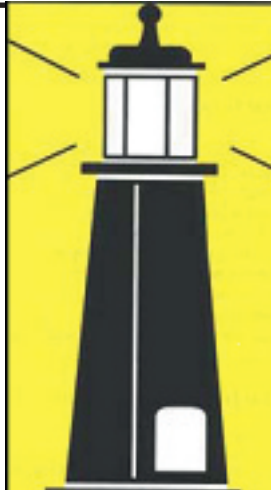


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Next Meetings:

Fri., Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m.
Members-only Pre-Meeting
BBQ & 8:00 p.m. Budget
Meeting
@ AOH - RSVP by 9/9 to Corey Bearak

Fri., Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting (Closed)
@ AOH - Collation to Follow

Fri., Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m.
Board & Reg. Mtgs. (Closed)
@ AOH - Collation to Follow

Fri., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m.
Pre-Meeting Dinner (RSVP
by 9/19) & GC Message
@AOH (Closed)

Fri., Oct. 24, 8:00 p.m.
Dance Instruction (Open)
(tentative)
@ AOH - Collation to Follow

Fri., Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m.
Black Friday Football & Dinner
BYOB - Details Ted Pashko

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October 10**

We Mourn The Loss of

Barry Goldberg (6-7-25), Mark Pomerantz (6-25-25),

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A Word from Our

Chancellor Commander

My Pythian Brothers:

Welcome back to our new Pythian and FDR year. We offer a robust program and hope you'll join us at our meetings, programs and events. Congratulations to dual brothers David Salem elected Grand Outer Guard and Brian Klasewitz elected Grand Vice Chancellor at this summer's Grand Convention.

We start our years with a Members-Only Pre-Meeting BBQ and Budget Meeting September 12 (RSVP to Corey by 9/9) and receive the Grand Chancellor's message following dinner on September 26. Black Friday Football takes place at AOH on November 28 (See more on page 6.). We have Bingos planned for early December and late January. We reprise Holiday Dinner just before the new year and again hold a new year's brunch. Join us at our Sweethearts Dance at Matteo's February 14. Our Knight of the Shield is set for May 8. Our annual Mets v Yanks at Citi Field also takes place in May (Date to be confirmed.). Our PicnBQ at Alley Pond Park in Queens is set for Saturday, June 6.

Hope to see you this month and more.

Fraternally Yours,

Jeff Smaller

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- see p. 7 for details

Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation printed its 8th Annual **Book of Remembrance** to provide a meaningful and solemn opportunity for FDR members and friends to memorialize beloved family members, loved ones and special friends. For those of you who cannot get to services during the holidays, you will be able to use this publication at home to recite the Yizkor prayers. Its delivery was included with this issue of The Beam. Find it on line on FDR's website's "News" section.

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Provide your email address to get notices of events, meetings, & the **The Beam** on-line. Send your email to Bearak@me.com.



Important Message
from FDR Lodge Financial Secretary PC Dean Mamet
Any member who has not yet paid their dues for the 2025-2026 Pythian year is subject to suspension. By now these members should have known that they have to pay dues annually, whether they received a notice or not.
Dues not paid by October 1 are subject to a \$10 late fee.
No excuses.

Support Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation

The following have contributed this month:

*****Condolences to Bro. Stephen Berger (son in law of Bro. Robert Kaufman) on the loss of his father*****

The contributions (\$5.00 or more) may be mailed to:

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In Honor of _____

Occasion (Birthday, Anniversary, etc.) _____

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Happy Birthday

2: Steve Gold; 3: Allan Steinberg

5: Raul Palatnik; 8: Melvin Barenkopf & Michael Lokitz;

9: Richard Kurtzberg; 15: Gloria Goldstein;

18: Helene Kurzrok; 26: Francine Rubin & Richard M. Schoen;

28: Sheila Guttman; 30: Gladys Gewirtz.

Happy Anniversary

1: Peter & Jodi Montano;

2: Craig & Amy Shink;

3: Larry & Lisa Brandwein;

28: Alan & Irina Krell

and Warren & Felice Nadel.

The Beam editor asks all brothers and widows who have not shared their birthdays and anniversary dates (we now milestone so you might wish to share the year) to please send or email their information to CGTrib Corey Bearak, P.O. Box 135, Glen Oaks, NY 11004 or email: Bearak@me.com. Also make sure we have your up-to-date telephone numbers and emails. Please use the form below.

