

FDR Lodge Donations Support Pythian Charities

September 23, 2022

On September 23, 2022, the associated foundation of FDR 613 Knights of Pythias presented checks to support three Grand Lodge charities. FDR Vice Chancellor Ira Spiegel, President of Kings-FDR Tolerance Foundation presented donations to the Grand Lodge College Scholarship, Pythian Diabetes Research Association and the Pythian Humanitarian Fund. Earlier Foundation donations support Hewlett House and MLS (Multiple Sclerosis Society).

[At right, Past Deputy Supreme Chancellor Sir Roger Siegel holds the donation to the Grand Lodge College Scholarship, Supreme Inner Guard Craig Shink displays our donation to the Pythian Diabetes Research Assoc., Foundation President PC Ira Spiegel, and Grand Master at Arms Bryan Hoffman holds donation to the Pythian Humanitarian Fund. (Photo courtesy of FDR Lodge 613)]



[At left, FDR Master At Arms & Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation Treasurer PACDGC Lewis Smith and wife Rose present donation Executive Director Geri Barish (right) of Hewlett House, a community learning resource center for all cancer concerns, (Photo courtesy of FDR Lodge 613)]

Earlier that evening DGC Paul Barth (Genesis Lodge 64) presented the Grand Chancellor's message and delivered the semi-annual password.

FDR Lodge plans a number of events and programs to raise funds to support its charitable causes: A BINGO fundraiser, Friday, December 23, 2022 at Ancient Order of Hibernian Hall (AOH), 2750 Gerritsen Avenue, between Florence & Everett Avenues, Brooklyn, NY 11229 (\$20pp, three boards & 1 special); an [Afternoon Dance](#), Sunday, April 23, 2023, 1:00 p.m., also at AOH; and the Mets v. Yankees at Citi Field, Wednesday June 14, 2023, 7:10 p.m. (\$115pp)

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The New York [Grand Lodge](#) supports [charities](#), including the [Pythian Humanitarian Fund](#), [Diabetes Research Association](#), [Pythian Camp](#), [Dr. Morris Smoller Social Service Fund](#) (which supports health and elder care institutions) and the Special Olympics.

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