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*“The Failure of Pythianism...It Just Ain’t
Gonna Happen!”*

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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- September 16, 2018 – THREE RANK DAY – Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle – 1pm – Fried chicken
lunch served between Rank of Esquire & Knight – in Honor of GC Keith Goff
October 7, 2018 – Crescens Chili Cook-off & Car Show - National Guard Armory – see story
October 14, 2018 – THREE RANK DAY – INSTITUTION OF A NEW LODGE – Indiana Masonic Home
Franklin, IN – 1:00pm – Ritualists urged to attend – Huge class of candidates expected!
November 17, 2018 – Grand Council Meeting – Grand Lodge Office – 11am – Casual Attire
November 17, 2018 – New Castle Christmas Parade – 4:00 pm
December 8, 2018 – District #3 Pythian Sister Christmas Party – 12 noon – Sue Hutson’s home (see story)
February 16, 2019 – Grand Council Meeting – Grand Lodge Office – 10 am
February 16, 2019 – Rathbone Celebration – Crescens Lodge #33 – 1pm – THREE RANK DAY

Remembering our Sick and Shut-ins

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers or maybe a card:

Edna Keeney, PSR – PO Box 100 – Lizton, IN 46149 –Residing at Brownsburg Meadows Assisted Living
PSC Mary Parker – 310 Eagle Ct, Ossian, IN 46777
Cathleen Trueblood, PGC – 9185 N CR 50 E – Seymour, IN 47274
Irene Lawson, PSR– PO Box 128, Royal Center, IN 46978
Sharon Galbreath – PO Box 111, Frankton, IN 46044
Rochelle Olds, PGC –0360 N CR 200 E, LaGrange, IN 46761
Euphema Phillips, PSR – 1010 Observatory Rd, Martinsville, IN 46151

Wilma Gentry – Meadow Lake Nursing Home, 200 Meadow Lake Dr Room 715, Mooresville, IN 46158
Sylvia Sue Trieschman – 734 W 600 S, Atlanta, IN 46031
PGC Joyce Wright & Ed Wright - 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516 – both doing some better
Rosalie Baker – P.O. Box 253, Fremont, IN 46737
PGC Virginia Anglemyer – 58740 CR 111 S, Elkhart, IN 46517 – Fell & broke shoulder – able to be out – pain easing
PSR Angie Woods – 353 S Perry St, Hagerstown, IN 47346 – several strokes – In rehab in Indy area – doing better
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362
Murl “Bud” Wheeler – 1086 Boulder Ridge Dr, New Haven, IN 46774
James Cross, PGC & wife Linda – 6562 E US 36, Mooreland, IN 47360 – Jim has a new hip as of June 20th and is doing MUCH better. He is still on a cane part of time and Linda is still having voice trouble but both doing real good.
PGC Ron Hempfield (OH) and a dual of Lafayette #51 – in hospital with blood clots in lungs & legs. Cards may be sent to Knox Community Hospital, 1330 Coshocton Av, Mt Vernon, OH 43050
SC Joel Fierstien – 54 Cobblestone Blvd.. Monroe Twp, NJ 08831 – blood clot near heart – recent hospital stay
GC William Keith Goff, Jr. – 2072 N CR 200 W, New Castle, IN 47362 – Pneumonia in left lung – not feeling well but slowly improving.

In Memory

Fifty-two year Veteran Mark Davidson of Morocco Lodge #492 passed away on August 4, 2018. He was a Past Chancellor of the lodge. Brother Mark was presented with his 50 year pin just 2 short years ago and was very proud of it. Our condolences go out to his family and to the Officers and Members of Morocco Lodge #492.

Word has been received that Brother Howard Pierce, a Past Chancellor and 64 year Pythian Veteran passed away on August 9th. Brother Howard originally belonged to Fremont Lodge #261 before transferring to Ashley Lodge #394. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and to the Officers and Members of Ashley Lodge at their loss.

We have also been informed of the passing of Brother Wayne Dampier, a member of Rolla Lodge #17 in Columbus. Brother Wayne was a 31 year Pythian Veteran and passed away in late 2017. Our condolences go out to the officers and members of Rolla Lodge #17 and to Brother Wayne’s family.

A Card of Thanks

Thank you for your July 11, 2018 gift of \$100 to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research (MJFF) in the name of Marjorie J. Kochert. You are helping fund critical research to deliver better treatments and ultimately, a much needed cure for the estimated 6 million people worldwide who live with Parkinson’s disease (PD). Thanks to you, we carry the momentum of this work toward our final destination: a world without PD. We encourage you to visit michaeljfox.org for up-to-date reporting on the research you are supporting today, resources for living well with PD and our shared progress in the pursuit of a cure.

With Gratitude, Todd Sherer, PhD, CEO The Michael J. Fox Foundation

Thank you for your donation in memory of Marge. We are very blessed to be able to farm for you. Thanks again. Bob Kochert Family Steve and Cathy Kochert

Dear Friends, Thank you for your generous contribution. We are pleased that you have chosen to join us in standing by individuals in Indiana who struggle daily with the effects of Alzheimer’s disease. On behalf of our Board of Directors, staff and many volunteers dedicated to our cause, and especially those with Alzheimer’s disease, I again say thank you for your generous donation of \$8,300. We are pleased that you have chosen to support our many endeavors. Sincerely, Natalie Sutton, Executive Director Alzheimer’s Association of IN.

