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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- July 19, 20 & 21, 2018 – 150th Grand Lodge Convention and the 129th Grand Temple Pythian Sister Convention at the Fourpoints by Sheraton, West Lafayette, IN.
July 31 – Crescens/Venus Picnic/Volunteer of Year – Grand Secretary Denny Adams home – 1480 W 300 N, New Castle – swim at 3pm – eat at 6 – bring lawn chairs & 1 or 2 dishes – all else furnished.
August 3-8, 2018 – Grand Lodge Office closed. Grand Secretary attending Supreme Lodge Convention
August 19, 2018 – 1pm - Al Hilal #33, DOKK Ceremonial – New Castle – contact Denny Adams for application at 765-686-1735
August 26, 2018 – Indianapolis Indians Ballgame Outing – 35 tickets available – contact Denny Adams for information, ticket/bus reservations. First come, first served.

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

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 and Linda are on the mend and are planning on being at Convention!

In Memory

Word has been received that Knight Herbert Jester, 93, of Welcome Lodge #37 in Muncie passed away on June 10th at an assisted living facility after a short illness. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and to the Officers and Members of Welcome Lodge #37 at their loss.

Word has been received that PC Robert C. Caig a 62 year Veteran of Crescens Lodge #33, passed away on Sunday, July 29th at his daughter’s home in Florida, Brother Bob was the top line signer for Brother Jess Adams, and thus started a long line of Pythians into the Order. He will be greatly missed. Calling is at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, 3406 S, Memorial Dr in New Castle on Friday, August 3rd from 6-9 pm. The funeral will be on Saturday August 4th with a Pythian Memorial service at 10:30. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire Caig Family.



Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle proudly welcomes our newest member, Knight Mark Boatright. Brother Mark is the New Castle Fire Chief. At this recent initiation he was surrounded by then GC Gerald Randle and his top line signer Brother Sterlie Dishman. WELCOME MARK!!

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Bob and Brother Steve Kochert at the passing of Bob’s wife and Steve’s mother Marjorie J. Kochert on June 27th. The Kochert Family is very dear to all of us in the Grand Domain as they are the tenant farmers of the Pythian Farm. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all of the families at their loss. The Grand Lodge has sent a memorial contribution to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson’s Research Foundation.

A Card of Thanks

Thank you very much for the scholarship award which I was able to receive from the Knights of Pythias of Indiana. I am very grateful that I was chosen for this award. Due to travelling out of the state for college at Muskingum University in Ohio, this scholarship will help me afford very expensive schooling without going deep into debt. I am looking forward to continuing my education along with my sports career, and with this award I will be able to accomplish that with a smaller amount of stress. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend your dinner on July 20th due to a baseball tournament I will be playing in at the University of Notre Dame. I

hope to be able to meet you at some point, and want to wish you good luck with your organization and their future events. Thank you again for helping me with my future plans. Sincerely, Sam Pinckert

Thank you for selecting me to receive your \$1,000 scholarship. I appreciate your help furthering my higher education. Sincerely, Bryce Smith

I am so sorry that I am unable to attend the Grand Lodge Convention Banquet that you so kindly invited me to. I will be at a church function that evening and the whole weekend. I would like to thank you for choosing me as your scholarship recipient this year. I am extremely honored and humbled to have received this scholarship! Thank you so much! Sincerely, Claire Muensterman

Baden – Powell Lodge #1907 of London, England Connects To It's Roots!!

On Thursday June 21st, myself and our Treasurer, Henry Adams attended a meeting of the 1st City of London Scout Group to present them with a check for £1000, at current rates, roughly US\$1300, I have added 4 pictures.

Below is a partial history of the Group:

In 1908, following on the success of his experimental camp at Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour, Robert Baden-Powell wrote the fortnightly parts of "Scouting for Boys". Although it was written for the purpose of providing programme ideas for established youth organisations, it was not long before boys began forming themselves into Patrols and kitting themselves out with scarves, bush hats and staves. It was no different at All Hallows Church on Tower Hill where the choirboys with their copies of "Scouting for Boys" in hand approached their choirmaster, Arthur Poyser, with the request that they wanted to be Scouts. Thus it was that on 24th May 1908, the All Hallows Scouts became the 1st City of London – the first Troop of the world's first City. Since then the Group, as it was to become in due course, has had its ups and downs. Before the First World War, numbers reached 160, by 1929 when the Group was 21, the Troop numbered 32 and the Pack 24, plus a large team of Scouters. At the end of the Second World War, numbers were very low. The Group had lost its Headquarters at 22 Tower Hill to a flying bomb. Nevertheless, a small band of adults rejuvenated the Troop and ensured continuity, which has led to today's Group consisting of a Beaver Colony of 20, a Cub Pack of 30, a Scout Troop of 30.

