

Pythians Recognize Nassau Public Servants for Charitable Efforts

Representatives of the Knights of Pythias, a national fraternal and charitable order met with Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and members of his government team to recognize the public servants for their communal and charitable work.

Grand Chancellor (GC) Craig Shink, who leads the Domain of New York, presented a Pythian Plague to County Executive Mangano and presided over the installation of county officers as Deputy Grand Chancellors and Chancellor Commander of State Lodge #1. Pythian Grand Prelate (GP) Sir Robert Ross officiated over the Ceremony at the County Office building on February 28, 2013.

GC Shink presented the County Executive with a Plague in recognition of his service.

GC Shink appointed Nassau County Chief Deputy County Executive Rob Walker and Major Charles Kilbride (USMC Ret.), chairman of Toys for Tots Foundation as Honorary Deputy Grand Chancellors-At Large.



Grand Chancellor Craig Shink of New York presents to Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano

GP Ross administered the Pythian Oath of Office by GP as Honorary Deputy Grand Chancellors-At large. GC Shink and GP Ross also installed Brian Nevins of the Nassau County Executive's Office as Chancellor Commander State Lodge #1.

The three public servants are Pythians with membership in Mid-Island lodge #828; the special recognition follows their consistent involvement in Pythian charitable work.

New DGC Walker and CC Nevins serve under County Executive Mangano. For many years, they have been extremely helpful in providing Mid-Island Lodge with grants and toys for its hospital visits.

This recognition of charitable efforts followed the February 17 – 24, 2013 [Week of Pythian Recognition](#) which promoted services, program and efforts as a tribute to Pythian Order's 149th Birthday.



Deputy County Executive Rob Walker and Col. Charles Kilbride (USMC Ret.) get installed Honorary Deputy Grand Chancellors-At Large by Pythian Grand Prelate Sir Robert Ross (r) as Grand Chancellor Craig Shink presides.

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. The distinguishing [principles](#) of this fraternal organization 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.

The New York Grand Lodge supports [charities](#), including

the Pythian Humanitarian Fund, Juvenile 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 contact Michael Sukenick: SirMike2012@gmail.com. Michael will be able to assist you with information about the Order and joining the Knights of Pythias or [Click here to Request Information](#). You may find a lodge near you by visiting the [lodge listing page](#), or by contacting Grand Lodge at:

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GP Sir Robert Ross (r) installs Brian Nevins as Chancellor Commander State Lodge #1 as Grand Chancellor Craig Shink presides.