Joel Fierstien Honorary Three Rank Day Held At Dayton Lodge #828

Indiana's newest lodge, Dayton #828, met on Saturday, August 18th for the purpose of a Three Rank Day in Honor of our new Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien. The lodge took in eight new Knights, all Master Masons from the Tippecanoe County area. That day started off with coffee and donuts and fellowship with the candidates. The rank team had their work cut out for them as this was but the third meeting of the lodge since their institution. The long form initiation was used and each Brother wore a robe. The old turn of the century slides were also employed and Dayton members were impressed when their 1892 slide projector was used. Lafayette Lodge #51 and the J.H. Rathbone Museum provided items for the ritual team. A great day was had by all. We say WELCOME to new KNIGHTS RICK BLACKER, ROB CLEMENCE, PAUL HAYNES, KENNETH STANFORD, RICHARD STOOPS, JOE SUTTON, JON WALTHOUR and WALTER WATTS.



On the left, from (L-R) are new Knights Paul Haynes, Rick Stoops, Walter Watts, Joe Sutton, Rob Clemence, Ken Stanford, Rick Blacker and Jon Walthour. On the right is the awesome new Rank Team of (L-R) John Hardesty, Jason Smith, Dennis Fields, Lee Tweedy, Bob Clemence and Jerry Sandman.

2018 State Golf Tournament Held By Worthington Lodge #253



Worthington Lodge #253 hosted an 18 hole golf scramble on June 30th, 2018 co-sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Indiana. It was held at the Phil Harris Golf Course in Linton, IN. The golf course is named after Linton born Wonga

Phillip Harris, who was an American comedian, actor, singer, and jazz musician, and also played “Baloo the Bear” in *The Jungle Book*.

12 participants enjoyed the warm morning of the golf scramble. Five members of Worthington Lodge #253 participated in the scramble, along with 7 non – Pythian members, divided up into six 2-man teams. There were prizes to the winning team of the scramble, along with prizes for the longest drive, and the closest to the pin on select holes.

Worthington Lodge #253 donated \$200 towards the Phil Harris Scholarship, which is delivered to the winner of the Phil Harris Golf Tournament every year. Worthington Lodge also donated \$165 to the Sonshine Shop located in Worthington, which is a non-profit that provides low income families with necessary items, including clothing and food.

Plans are already in the works for the 2nd Annual Worthington #253 Phil Harris Golf Scramble! A date has not been set at this time but watch the PSN for the exciting announcement in the near future! Casey Rice, Chm. (Our congratulations to Brother Casey & #253 members for a job WELL DONE!!)

This and That From The Conventions

Congratulations to PGC Gerald Randle for an excellent year, a gain in membership, two new lodges opening and a collection of \$10,673.00 for his charity! That is what happens when you lead by example and have the backing of the membership! Congratulations also to PGC Beverly Deaton for a job well done and a good year for the Pythian Sisters in Indiana. We congratulate the husband and wife team of Grand Chancellor William Keith Goff, Jr. and Grand Chief Jodi Goff on their ascention to the top of the Pythian ladder. May we all work with them to make our Orders grow in Indiana!

Congratulations are also in order to Jill Unger-Moder who was re-elected as Supreme Treasurer of the Supreme Temple Pythian Sisters, Grand Secretary Denny Adams for being re-named Chairman of Finance for another term for Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien, to Past Supreme Chancellor Alan Krell for a very successful term and an awesome Supreme Convention in the Big Apple, to Supreme Chief Joan Way and Supreme Chancellor Joel Fierstien for becoming the new heads of the Pythian Order. It is now the duty of EACH Pythian to back them 100% and help make their terms successful and help the Pythian Order grow and prosper in the next biennium.

Kudos also to be handed out for the convention go out to Grand Trustee Lowell Pruett of Lizton Lodge #342 for being selected as PYTHIAN OF THE YEAR for 2017. Brother Lowell is very active in his community and is his lodge where he leads by example as the Chancellor Commander. Congrats Brother Lowell!

Past Grand Chancellor Gerald Randle was selected by Grand Secretary Denny Adams to be the recipient of the 2017 SECRETARY OF THE YEAR award. Not only was Brother Gerald busy being the recording secretary of his subordinate lodge, but at the same time as Grand Chancellor of Indiana, he was traveling literally thousands of miles (even across the ocean) to encourage the lodges to initiate new members and to work for the fight against Alzheimers. For that awesome effort put forth, the end result was two new lodges opened, a gain of 21 members for the Domain for the year and, as previously reported, \$10,673 for his charity! He even gets a new truck when all things are said and done!! The Supreme Ruler of the Universe definitely rode with this man during his Pythian endeavors and it was not difficult to choose him as Secretary of the Year... Congratulations again my Brother!! He had a dog gone good assistant at home too! Even though at her Linda's Luau luncheon on Saturday she tried to LEI all the guys!!