Legend has it that 1st City was in fact the second Group to be set up in England. The original troop members wore two lanyards – one with a whistle and one with a knife. An example of the latter has recently come to light and has been donated to the Group.

The choirboys of All Hallows, in addition to being the Scout Troop, were also the Lord Mayor's Players and Singers (founded 1905). We have many examples of the plays and shows they put on. Arthur Poyser also wrote and published the first Scout Song Book (first published in 1912) – an example is in the Group Archive, and signed by Mr. Poyser. In addition, he wrote a Marching Song for the Group.

In 1920, the Lord Mayor's Own Players supplied the musical programme (together with Dame Nellie Melba and Arthur Rubinstein) at the Albert Hall, with Arthur Poyser conducting.

In fact the original "Boy Players" were founded in 1419 by Henry V, and they came to the City of London when Richard Whittington was Mayor. They were disbanded in 1609, and did the comeback of all comebacks in 1905. Given that apparently the vast majority of the Lord Mayor's Players and Singers were members of the choir and the Troop as well, we feel there is merit in claiming our birthday as three years earlier!

The early days of the Group are marked by firsts of many kinds. There was a Scottish Trek when an unfortunate Assistant Scoutmaster lost his return ticket. He stayed and went on to run one of Edinburgh's best troops. There was a summer trek to camp in France, which had more than a little to do with the start of French Scouting.

At the Privileges Committee of Aldermen on 1st July 1910 a letter from Mr. Arthur Poyser, Scoutmaster, 1st City of London Boy Scouts, asked permission to add the words "Lord Mayor's Own" after the registered title of the Troop. It was resolved "that the Lord Mayor be informed that the Committee offer no objection thereto". Consequently, in 1911 at Mercers Hall, the Lord Mayor, Sir Thomas Crosby, granted his badge to the Group in perpetuity, together with the title "The Lord Mayor's Own". This was confirmed by a document bearing the Lord Mayor's signature and seal. Unfortunately this was a casualty of the blitz.

In 1912, the Group started a section for younger boys, who were called cadets. They met in the Guildhall and in due course became a Cub Pack when the Scout Association started its junior section in 1916. Meetings continued there until 1939.

Immediately after the First World War, the rector, Rev. Tubby Clayton arranged for 1st City Scouts to escort war widows to visit their husband's graves on Armistice Day.

The vestry in All Hallows Church contains wood panelling on the walls. In one corner, the 1st City badge is prominent and beneath it are listed many of the original troop member's names – and when they passed away. In the crypt are the urns containing the ashes of several Troop members.

This should be the start of a long association with the Scouts in the UK.

Fraternally, Steve



CC Steve Turner and Treasurer Henry Adams present a check for 1,000 pounds (\$1,300) to 1st City of London Scout Group as they connect to their roots on June 21st in London! See Story.

Right is the official crest patch worn by the Scouts on their uniforms. Pretty cool!



Congratulations to Noble Steven John Turner, the fall 2017 Shriner Spotlight Award recipient

Wednesday, December 20, 2017



In recognition of his outstanding dedication to both the fraternity and its philanthropy, Noble Steven John Turner of the U.K. Shrine Club in the United Kingdom (formally under Aahmes Shriners, and now under Almas), was named the recipient of the Shriner Spotlight Award for fall 2017.

As stated in his nomination form, Noble Turner “has become the mainstay of Shrinedom in the U.K.” He served as both President and Treasurer of the Dartford Shrine Club, which has now been merged with the U.K. Shrine Club. Noble Turner “is very keen to cajole the members into taking and maintaining an active part, never forgetting the purpose of the Shrine in serving those less fortunate than ourselves,” said his nominator. In addition to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children®, Noble Turner has also developed a link with the Children’s Burns Trust in the U.K.

