
The
Visor

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Knights of Pythias*

*Meetings on the 4th Sunday at 10:00 A.M.
Jewish Federation Building
184 Washington Ave. Ext
Albany New York 12203*

'If fraternal love held all men bound, how beautiful this world would be'

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SUNDAY - SUNDAY - SUNDAY

Just a reminder that there is a ***regular lodge meeting*** scheduled for this Sunday morning at the Jewish Federation Building on Washington Ave. Ext. - 10:00 AM (9:30 AM coffee and bagels)

This will be our last meeting for the winter, and we need to discuss activities for the Spring as well as preparing for our annual Giant Coloring Book sales starting on Black Friday. We have a credit card reader for each location, and it would be helpful if the team captains could attend the Sunday meeting to review the particulars.

Your input is important as your officers cannot continue to run your lodge without your support. They hope to see you on Sunday, at the Jewish Federation building on Washington Avenue extension.

Old Timers Brunch - BIG SUCCESS

Did we miss you at our "Old Timers-Memorial Service-Honors Brunch" held at the Jewish Federation building? Over 60 brothers, their wives or significant other attended sharing a good time and plenty of food. A special thank you goes out to those who volunteered their help in making this event the success it was.

In addition to the brunch and the candle lighting Memorial Service there was more on the agenda.

The incoming Officer's and the Chancellor Commander were given their respective oath of office by DSC Harvey Rosenshein.



We also took the opportunity to celebrate a special brother.



Bro. Al Staff, accompanied by his son Michael, was honored with a plaque celebrating his 103 plus years of life and exemplary support to Albany City Lodge.

Al is an asset we are all proud to call a brother and friend.

Annual Coloring Book Fundraiser Kicks Off

As we are in Thanksgiving Week, "Black Friday" is our normal starting date for our annual project, the selling of Giant Coloring books. As in previous years, we will be selling our books at Colonie Center and Crossgates Mall. Sales begin on Friday, November 25th, and will continue each weekend until December 18th and then continuing the remaining days through Friday, December 23rd.

Currently, we have over 60 brothers and their wives / spouses / widows signed up to help with this project. Please remember that all the net profits raised from this endeavor are used to support our charities. To date our main charity, the Double H Ranch, has received over \$175,000 from the fraternal order Knights of Pythias. We have also made

donations to other organizations: To Life, the local cancer support services organization, college scholarships for Pythian children and sending underprivileged kids to summer camp., to name just a few.

Letters informing our volunteers their date, location and times have been mailed to all those who will be assisting us. If you or your spouse have not volunteered for this project, please do so by calling Brother Martin Seaman, 518 452-5416 or Brother Jay Schner, 518 577-5505.

Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

A Thank You sent to Albany City Lodge

Below is a copy of the letter we received from Brother Harvey S. Rosenshein, DSC, who was named an honorary member of our lodge for his support of the Double H Ranch:

Dear Brothers:

I would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Albany City Lodge, No. 540, for the honor of becoming an honorary member of your lodge. I will always remember the courtesies and honors extended to me on September 11, 2022.

I will always campaign, hopefully for many years to come, for funds for the Double H Ranch. The ranch has a special place in my heart as mentioned at the presentation, as we are very fortunate to have children and grandchildren, who are well, happy, and healthy, thank G-D. Double H Ranch does so much for children who unfortunately are not blessed with good health.

The plaque that the lodge has given me, will be prominently displayed in my Office, for all visiting to see.

The Lodge's hospitality with the wonderful breakfast was really enjoyed by my wife, Rona, and myself. I look forward to attending future events like this, in the future. Again, we as Pythians do what we are able to do, that is help others.

I look forward to joining you and my brothers, for camaraderie, and friendship at upcoming events.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for anything you may need from

Grand Lodge Domain of New York, or the Order Universal.

Stay well, and wishing you and all at Albany City Lodge, a very happy and healthy holiday season.

Fraternally,
Harvey, DSC

CONDOLENCES

It is with a saddened heart that Albany City Lodge records the loss of Sandy Brand, wife of Bro. Jack Brand PACDGC.

DAMON FUND CHARITABLE TRUST DONATIONS

In memory of PSR / PGC Hon. Leonard A. Weiss from PACDGC Richard & Raylene Jacobs.

In memory of PSR / PGC Hon. Leonard A Weiss from Bro. Ronald Levine.

In memory of PSR / PGC Hon. Leonard A Weiss from PACDGC Jayson Schner.

You can have a card, in Memory of, in Honor of or for a Speedy Recovery, sent to an individual of your choosing. The cost is only \$5.00 per card. **To send a card contact Martin Seaman, 518-452-5416.** Your card will be sent within 24 hours.

WE ARE DOWN TO 24

Are you one of the 24 brothers remaining that have not paid their financial obligation to the lodge? We would hate to lose any of our Pythian brothers for this reason. Please send in your check ASAP.

Eyeglass's WANTED

Do you have a pair of eyeglasses that you no longer need or use? If the answer is yes, then they can be used by a local optometrist. This doctor travels to a poor South American country each summer to provide free eye exams and whenever possible, free glasses. These individuals cannot afford to have an eye exam or purchase a pair of eyeglasses. This simple gesture may allow an individual to see. They may now be able to read or for that matter attend school.

If you have a pair of eyeglasses that you no longer use or need, please

consider donating them to this worthy cause. You can do so by contacting **Martin Seaman, 518 452-5416**, and he will arrange to obtain them. He will also deliver them to the optometrist for his use on his summer trip.

I am sure those individuals who receive the free pair of glasses thank you for your generosity.

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