Please Print:

Members Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Wifes Name: _____ Wifes Birth Date: _____

Anniversary Date: _____ Telephone No: (____) ____ - ____ Email _____



FDR @ Grand Convention

At the July 14, 2024 Grand Convention, FDR's Corey Bearak delivered his Report as Chief Grand Tribune:

- ▶ This year the Grand Tribunal over which I presided received no matters to consider, nor any advisory requests.
- ▶ As I noted in two prior reports, the current process for bringing matters before the Grand Tribunal involves service in person or by mail. This means existing Grand Law does not permit any service (of legal papers) by email in order to commence an action under Grand Law. While I offer no (personal) opinion on any need to change or not change existing Grand Law in this regard, it remains something Grand Lodge may wish to address through legislation.
- ▶ Since the recommendation I made two years ago and again last year remains unaddressed, I again bring it to your attention for consideration. I had recommended clarifying the role of the Grand Advocate. Outside the order similar roles would by tradition, practicality and/or law proscribe – that means bar or prohibit, the person whose role is to provide legal guidance and often prosecute and/or initiate and bring matters on behalf of for example, in the case of our order, the Grand Chancellor, Grand Council, or Grand Lodge, not to handle any private matter that would be adjudicated within the order. When such legal advisor represents a private party, that creates an inherent conflict of interest no matter how pure of heart and upstanding such legal advisor might be. If a legal advisor acts in such a manor that presents such a conflict and Grand Chancellor is unable or unwilling to require a legal advisor to avoid such conflict, or replace such legal advisor, the best solution would be to codify the proscription. Thus, I once again bring this to the attention of the body so it can act now or in the future.

Support Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation

Contribute \$5.00 or more in someone's honor (birthday, anniversary, graduation, other occasion) or memory to include your special message in The Beam. Mail check payable to "Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation" to:
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A deceased member in good standing and his spouse are each entitled to a grave in one of our cemeteries. The family receives \$750 for the member and \$500 for the spouse after the monument is erected or engraved. If the member or spouse was not buried in a Bayview-Nemo deeded property, the benefits will go to the family upon receipt of a death certificate. A widow remains in good standing by making a one-time payment of \$100.

Grave reservations are \$200 for a surviving spouse at the time of need. A couple can reserve a pair of graves in advance for \$400. The families of all internments pay a cemetery fee of \$50.

For further information on our Benevolent Association benefits please email our Cemetery Chairman, Lewis Smith, at SMITTYLJS@VERIZON.NET. If immediate information is required, call him at (718) 633-0400.

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Knights of Pythias

To: Franklin Delano Roosevelt Lodge No. 613, Knights of Pythias, of Domain of New York
I respectfully apply for membership in your lodge by INITIATION

I declare upon honor that I believe in a Supreme Being, that I am not unlawfully engaged in the wholesale or retail sale of intoxicating liquors or narcotics and that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live. Moreover, I declare upon honor that I do not advocate nor am I a member of any organization that advocates the overthrow of the Government of the Country in which this Order has a legal existence, by force of violence or other unlawful means, and that I do not seek by force or violence to deny to other persons their rights under the law of such country.

I as born in the City of State of

On the.....day of, 19.....

Address.....

Phone-Home.....Cell.....Email.....

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If this application is accepted, I promise full and faithful observance of all rules and law that govern this lodge and Order.

The Fee (see below) of \$.....Accompanies This Application

Written and signed by my own hand this _____ day of _____ 201__

1) Do you believe in the existence of a Supreme Being? _____ 2) Are you of sound bodily health? _____

3) Have you previously applied for the membership in the order of KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS? If so, when and where? _____

4) Are you willing to take upon yourself a solemn obligation to keep forever secret all that you may hear, see or be instructed in - an obligation that will in no way conflict with your conscience? _____

Signed.....

Print Name.....

We the endorers of the above application, certify that the applicant possesses all of the necessary qualifications for members in the Order Knights of Pythias (print names below signatures):

Signed..... Signed.....

Print Name..... Print Name.....

Type of Membership: Check One... Regular ___ Social ___ Dual ___

DUES: \$60 Initiation Fee: Check One.....\$100 [\$50 if join by June 30, 2026]* or ___\$500***under age 60 and Social (Non-benefit) Members who sign waiver **age 60 and above

Family Plots Available

Buy a Family Plot and provide for your family members who are unaffiliated with FDR Lodge and save \$\$\$\$\$. We have plots available in Beth Moses and Beth Israel cemeteries. For more info contact: PDGC Lewis J. Smith (See his contact above.).

