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### CHANCELLOR COMMANDER'S MESSAGE



My Pythian Brothers,  
 We saw winter and spring go by. This had to be some of the worst weather that we had in a long time. We certainly hope this summer will bring us some enjoyable weather. Unfortunately we lost beloved Brothers and Sisters. "May they rest in heavenly peace". We look forward to a productive year and with the help of our members it will be. Please contact me with any ideas to help our lodge, My wife, Judy and I wish all our Brothers, Sisters and their families a most wonderful Summer filled with good health and joy.

*Jay Richman*  
 Chancellor Commander



## Weendell Willkie Boosters 2024-25

Rita Aboulafia 4/27  
Milo Abramson 8/1  
Sadie Abramson 3/28  
Mikayla Cuevas 3/19  
David Dorn 12/4  
Deana Dorn 8/4  
Ira Dorn 12/4+  
Ira & Rosie Dorn (A) 6/14  
Michael Dorn +  
Nicole Dorn 11/13  
Martin Dubbs 1/3  
Emily Elber 9/28  
Lois Elber 5/7 +  
Pearl Friedman 10/5  
Edward Goldstein 8/19  
David Goldstein 12/28  
Pamela Lewis-Gray 7/24  
Seth Gray 8/8  
Seth & Pamela Gray (A) 4/10  
Erwin Grill 7/13  
Alan Paul Katz 10/14

Lee Katz 8/21  
Ron Klare 11/9  
Adam Lewis 2/19  
Adam & Carrie Lewis (A) 8/31  
Carrie Lewis 4/4  
Fred R. Lewis 11/2  
Fred & Sherri Lewis (A) 5/11  
Pamela Lewis 7/24  
Sherri Lewis 5/7  
Tyler Lewis 1/6  
Fred Lochansky 12/28  
Fred & Sylvia Lochansky (A) 5/31  
Sylvia Lochansky+  
Larry & Roberta May (A) 9/1  
Sandra Miller  
Barbara Merson 6/24  
Lloyd Merson 12/14  
Lloyd & Barbara Merson (A) 3/17  
Hyman Offner 8/30  
Mildred Offner 11/16  
Erwin & Susan Grill (A) 1/28  
Matt Peltz 3/8

Matt & Vivian Peltz (A) 11/16  
Meagan Peltz 9/17  
Vivian Peltz 6/26  
Corey Richman 8/8  
Jay Richman 5/21  
Jay & Judy Richman (A) 10/7  
Judy Richman 4/19

Randy Silverman 1/1  
Randy & Sharon Silverman (A) 11/13  
Sharon Silverman 4/21  
Helen Sunshine 9/15  
Mark Sunshine 12/19  
Phyllis Tannenbaum 8/11  
Tuly Tannenbaum 9/2  
Tuly & Phyllis Tannenbaum (A) 6/28  
Arleen Degen 4/27  
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Ron Degen 1/27

Lillian Pardes 2/14

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## This Corner of Our World

Sir Lloyd Merson, PDSC

Time marches on and before we know it. Days seem to go by when your older. Yes! I'm one of the "elders". I became a member of Wendell Willkie Lodge in 1984. I was almost 50 years old. It was one of the best things I did with my life. I met some of the finest men you would want to marry your daughter. Stan Brown, David Appelbaum, Phil Fine Ted Kail, Ron Klare, Bill Becker, Jay Richman and I could fill ten pages with names from Wendell Willkie Lodge and Brothers from other lodges. The Pythian motto, Friendship, Charity and Benevolence really becomes part of your life. We recently lost to wonderful Pythian Brothers, PC Martin Dubbs and PDGC William "Bill" Becker. May both and the many hundreds of our Brothers and Sisters That have passed on, "Rest in everlasting peace,"

We recently held our PGC Sir Stanley Brown Memorial Award presentation. It was held at the meeting room of Pelham-Brotherhood-University-Op City Lodge #616 before a large audience. The presentation was the 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup>. The 32<sup>nd</sup> was announced some time ago, GT/PGC Hon. Donald Rosenberg and the other was a surprise. DGC Susan Grill, PGC respectively was totally surprised, The evening had speakers that spoke of the many wonderful accomplishments they performed for Pythian and outside of the order. They join ranks of the wonderful recipients of the PGC Sir Stanley Brown Memorial Award. The Pythian Order has many worthy Pythians that deserve the award, but we have a limit on the amount given yearly.

