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Peter Woodland Memorial Restoration Project

New York Knights of Pythias



*"He sacrificed
his life that others
might live."*



The History

Before the successful construction of the Hudson River tunnel, known as the “Tubes,” by the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad, an attempt to build a tunnel was made by DeWitt C. Haskins in 1871.

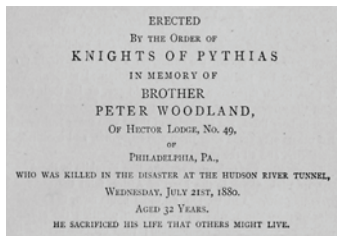
The project was temporarily abandoned in 1880 when tragedy struck the effort. Peter Woodland, superintendent of operations, was working

TWENTY MEN BURIED ALIVE **CAVING IN OF THE HUDSON RIVER** **TUNNEL.**

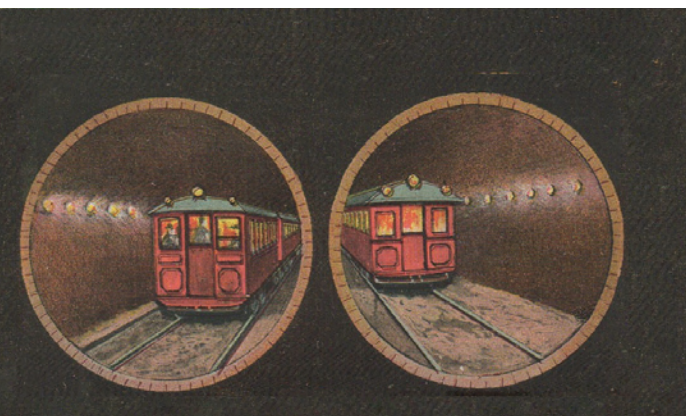
on the tunnel in a pressurized compartment. He noticed gushing water from a break through the brick tunnel. He guided a number of men out of the shaft, but he and nineteen other workers, who remained in the compartment, were drowned in what was called a “blowout” from the opening. Woodland died while saving the lives of his fellow workers.

Woodland’s heroism was memorialized by the Massachusetts Knights of Pythias in Lynn, MA with the naming of the Peter Woodland

Lodge #72. The Tunnel was later completed for the Hudson and Manhattan tubes and opened to in 1908. It is now known as the PATH tunnel.



Inscription of the Monument



The Memorial

Hudson River Tunnel worker Peter Woodland was buried in Jersey City's Bayview-New York Bay Cemetery on Garfield and Chapel Avenues in 1880.

The monument in the cemetery bears the following inscription:

“Erected by the Order of Knights of Pythias in memory of Brother Peter Woodland, of Hector Lodge No. 49, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was killed at the disaster at the Hudson River Tunnel, Wednesday, July 21, 1880, aged 32 years. He sacrificed his life that others might live.”



Project to Restore the Monument Site



In the intervening 100+ years, the monument and its site have fallen prey to vandalism and decay.

In 2009, a group of New York Pythians decided to restore and re-dedicate the Peter Woodland memorial. The group undertook the project, which will include the monument and adjacent memorial site.

The work will include:

- Cleaning of the monument
- Re-pointing of the monument base and lettering
- Restoration of the statue
- Repair of the concrete sidewalk
- Trimming of the trees
- Re-seeding/sodding of the area around the monument

Photos by Joseph Brennan

Funding the Project

In an age when heroes are all too scarce, the Project Committee is calling on our brethren and friends to help fund the work. You will be helping us preserve the memory of true hero. Contribute by purchasing a commemorative coin or by a simple donation. In this way, we will maintain our history and our heroes.

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