Noble Turner often assists the Club Secretary in communications with their temple, and with Shriners throughout the United Kingdom. He is also the webmaster for the Club’s website

“As well as encouraging Masonic contacts across the country to step up to the Shrine, Noble Turner has also recently developed contacts with a number of Brethren, based in the U.K., but originally from the Philippines where the Shrine is thriving,” said his nominator. “He arranged a meeting in Port Talbot, Wales, at which several of these Brethren were admitted, many miles indeed from the Club’s home in Dartford.

“All of the effort here is Steven’s own. He thoroughly deserves this nomination.”

We thank Noble Turner for his contributions to Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children, and congratulate him on receiving the Shriner Spotlight Award.



Meet your 2018-19 Grand Lodge Officers! (L-R) Michael Langdon, Grand Master at Arms; Jeffery Strahan, Grand Inner Guard; Richard Neal, Grand Treasurer; Gerald Randle, Jr. Past Grand Chancellor; William Keith Goff, Jr., Grand Chancellor; Keith Ruetz, Sr., Grand Prelate and Dennis Adams, Grand Secretary. Not pictured are Grand Vice Chancellor H. Wade McIntosh, III and Grand Outer Guard Ken Norris. Congratulations Brothers!

Congratulations to Supreme Tribune Larry Bartley, the latest recipient of the Degree of the Golden Spur!! Well deserved!!! CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!!



We salute the 2018-19 Grand Temple officers! (L-R) Grand Secretary Ruth Daring; Grand Senior Toniann Harris; Grand Chief Jodi Goff; Sitting Past Grand Chief Beverly Deaton; Grand Manager Cassie Willis; Grand Protector Dianne Malone; Grand Junior Myrtle Davidson; Grand Treasurer Kris Smith and Grand Guard Donna Ruetz. Congrats Sisters!!

Grand Lodge/Temple Sessions Successfully Held

The 150th Grand Lodge Convention of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Indiana and the 129th Convention of the Grand Temple of the Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana were held at the Fourpoints by Sheraton Conference Center On July 20th and 21st, 2018. Grand Chancellor Gerald Randle and Grand Chief Beverly Deaton called their sessions to order on Friday at 9am. Both Grand sessions were very harmonious and went quite smoothly and were well attended. The formal banquet had 111 in attendance with the usual awards given out by the presiding officers. For the Sisters, PSR Jo Colgan was DDGC of the Year while PSR Patty Breedlove was selected as Pythian Sister of the Year. There were many happy winners with the basket give aways and the 50/50. Grand Chief announced that she had a good year collecting funds for her project - CASA.

Things for the Knights started off with a surprise 50 year presentation by IS Ken Moder to PIR Dennis Adams for his 50 year of membership in Al Hilal Temple. His oldest daughter, GS Jodi Goff, was asked to do the pinning. GC Randle then named Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 as Lodge of the Year, it's Chancellor Commander Steven Turner as Chancellor Commander of the Year, Wayne Hansen (DDGC #3) as District Deputy of the Year and GT Lowell Pruett as 2017 Pythian of the Year. GC Randle was then surprised by GS Adams when he was named the Secretary of the Year.

One special highlight of the banquet was the presentation of the Baden-Powell charter to CC Steven Turner, "Archie" Moore and Simon Polkinghorne, all of whom had come from London for the convention. It was really enjoyable to have some of our new British Brothers with us for this celebration! Beautiful dinner music was enjoyed by the attendees.

On Saturday, the second annual joint Celebration Luncheon was held. It was Linda's Luau Luncheon, and it was nice to see the crowd grow for this event...up to 75 this year! A delicious lunch was enjoyed prior to the joint officer installation. The Knights went first and were up to some unusual antics as "His Eminence King Flamingo" was officially introduced and placed into his "throne" to begin his year! What fun! Grand Chancellor William Keith Goff, Jr was installed the 151st Grand Chancellor. The gals followed with the installation of Jodi Goff as Grand Chief. This husband/wife duo ask for your assistance in making this a great year here in Indiana. The challenge: start a little bank. Save your loose change for The Guest House, Men's

Homeless Shelter and for Mahali pa Maisha, Children's Orphanage in Kenya that are the special charities of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Chief. It will add up quickly. \$1.00 US = \$10 in Kenya!