We look forward to a great year, as we always do. our lodge's Chancellor Commander Jay Richman has been doing a wonderful for a number for a number of years and we look forward to his leadership once again, this year. If any Brother or Sister has an idea helpful to the lodge please contact Jay. We need help with our "Booster Page". The money donated for the "Booster Page" helps our charity causes.

Sorry to report the passing of Brothers, PC Martin Dubbs and PDGC William Becker. Both of these Pythians gave some much to our order. It difficult to imagine the difference a person has made during their time on earth, when they are no longer here the difference is noted. I didn't have the pleasure of knowing Martin Dubbs. I knew of wonderful deeds with our lodge. Bill Becker I knew well. Bill would involve himself in everything, editor of the lodges bulletin "Our World Scroll", committees of the lodge, member of "The Golden Spur" ritual team, worked for the 72<sup>nd</sup>. District and became a PDGC. Bill and Judy moved to Arizona some years ago. Bill remained a member of Wendell Willkie Lodge and joined a lodge in Arizona and helped that lodge grow. Both Martin and Bill will be missed. "May they rest in everlasting peace"

Special thanks to PGC Randy Silverman and his Brothers for giving us their meeting night to hold the PGC Sir Stanley Brown Memorial Award presentation. Wishing all my Brothers, Sisters and their families a wonderful, happy and healthy summer.

## "Remember when?"

### ACDGC Ronald Klare "Welcome Home"

When members of the "armed forces" come home they are welcomed with open arms by their family and friends and so we in Wendell Willkie Lodge, Ron's Pythian Family and friends, welcomed him back home after he spent countless hours visiting and traveling to the far reaches of Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Long Island, Westchester and Putnam Counties.

However there is a big difference, a service man on furlough who away from his unit doesn't perform any service for his unit. Ron unlike a member of the armed forces never stopped working for the lodge, even while serving as ACDGC to the Northern Suburban Area. In truth, Ron's home-coming gave the 72<sup>ND</sup> District Grand Lodge, us in Wendell Willkie Lodge and Grand Lodge the opportunity to show our appreciation and thank Ronnie for performing the duties of ACDGC in a fashion that brought credit to himself, the district and the entire Pythian Order.

Speaker after speaker, of whom there were seventeen (17) lauded Ron for his dedication, commitment, love of the Order and decorum that he showed these past eight months. One word, more than any other, came up in almost every speaker's presentation and that word was "friendship", the corner stone of our Order. Everyone was impressed by the way Ron always extended his hand in friendship to all he met during his travels. He impressed everyone with his commitment to the ideals of our Order. This friendship and commitments were evident by the 100 Brothers and Sisters who came to honor him

A criteria of the high esteem that Ron is held in is the presence of a large number of deputies, assistants to the chief, the chief deputy, members of the Grand Council and members of Supreme Lodge, Grand Chancellor, Sir Jordan Levy. Also present were Pythian Sisters including many Grand Temple Officers. Speaking for the Pythian Sisters was Past Chief Susan Grill, who spoke of Ronnie as a friend, humanitarian volunteer and Pythian.

The collation committee headed by ACDGC Ron Klare, who because he couldn't give it his total commitment, called on PDGC Matt Peltz and PC Al Aboulafia to oversee the preparation and serving of a wonderful hot meal. They had more than enough help serving with these volunteers, Fred Heller, Herb Pardes, Fred Lewis and Murray Landau. I hope that I didn't forget anybody. Too numerous were the many Brothers setting up, cleaning up, folding the chairs and tables and in general helping

to make this a very successful night.

I would be remiss if I failed to mention those brothers who participated in the ceremonies for the evening. CC Denny Katz who presided over the opening of the meeting, including the "Pledge of Allegiance", PDGC Bill Becker who as prelate gave the opening prayer, PACDGC Joe Dorn showed once again he is one of the best "Master at Arms" in the domain and GVC Lloyd Merson did an outstanding job as M.C.

On a scale of 1 to 10 this night has to be rated 9 1/2, for there is nothing perfect in this World. This is as perfect as it can get.

PCDGC Joe Horowitz

### Traits of a True Pythian

Two traits of a true Pythian are 1) A true Pythian does not embarrass a Brother with their imperfections, either physical, speech, or other; and 2) mistakes happen, usually not intentional a true Pythian either overlooks it or discreetly points out the mistake in private. These two traits make Pythians special.