Our Brothers from London, England captured two more coveted prizes at the convention banquet. Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 was named LODGE OF THE YEAR for their outstanding community work since their institution and for their growth of 50% in membership. They have certainly taken the bull by the horns and are enjoying being Pythians. Several of our British Brothers are attempting to learn ritualistic parts to assist with Rank work as they continue to bring in new members. They have also connected with the local Boy Scout Troop in London and became their sponsor. Brother Steven Turner, named the CHANCELLOR COMMANDER OF THE YEAR, has done an outstanding job in leading this lodge since its institution and just recently gave up the leadership to a new Chancellor Commander so he could become the new District Deputy Grand Chancellor #7 for England. They even became new Pythian Sisters and joined Olympia Temple and are thinking about going home and possibly starting a new Dokey Temple! Are these guys contagious?? CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

We certainly would be remiss if we didn't mention our other new lodge, Dayton #828 in Dayton, IN. These Brothers, also all Brothers from the Masonic Fraternity, re-established a Pythian presence in Dayton after it had closed in the mid 50's. We look for great things from this lodge as they are initiating new Brothers all the time and have increased their membership since the March 31st institution from the original 11 to 21!! They enjoy doing the ritualistic work and have a good rank team! Congratulations to a lodge that is definitely on the move and that is going to make a difference in their community!

Other Notes For Your Calendar **District #3 Pythian Sister Christmas Party**

All Pythian Sisters are invited to attend the District #3 Pythian Sister Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 12 noon at the home of Sue Hutson, 305 Church Street, Frankton, IN 46044. The meat and drink will be furnished at this annual gathering. Please bring your favorite side dish to share. If you desire to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a \$10 gift. See you there!

Grand Chief's Christmas Open House

Grand Chief Jodi Goff invites all Pythian Sisters to her home for a Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 29th at 12 noon. The hustle and bustle of the Holidays will be over and it will be a good time to reflect on the year to date and to make plans for the year that lies ahead. There will also be an Executive Board Meeting held that day and all Grand Temple Officers are encouraged to attend. The meat and drink will be furnished but you are asked to bring your favorite dish to share. Instead of a gift exchange, the Grand Chief is asking for the attendees, if they wish, to bring an item for the Guest House Men's Homeless Shelter in New Castle or for Mahali pa Maisha Infant Rescue Orphanage in Kenya, her projects. Hope to see you there!

New Castle Christmas Parade Coming!

All lodges and temples are invited to put a decorated vehicle into the 29th Annual Knights of Pythias Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 17, 2018. The parade will start at 4pm. The last shuttle to the park will be at 3:15pm if you desire to park your car at the lodge hall to ride with someone. At this writing we are not sure yet on the ride for members. We are working a couple of angles and will have more on that in the next newsletter. We just hope that other lodges and temples will decorate up a car or truck and put them in the parade to let the people that the Knights of Pythias exists in other towns besides New Castle! Parade day at 11am, there will be a Grand Council meeting in the Grand Lodge Office. Anyone can attend that meeting. If your lodge is planning on asking for a Grand Chancellor's \$2,000 grant for this cycle, a letter on lodge letterhead, signed by the three trustees and attested by the lodge secretary must be in the Grand Lodge office NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 1st to make it on to the agenda for this upcoming council meeting!! If you are planning on putting a unit in the parade, please send Grand Secretary Denny Adams an e-mail at indianaglkop@att.net or call him at 765-529-7712 and let him know so that you may be put on the parade lineup.

Crescens Car Show/Chili Cook-off Favorite Fall Happening

You can always tell when it is fall as it is time for the annual Crescens Lodge Car Show and Chili Cookoff. This will be the 29th year for the chili cook-off. You are to bring a large crock pot with your best chili to challenge the rest of the cooks! It must be delivered by 10 am. Cost of entry is \$5 with a chance of winning either \$50, \$25, \$15 or \$10 and of course bragging rights which are invaluable in the Pythian cook world! There will be chili, sloppy joe, nachos & desserts & drink available from 10 until 3. If you are an early arriver, we will serve breakfast from 7 until 10 am. The 12 annual car show registration goes from 10 am to noon with the show from noon to 3 with the awards at 3. NEW THIS YEAR...IS LOCATION CHANGE!! Due to construction on the buildings at Memorial Park, the whole operation will be staged at the Old NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY, 1550 Grand Avenue, New Castle. All food will be served inside the armory. Come and see our newly re-furnished armory that the city now owns! It all happens...one day...OCTOBER 7th, 2018!! The entire proceeds will be for the benefit of the New Castle Firefighter's Children's Christmas Fund.

Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 Chili Cook-off coming!

As we begin to see the weather start to cool of a night just a little, one can't help but think of a nice bowl of chili in front of the fireplace. Once the chili season starts, so do the challenging cook-offs. Another great chili cook-off that has become a popular event is the Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 Cook-off for that coveted trophy plus bragging rights! It all happens at their lodge in Carmel on Saturday, November 3rd. We will have more details in next months edition, but circle the date on your calendar for this must attend event!

Your news
From your Lodge
Or Temple
Should of
Been Here!!