FDR Calendar for 2025-2026 - Clip & Save it

All meetings are Fridays except where otherwise noted

- ▶ Fri., Sept. 12, 7:00 p.m. Members-BBQ followed by Budget Meeting at 8:00 p.m. (Closed) @ AOH. RSVP PCGTrib Corey Bearak at Bearak@me.com by Sept. 9.
- ▶ Fri., Sept. 26, 7:00 p.m. Dinner (RSVP by Sept. 19) followed by 8:00 p.m. DGC Steven Needelman presents GC Message (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Fri., Oct. 10, 8:00 p.m. Reg. Mtg. (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Fri., Oct. 24, 8:00 p.m. Dance Instruction – Collation to Follow (tentative - Open) @ AOH
RSVP Warren Nadel (could be Oct. 10) Pricing TBA
- ▶ Fri., Nov. 14, 8:00 p.m. Board Meeting followed by Regular Meeting (Closed) @ AOH
- ▶ Fri., Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Black Friday Football & Dinner @ AOH: Eagles v. Bears (Kickoff @ 3:00 p.m.) on Amazon Prime. Dinner, BYOB, \$20 FDR members & 1 guest, \$30pp non-members, payable to FDR Lodge* (\$5 & \$10 boxes on site; also Superbowl boxes contact - PCGTrib Corey Bearak Bearak@me.com). RSVP PCDGC Ted Pashko at TedPashko@aol.com
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m. Pizza followed by Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m. @ AOH (Closed)
- ▶ Fri., Dec. 26 7:30 p.m. Holiday Dinner & Dancing, DJ & karaoke at AOH RSVP by Dec. 12 Member-only & guest BYOB \$25 FDR members (1 guest included), \$50 non-members (includes 1 guest), BYOB, payable to FDR Lodge* to PCDGC Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.
- ▶ New Year's Day Brunch noon at TBA \$25 FDR Member couples; \$15/pp FDR Members. Mail Check to "Kings FDR Tolerance Foundation" to Corey, PO Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004 by Dec. 22. Limited to 32 attendees, first PAID reservation, first in.
- ▶ Fri., Jan. 9, 8:00 p.m. Annual Foundation Meeting followed by Reg. Mtg (Closed) @ AOH.
- ▶ Fri., Jan. 23, Juke Box BINGO (Doors open 6:30 p.m.; Open) at AOH. \$50 FDR Member couples; others \$TBD includes Perry's Diner Catering & game cards; 50-50 raffles. RSVPs required by Jan. 9. Send checks payable to FDR Lodge* to PCDGC Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd., Apt. 1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375; tele: (347) 678-2202.
- ▶ Sun., Feb. 8, 5:00 p.m. District Superbowl gathering (OPEN) at AOH, \$15pp FDR Members & their significant other; \$30pp Non-Members. RSVP by Feb. 6 to PCDGC Ted Pashko (347) 678-2202.
- ▶ Fri., Feb. 13, 8:00 p.m. Board preceding Regular Meeting (Closed) at AOH. Collation to follow.
- ▶ Sat. Feb. 14 Sweethearts Dance @ Matteos of Howard Beach. Dining, DJ/Dancing, Unlimited Wine & Soda, cash bar. \$80 FDR member couples; \$160 nonmembers. RSVP PCGTrib Corey Bearak at Bearak@me.com. Mail Checks payable to FDR Lodge* to Corey, PO Box 135 Glen Oaks, NY 11004
- ▶ Fri., Feb. 27, 7:00 p.m. Members-only Pre-mtg. Dinner followed by Annual Benevolent & Reg. Mtg. RSVP by Feb. 20 to PCGTrib Corey Bearak.
- ▶ Fri., Mar. 13, 8:00 p.m. 1st Nominations (Closed) @ AOH. Collation to follow.
- ▶ Monday, March 16, 8:00 p.m. 46th District Blue Jacket to GC (Closed) at AOH. (tentative)
- ▶ Fri., March 27, 8:00 p.m. Special Event TBA (Open, possible alternative Dance Instruction date) at AOH. (Mets are home per 2026 schedule)
- ▶ Fri., April 10, 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:30 p.m.) Foundation BINGO after Dinner @ AOH. \$50 FDR Member couples; others \$TBD includes Perry's Diner Catering & game cards; 50-50 raffles. RSVP by Mar. 27. Checks payable to FDR Lodge to Ted Pashko, 67-71 Yellowstone Blvd, Apt.1V, Forest Hills, NY 11375.
- ▶ Fri., April 24, 8:00 p.m. 2nd Nominations & Elections (Closed) at AOH. Collation to follow.
- ▶ Sun., May 3, 10:00 a.m. Humanitarian Fund Brunch @ Temple Avodah. See FDR Pythian Events Calendar or Grand Lodge website for details.
- ▶ Fri., May 8, 7:00 p.m. Knight of the Shield – (Closed) at AOH. Must RSVP for 7:00 p.m. Pre-Program Dinner by May 3 to SMA Craig Shink
- ▶ Fri.-Sat.-Sun., May 15, 16 or 17 Mets v. Yankees @ Citi Field Date & details TBA
- ▶ Fri., May 22, No Meeting (Memorial Day)
- ▶ Sat, June 6, 12:00 noon BBQ & Cornhole Tourney @ at Alley Pond Park, Bayside. 12:30 p.m Tourney, 1:30 p.m. BBQ. RSVP by May 31. Suggested \$10/couple donation to Kings-FDR Tolerance Foundation & mail to PO Box 135, Glen Oaks, NY 11004
- ▶ Fri., June 12, 8:00 p.m. Installation of Officers, Charity & Scholarship Awards (Open) at AOH
- ▶ Sun., June 14, noon GC Dinner @ Temple Avodah, \$130/FDR member couples; \$130pp others
- ▶ Fri., June 26, Regular Meeting at AOH

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