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The Ship's Log

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What's Happening

Wednesday, March 10, 8:30 PM

***Regular Lodge Meeting**

There's going to be something different!
Collation and small gifts

Wednesday, March 24, 8:30 PM

***Regular Lodge Meeting**

Do you know your ritual? We're scoring!
Collation, Prizes

Wednesday, April 14, 8:30 PM

***Regular Lodge Meeting**

Just a good collation and chit-chat

Monday, April 26, 2010, 7 PM

The 2nd District Jacob Harnett Award

Dinner, drinks, and a good time!

Wednesday, April 28, 8:30 PM

***Regular Lodge Meeting**

Welcome Home New York Yankees
Baseball Knight???

Saturday, June 6, 2010, 7:30 PM

Grand Chancellor's Dinner/Dance

(Get Details at Lodge Meeting)

The Grand Lodge Convention 2010

3-1/2 Hours from our Castle Hall In Downtown
Pennsylvania. Still no published details!

**Lodge meetings open ritually, and attendees enjoy a delightful collation. At times, door prizes are given. Poker is played for one hour before the meeting.*

The best of times is now!

Mail Box Comments

In the editorial "Where Are You? We Are Here!" published in the November-December issue of this bulletin, I received several letters on that topic. The article was intended for the nearby brothers who lived in Brooklyn, Staten Island and the Howard Beach area in Queens. No, I was not picking on the out-of-state brothers or those in distant New York counties.

I was amazed by some out-of-state brothers. Two letters (one was an e-mail) expressed the common view that the writers expected the lodge to continue as is now doing, however we should reduce our costs, collations, door prizes and subsidies so that their dues may be reduced. Good idea for the distant members, but the lodge would harvest poor attendance and eventually disappear as so many lodges have done so to date. We could merge with another Pythian lodge, but the spending would continue. That is not a solution.

One letter from a Brooklyn knight suggested we fold the lodge, distribute all the monies, and divide up the available graves. This brother lives about 20 minutes away, if he walks, a car ride is 10 minutes (parking takes time), a local city bus is available, and maybe a brother could pick him up. I drive by within three city blocks of his house.

Sheepshead Bay Lodge wants to live. That is derived from our Pythian spirit. The lodge wants to survive for many years to come. Our membership loss ratio is very low. I know we are going to succeed! We have one brother who travels from the Bronx to almost every meeting. That's a haul! Most live close by but require car rides, as it is the easiest way. The picture on page 3 shows most of the members attending a meeting on a December night where the wind chill was about 7 degrees F⁰. These are knights.

So think about this: If you can make a meeting, do it. All your friends will be there to welcome you and share their good company with you!
--Julian Martin

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2nd and 4th Wednesday of the
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It was a cold Wednesday night before Christmas where all through Sheepshead Bay's Castle Hall the brave, hardy, loyal and true knights assembled for an evening of friendship, fun and collation. We should pay more attention to the little persons who keep the energy pumping through the veins of our lodge. Almost to the man, the brothers qualified by reason of their attendance to the January 2010 free-bee dinner at Perry's Chops and Sea-food Restaurant. Photographer, lighting man and gaffer are not in photo.

Hockey Game was a Snowy Success

On Friday, February 12, a few hardy, non-cold-fearing Sheepshead Bay Lodge knights visited the Aviator Sports and Fitness Center to see our minor league hockey team, the NY Aviators, engage in conflict with New York's finest, the NY Police Department. In the first period the Aviators put the game on ice by getting the puck off of the NYPD's sticks and into their net—for five quick scores. Discounting the first 13 minutes of the game, the final score would have been a 2-2 tie.

Forget the score! The game was outstanding with both sides battling for pride. Although there were a few unintended penalties, the game was clean, hard fought and the officiating was excellent. The grandstands were so designed that every seat was excellent. There was no swaggering by Aviator fans or sour dispositions by the cops. The fans came out to see a good game and got a great one!

The Aviator sports center is located on the grounds of Floyd Bennett Airport, which is now a National Park. There are two ice skating rinks, basket ball courts, fitness center, junior soccer fields for children, basketball courts, wall climbing, rides for tots, indoor flight trainer, summer camp facility and more. Oh, there is a fast food restaurant (with pizza) downstairs and a fully equipped bar upstairs. Go to their website www.aviatorsports.com for more details.



BIRTHDAYS COMING UP

MARCH: 1 Richard Silverstein, 5 Greta Skolnick, 5 Albert Serenkin, 5 Jack Geller, 8 Seymour Winter, 21 Jack Sprechman, 30 Stuart Donner.

APRIL: 4 Lester Just, 5 Lawrence Saltzman, 7 Morris Hartzman, 10 Michael Silverman, 13 Howard Krauss, 23 Donald Paul, 24 Harvey Krauss, 27 Ralph Goldfarb, 29 Erwin Badrian.

MAY: 9 Ronald Kessman, 16 Martin Kantor, 17 Mario Vela, 18 Harvey Gerber, 22 Barton Ettinger, 26 Fred Carter, 29 Paul Incorvaia, 31 Barry Berkowitz



ANNIVERSARIES COMING UP

MARCH: 6 Sylvia & Isidore Glazer, 6 Fanny & Jack Contente, 11 Elyse & Stuart Donner, 29 Harriet & Seymour J. Bromberg, 29 Bina & Harvey Gerber.

APRIL: 2 Bertha & Richard S. Wexler, 7 Gloria & Nelson H. Finkelman, 8 Sylvia & Milton Albert, 11 Etta & Jesse Tenenbaum, 21 Susan & William I. Rosenthal.

MAY: 24 Linda & Ronald Semaria, 28 Iris & Ernest Belkin, 29 Sondra & Jerry Chizik.



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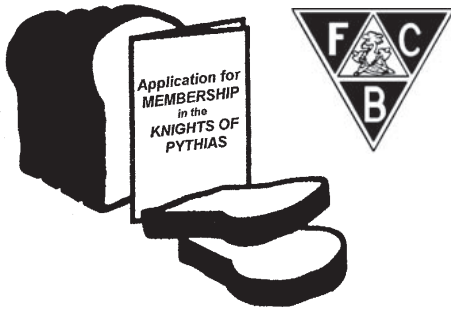
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