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*"If fraternal love held all men bound,  
how beautiful this world would be."*

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## ACDGC Bill Farash to be Sworn in at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Convention

## Executive Committee Also Meets on March 7<sup>th</sup>

## Open Meeting with Guest Speaker on March 21<sup>st</sup>

The Upstate Convention and Investiture was canceled, and as a result, Bro. Bill Farash was not sworn in as our Assistant to the Chief Deputy Grand Chancellor.

He will take the oath of office at our March 7<sup>th</sup> convention, which will take place in the Sands room at the Jewish Home and on Zoom.

Our new Vice Chancellor, Candi Nelson, took her oath in Syracuse, and a video of that ceremony will be shown.

Just before the March 7<sup>th</sup> regular convention, the Executive Committee will hold a short meeting beginning at 7:15 pm in the Sands Room and on Zoom. The Executive Committee will be considering the Welfare Committee budgets to recommend to the lodge.

On March 21<sup>st</sup> we will have an open meeting with a guest speaker. See the article below.

The Zoom session will be opened at 7:00 pm on March 7<sup>th</sup> and at 7:15 pm on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Certain ritualistic portions of meetings will be "blacked-out" from Zoom. The browser link is: <https://tinyurl.com/RJLMeet>, or from the Zoom app, Meeting ID: 5734154622, Password: 639.

## Out-of-town brothers are encouraged to attend via Zoom.

If you have any questions, please contact PACDGC Sir Bruce Nelson at 585-334-5513.

You don't need to check in at the Security desk, but you may need to tell the guard that you are going to the Sands Room.

## March Birthdays

1 Daniel Zysman      15 Jack Kosoff      23 Seymour Margolis  
3 Norman Adams    15 Stuart Brown    29 Ronald Wolff  
7 Arthur Sharf      18 Jerrold Kalnitz

## March Anniversaries

14 Howard & Miriam Rudnick    25 Steven & Linda Chesis  
24 Dennis & Beth London        26 Lawrence & Mariana Slotnick

## "Hugs for Hope" - A Project for your Wives (or You) to Help With

VC Candi Nelson is involved with a knitting group called Hugs for Hope, based in Syracuse, who help people on their cancer and chemo journey. They send people a cancer cookbook, a yellow scarf which they knit, and other helpful items.



John Hall, the group's president, will be speaking at our open meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>. We invite you and your wives to attend in person or on Zoom (<https://tinyurl.com/RJLMeet>), to learn about the group.

Do any of your wives (or you) knit? You can help by knitting yellow scarfs. Contact Candi Nelson at 585-734-5513 if you have any questions.



PACDGC Sir Saul Rasnick, PC Bob Castilone, and PACDGC Sir Arthur Cassidy with the Outstanding Great Strides Partner Award presented to Rochester Jay Lodge by the Cystic Fibrosis Association at their annual meeting on February 28th.

## The Listening Post

Condolences to the family of Gerard Flanders.

Condolences also to the family of Past Deputy Supreme Chancellor David Peltzer.

Get well wishes to Barbara Waldman, wife of PACDGC Sam Waldman.

Congratulations to Sheila Nelson, daughter of Brother Joshua and Jennifer Nelson, who became a certified E.M.T.

To report deaths, illnesses, or family events. email **Prelate Sam Waldman** at [swaldman1220@yahoo.com](mailto:swaldman1220@yahoo.com) or call him at 654-9723.

In Memoriam  
PC Gerard Flanders

## The Lodge is now on Facebook

It has become very difficult for our lodge, or other organizations, to spread the word about their **facebook** events and work that they do. Our local newspaper no longer publishes items of that nature, and they put the neighborhood newspapers out of business.

It's a new world out there, and the new way of doing things is social media.

VC Candi Nelson has set up a Facebook account for the lodge. Please use the Facebook search to find the group "Rochester Jay Lodge No. 639 Knights of Pythias" and subscribe to it. And when you receive an item of interest, please post it on your own "wall" so it spreads around to your friends.

And while you're on Facebook, search for "Knights of Pythias" and visit the postings by other lodges all over the world (yes, we have lodges in other countries) and see what they are doing.

## Great Strides on May 19<sup>th</sup>

The annual Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walkathon will take place on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 10 am at Genesee Valley Park.



We will need 8 to 10 brothers to volunteer to handle water stops and to help with cleanup after the event.

Watch for further details.

## 2024 Diabetes Lucky Number Tickets are Available Now!

The 2024 lucky number tickets are available for \$20.00 each. You will receive a sealed envelope with a random numbered ticket from the available supply. When your number matches the NYS evening number, you win! You will receive a random numbered ticket from the available supply, **retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>**. For each ticket you wish to purchase, send a check payable to: "KoP Diabetes Research Assoc." and mail it to: SIG Craig Shink, 1 Willow Pl., Great Neck, NY 11021-1905.

<https://tinyurl.com/KOPtix> has additional information regarding this fundraiser for the Diabetes Research Association

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