Fraternally  
PDGC Fred Lewis  
Recording Secretary

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The Hon. Lloyd Merson, GVC will be sworn in as our next Grand Chancellor at the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Convention. This will be a great event for Wendell Willkie Lodge. Lloyd will become the third member of our lodge to become a Grand Chancellor, first was Sir Stanley Brown and the second was Sir David Appelbaum. The members of Wendell Willkie lodge are all proud of what Lloyd has accomplished throughout his Pythian career. Lloyd has reached the summit in the Domain of New York when he becomes the Grand Chancellor.

Lloyd is a devoted Pythian and respected throughout our Pythian Order and especially with Wendell Willkie Lodge Brothers. He has brought the Pythian Order close to the community by bringing the "Coats for Kids" program to our Order. He has dedicated much time to the 72<sup>nd</sup> Pythian District's charitable endeavors, mainly Renaissance Project, Sidney Edelson Pacemaker Fund and Knights on Wheels. He has contributed much time and effort behind the scene on the lodge's bulletin, "Our World Scroll". He has traveled throughout the domain to attend many Pythian functions for many years. He is always looking for new members. He is and has been a member of multiple Grand Lodge Committees. If Lloyd is needed to do something, he never says "no". Now we have an opportunity to start his year off in a great way by attending his installation as Grand Chancellor at the Nevele Hotel.

On Tuesday evening, July 1<sup>st</sup> the Supreme Chancellor will install the Hon. Lloyd Merson as Grand Chancellor and we, all his Brothers of Wendell Willkie Lodge can attend. From Tuesday afternoon till Wednesday afternoon the cost will be \$112.00 per person, plus tax & tips. The price will include a cocktail hour, dinner, show, special midnight gala party, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday. You are also invited to numerous parties going on and of course the installation of Lloyd on Tuesday evening.

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PACDGC Denny Katz

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Wendell Willkie Lodge had another eventful year. I would like to thank our Chancellor Commander, PACDGC Denny Katz for the work that he did in making our year successful. We had a number of happenings during the year that affected our lodge in different ways, the loss of Brothers or Sisters is always a distressing, many of our Brothers and Sisters have been in and out of hospitals, that is the down-side, on the up-side we had bus trips, a weekend away, our Annual "PGC Sir Stanley Brown Memorial Award" night and a great homecoming for ACDGC Ron Klare. Our lodge meeting never had less than twenty members attending. I also congratulate the entire staff of "Our World Scroll" for the wonderful work done on the bulletin. I was happy to be part of it.

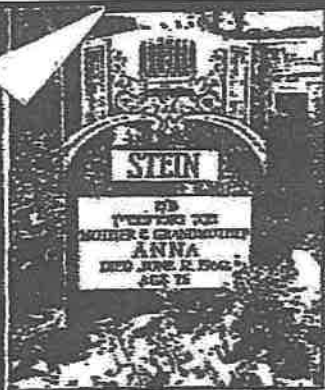
Our Chancellor Commander and his fellow officers made our year one to remember and one that should be duplicated by those who follow. Along with the fun was the seriousness of making our lodge function in a proper way. All our meetings were opened and closed in ritual manner, as it should be.

I would like to thank all my Brothers for the support given me. This support goes back to when I first became a member of Wendell Willkie Lodge and thankfully continues. As I'm about to ascend to the office of Grand Chancellor I take with me the good will of my Wendell Willkie Brothers. I also take with me to the office of Grand Chancellor the memories of those Brothers no longer physically with us and the well wishes they have given me over the years. I will take the oath of office very seriously, knowing that it carries with it a great responsibility and I will look for the continued support of all my Pythian Brothers to make this year a notable one for our Pythian Order.

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Hon. Lloyd Merson, GVC

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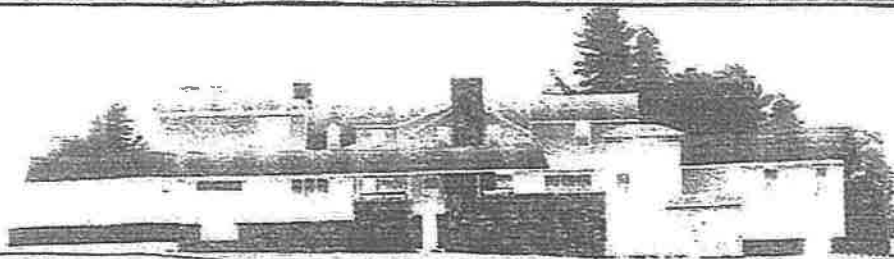
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