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Chancellor Commander's Message CC Alan Paul Katz, DGC



I have two (2) more months left as Chancellor Commander of both Ramapo and New City Orangetown Lakes Region Lodges that I will miss. Especially now, that I have become even more proficient at the tail end of my tour. In July 2026, any Pythian can rate my performance as Chancellor Commander on Google review if they choose. I hope not to receive below a four (4) star rating.

In June, as Deputy Grand Chancellor of the 72nd District, I will start conducting the installation of newly elected officers of the five (5) lodges throughout the Bronx, Westchester and Rockland Counties

In September 2026 I will become an Assistant Chief representing the 72nd District if the current Vice Grand Chancellor is elected. Once again, I will probably give the New Grand Chancellor's Message at the 5 lodges of the 72nd District and hear them in Brooklyn as I did at the beginning of this Pythian year of 2025/2026. Running the tours as a Deputy Grand Chancellor especially going to Brooklyn to hear the Grand Chancellor's message at 08:00PM, I never RSVP'd because of wanting to leave later from my residence and arrive in Brooklyn when the Meeting was about to commence after the dinner collation was served. To me, leaving later with the ease of less traffic was, and is, more important than eating a sumptuous Brooklyn Dinner Collation at AOH. Therefore, I am one that does not follow the adage, "Feed them and they will come," unless the collation starts 08:00PM before the meeting.

In conclusion, I want to wish all a Happy Memorial Day weekend that commemorates the sacrifices our brave Servicemen and Women have done in the past, present and future to keep our Freedom as well as our safety from Hostile people. "G-d Bless America, our Government, Servicemen and women and Law Enforcement. Amen."

CC Alan Paul Katz, DGC

**NEW CITY-ORANGETOWN-
LAKES REGION
LODGE 854
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
May 2026—June 2026**

LODGE EVENTS:

May 12th 6:30 pm. NCOLL and Ramapo Lodge hold their annual Scholarship awards night in the Auditorium of the Street School Community Center.

May 19th 7:00 pm. There will be a regular meeting at Street School Community Center. There will also be the second nominations and election of officers.

June 9th 7:00 pm. Installation of Officers for the 2026—2027 term.

June 23rd 7:00 pm. Hot dog night.

DISTRICT

May 18th 7:00 pm. There will be a regular District meeting at Street School Community Center. District Elections will take place.

June 22nd 7:00 pm. Final District Meeting of the Year which is a dinner meeting at the 304 dinner. Installation of officers will also take place.

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THOUGHTS FROM PDGC DAN SCHWARTZ
RECORDING SECRETARY

Yesterday we had a really nice Pythian Luncheon for Alan Paul Katz, the 72nd District Deputy Grand Chancellor. It made me remember how I joined the Knights when my youngest son went off to college because it gave me free time to do charitable endeavors. It also made me realize how many wonderful yesterdays I have had because of my Pythian connection. That is why I "wrote" this song. Maybe we can get Paul McCartney to sing it.

**Yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away
Now it looks as though they're here to stay
Oh, I believe in yesterday
Suddenly, I'm not half the man I used to be
There's health issues hanging over me
Oh, yesterday went suddenly
Why I had to grow
I don't know, I couldn't say
I just got older every day
Now I long for yesterday
Yesterday, life was such an easy game to play
Now I need a place to get away
Knights of Pythias is my way
that I can live in yesterday.**



We wish to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Great Mother's Day .

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Please note that this cemetery association goes back to Adirondack Lodge # 3 that was merged a number of times.

NEW CITY-ORANGETOWN- LAKES REGION LODGE 854

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS May 2026—June 2026

DOKK EVENTS:

May 5th 7 pm.— There will be an open dinner out at the Grand Buffet.

May 17th 12 noon—Salaam & Habibi temples will honor GC Bryan Hoffman & GS Steven Gold at Lenny's Clam Bar in Howard Beach. See GL calendar for more details.

May 20th 7pm—There will be a DOKK meeting held via Zoom.

GRAND LODGE EVENTS:

May 8th 7 pm—FDR Lodge presents the shield to GC Bryan Hoffman. See GL calendar for details as you must have reservations for the pre-meeting dinner.

May 15th 7 pm—Criers Lodge will honor GC Bryan Hoffman & GS Steven Gold. Collation will be served before the meeting but reservation are required. See GL calendar for details.

May 28th 7 pm— King Solomon Utopia Lodge will host the Homecoming of Grand Chancellor at AOH. The collation will be served at 7 pm. Please make your reservations with CDGC Alex Needelman by email only to monica1673@yahoo.com

**By: Food Editor,
PDGC Chef Jeff**



Soft and Chewy Lemon Cookies



Now that Spring has finally blossomed and we can do away with those heavy winter desserts. It is time for a cool and refreshing and zesty spring treat. Everyone loves lemonade. Here is the answer to your quest for that tangy after-dinner treat. Easy to make. Delightful to the taste.

Serving Size: twelve cookies Cook Time: 15 min. Prep Time: 15 min.

Equipment:

Stand Mixer or electric mixer Lg. cookie scoop nine-by-twelve baking pan.

Ingredients:

1 1/2 cups unsalted butter softened ¾ cup granulated sugar 1 lg. egg
2 tbsp. light brown packed sugar 1 tbsp. lemon extract 1 tbsp. honey
2 tbsp. lemon zest (from two lemons) yellow food coloring (optional)
Two cups of all-purpose flour 2 tsp. cornstarch pinch of salt 1 tsp. baking soda 2 tbsp. lemon juice confectioners' sugar for dusting

Directions:

In a stand mixer, with a paddle or electric mixer with a large bowl combine the butter, sugar, egg, lemon extract, beating on high till creamy and lightly fluffy (about 4 min.).

Scrape down the sides, Add the lemon zest, honey, and optional food coloring Beat on medium-high till combined about 2 min. Add the food color gel.

Scrape down the sides. Add the flour, cornstarch, baking soda, lemon juice, and a pinch of salt. Beat at low speed for one minute.

Add the lemon juice directly to the baking soda. It begins to bubble.

Use the cookie scoop or hands to form twelve uniform balls. Flatten slightly. Place on a flat plate covered with clear wrap. Place it in refrigerator for 3 hours.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place cookies on a 9x13 inch parchment lined pan two inches apart in the oven for 10 min.

Remove from oven and cool down for 10 min.

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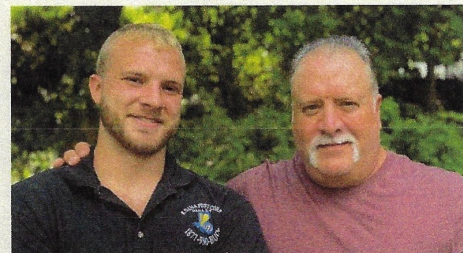
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