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Pythians Support Veterans & Armed Forces Members

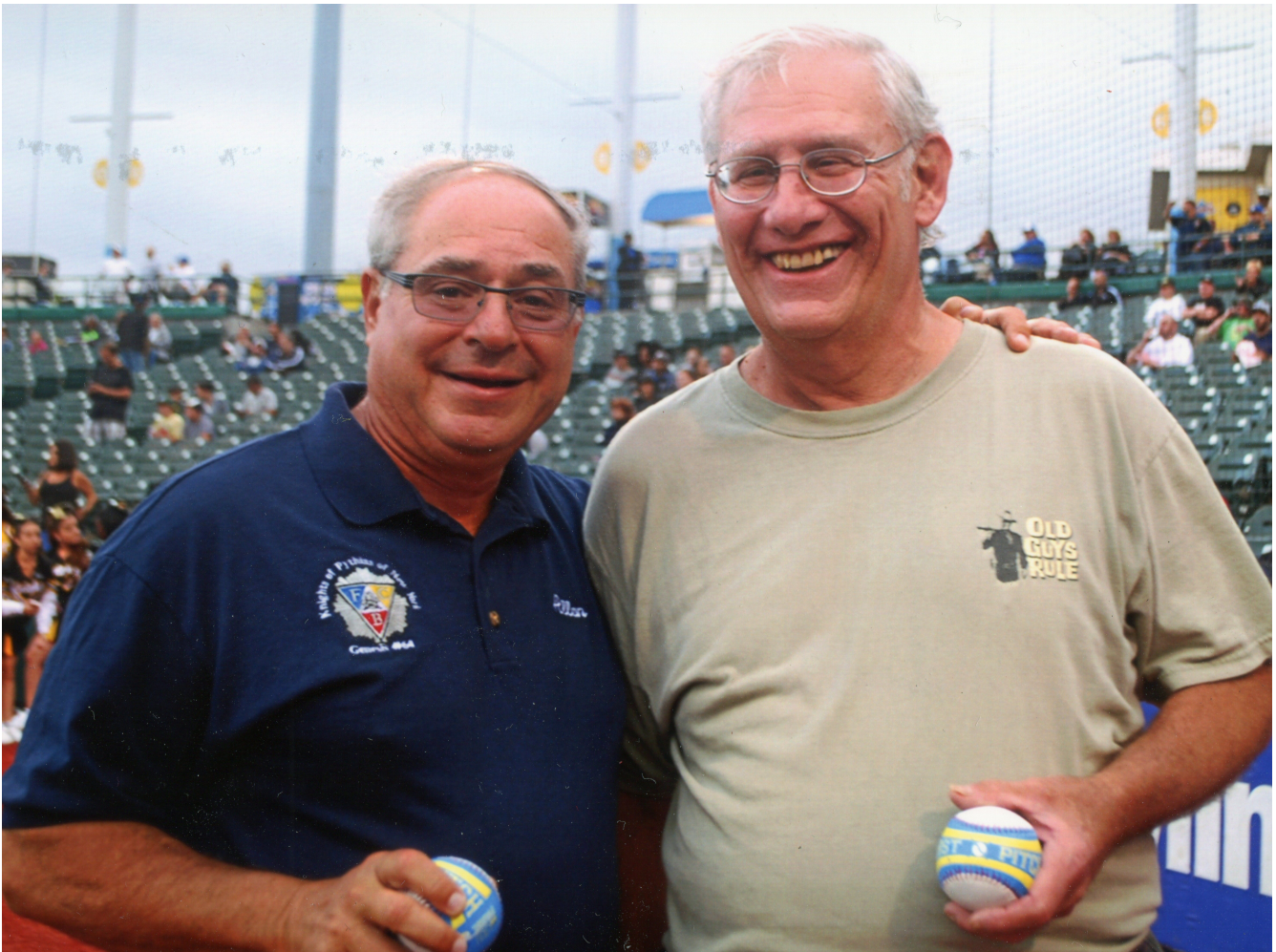
Cyclones Games fundraiser support Veterans and Serviceman & Woman's Fund.

Pythians raised over \$3,000 for the work of the [Servicemen and Women and Veterans Committee](#) of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias at a Brooklyn Cyclones games, August 22, 2014. 336 Pythian family members attended this event organized by the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation of Genesis Lodge #64 and supported by the Cyclones, Pythian Sisters, and others lodges in Knights of Pythias Domain of New York. NYS Grand Chancellor Robert Ross and PDSC Allan Greenberg, President of the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation, both threw ceremonial first pitches.



[Photo Caption: Pictured left to right: Pythian Sisters Past Chief Paula Nalick, Grand Chancellor Robert Ross, Grand Outer Guard David Stanger, Sandy the Seagull and Past Deputy Supreme Chancellor Allan Greenberg (President of the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation).]

The Grand Lodge of New York Knights of Pythias originally set up its [Servicemen and Women and Veterans Committee](#) to provide support and visitations to VA hospitals where simple gifts and good cheer would bring comfort to injured – many permanently disabled – members of our armed forces. In 2006, a New York Pythian and former Marine, recognizing that our service personnel in the middle east battle zones lacked access to basic personal care products including shampoo, razor blades, snack foods, books, etc., started soliciting products to send over.



[Photo Caption: Past Deputy Supreme Chancellor Allan Greenberg (President of the Alpha-Genesis Sunshine Foundation) and Grand Chancellor Robert Ross pose with the ceremonial balls they used to throw first pitches.]

It currently costs \$15.00 to ship one box via USPS. With the support of Pythians and others, this Pythian Committee under the leadership of its chair, PCDGC Sir Joseph Robinson, raises enough money and material to box and ship some 900 boxes per year totaling over 5,000 individual packages to service men and women currently serving tours in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The [Order of Knights of Pythias](#) is an international, non-sectarian fraternal order, established in 1864 in Washington, DC, by Justus H. Rathbone and was the first fraternal order to be chartered by an Act of Congress. Its distinguishing [principles](#) are "FRIENDSHIP, CHARITY and BENEVOLENCE". Domains of the Order exist in most states and provinces, and [subordinate lodges](#) are located in many cities and towns across the United States and Canada. 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](#). For [information](#) on becoming a member of the New York State Order of the Knights of Pythias please visit [KOPNY.com](#) to be contacted by the Membership Committee (email Michael Sukenick: SirMike2012@gmail.com). You may find a lodge near you by visiting the lodge listing [page](#), or by contacting Grand Lodge.