charley Wood. It serves children living with life-threatening and serious illnesses free of charge. Donations from Grand Lodge (Dr. Morris Smoller and Humanitarian Funds), subordinate lodges' charities and individual Pythians will soon surpass \$100,000. Find a Pythian lodge community in New York and find children who have attended or will attend this camp. Children also come from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and other states throughout the United States.

It all resulted following the advocacy of Albany City Lodge #540. Double H provides all of its programs free of charge to the children and their families through a recommendation by a hospital or a doctor; this is the only way a child can attend this camp. In the fall, winter and spring months the camp offers various weekend activities – at no charge – for these special children, their siblings and parents. In the spring programs include Braveheart's-Partner Program, Hematology/Oncology Family weekend and Cindy's Comfort Camp. In the fall Double H provides a Family-Memorial Weekend, Diabetes Family Weekend, Mitochondrial/ Journey Family Weekend, and Spina Bifida Family Weekend.



*Pictured left to right, PACDGC Sir Martin Seaman and PACDGC Jayson Schner present a check to Max J. Yurenda, CEO/Executive Director of Double H Camp.*



*Pictured left to right are Pythians brothers posing with the toys they donated to the pediatric ward of Nyack Hospital: Brother Sy Rubenstein; PACDGC Steve Gold; GIG Harvey Rosenshein, Royal Prince, Secretary, Habibi Temple 72; PCDGC Sir Ron Klare; PGC Erwin Grill, Royal Prince, Treasurer, Habibi Temple 72; PC Sy Samuels; PDSC and Royal Vizier Sir Roger Siegel; and PSR Sir Morty Hirsh.*

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## Here Comes the Judge!

17 new members, including a Supreme Court Justice, were initiated and three dozen Knights Re-Obligated at a *Three in One Rank & Rathbone Bible* hosted by FDR Lodge #613, Sunday, March 19, at Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1179 in Queens Village. Special guests included **Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell, Supreme Treasurer Sir Alan Ast and Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz.** Welcome to new Pythian Knights - from **Genesis #64:** *Harris Barber, Jay Freese, Lloyd Lederman, Ed May, Hon. Mark Partnow* (of Supreme Court in Brooklyn), *Norman Rottenberg, Martin Weinstein and Fred Wolinsky*; from **FDR #613:** *Dan Corbett, Bryan Goodovitch, Douglas Pearl, Larry Sokoler, Dave Stein and Joe Zambrana*; from **Majestic #109:** *Jack Woo and Kevin York*; and from **North Shore #824:** *Jared Getzel.* Thank you to participants *Corey Bearak, Phil Feigel, Jeffrey Freese, Paul Joseph, Howard Lax, Robert Kaufman, Sir Alan Krell, Arthur Peckerman, Harvey Rosenshein, Craig Shink, Herb Smith, Ira Spiegel, David Stanger, Sir Roger Siegel and Sir Mike Sukenick.*

## Pythian Humanitarian Fund Brunch

Sunday June 4, 11:00 a.m.

Temple Avodah of Oceanside  
3050 Oceanside Road

Hot & Cold Buffet\* Raffles\* Music\* Friendship

Tickets available several ways:  
Gold Page \$500 (& 8 tickets to Luncheon)  
Silver Page \$250 (& 4 tickets to Luncheon)  
Full Page \$125 (& 2 tickets to Luncheon)  
1/2 page \$75 (& 1 ticket to Luncheon)  
\$125 Club 2 Tickets included With Raffle  
\$75 for 1 Raffle Book - 1 Ticket  
\$125 for 2 Raffle Books 2 Tickets

Contact: CDSC Robert Kaufman 917-626-8185  
or PSR Jerry Bernzweig 631-981-4422

## Pythian Clothing Items for Sale

**Polo Shirts** (Available with or without a pocket. The shirts come with your name, lodge and # if desired. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, Red, Gray, Green, Black. Price \$25 (XL sizes \$2 extra)

**Jackets** - Choice of a fleece lined or light windbreaker -- with your name, lodge and # if desired. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL Colors: Blue, Black. \$65 Fleece lined; \$40 Windbreaker (XL sizes \$2 extra)

**Hoodies** - zippered, with your name, lodge and # if desired. Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL. Colors: Blue, black or grey. Price: \$45

**Hats** (Blue only) - Price: \$10

Order Form - Pythian Humanitarian Fund

Item (circle selection)	Polo Shirt	Jacket	Hoodie	Hat
Size				
Color				
Pocket? (Polo shirt only)				
Name				
Lodge Name and #				

Please return all order forms to:  
PDSC Sir Roger Siegel  
17 Broome Blvd.  
Nyack, NY 10960



Fleece



Windbreaker

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## *FDR Lodge #613 “Shields” GC Sheldon Blitz*

FDR Lodge 613 bestowed Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz with the “Shield” at its 11th Annual Knight of the Shield Grand Chancellor honor night. The Friday, May 12 event included a bevy of Pythian dignitaries, including Supreme Chancellor Sir Alan Krell, following the special ceremony designed and coordinated by PACDGC Warren Nadel at FDR's Castle Hall Midwood Masonic Temple in Brooklyn. FDR also recognized Marc Bochner who becomes a Past Grand Chancellor as he completes a fifth year as Grand Secretary for the Domain of New York. CDSC Robert Kaufman assisted FDR Chancellor Commander PC Dr. Howard Lax in officiating.



*Past Grand Chancellors with their shields joining Grand Chancellor Sheldon Blitz (center). Left to Right Erwin Grill, Steve Kohn, Robert Kaufman, Blitz, Allan Greenberg, Jerome Bernswieg, Craig Shink, Sir Roger Siegel, and Sir Michael Sukenick . (Credit photo to PADGC/ GTrib Corey Bearak)*

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