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## Senator Schumer Praises Pythians

United States Senator Charles Schumer recently shared a special message with the Order Knights of Pythias KOP which celebrated its 153rd anniversary of its founding, on February 19, 2017. Grand Lodge Domain of New York proudly received an acknowledgement of the anniversary of this great order from Senator Schumer.

Senator Schumer applauded the Pythians' "commitment to support and promote peace and continuation to uphold friendship, benevolence and charity." Grand Lodge thanks New York State's senior U.S. Senator for his recognition of the Order and its work.

View the Senator's letter and words of praise on the next page.

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.

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: [GSNYKOP@gmail.com](mailto:GSNYKOP@gmail.com)).

You may find a lodge near you by visiting the lodge listing [page](#), or by contacting Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge also thanks Grand Outer Guard Harvey Rosenshein for his efforts to bring the work of the Knights of Pythias, New York's Grand Lodge, and its charities to the attention Senator Schumer.

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## United States Senate

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Dear Friends:

Please accept my salutations and sincerest congratulations as you gather to celebrate the 153<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias. I am grateful for the opportunity to recognize the exemplary work of the Knights of Pythias on this auspicious occasion.

Founded in 1864, the Knights of Pythias promote universal peace, fraternity, understanding and cooperation amongst men and nations. With fraternal chapters across the country, with more than 2,000 lodges in the United States and Canada alone, the Knights of Pythias—and its notable members—unify people across the globe to support charitable works and fundraising events to support harmony across the globe. Your continued commitment to foster universal peace through understanding is one of the most commendable ambitions, and is an example of excellence to us all. I applaud the Knights of Pythias' commitment to support and promote peace and continuation to uphold friendship, charity, and benevolence.

Congratulations and thank you for your commitment and dedication to universal peace. I know the Knights of Pythias will continue their noble efforts for many years to come. Best wishes on this momentous occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles E. Schumer". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate Minority Leader