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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- Feb. 18 – Grand Council Meeting – 11 am – Grand Lodge Office
Feb 18 – Rathbone Celebration – 1pm – New Castle – Three Rank Day – Rathbone Bible present
Dinner follows Rank Work – All candidates welcomed – Ritualists encouraged to attend.
April 7, 8 & 9, 2017 – State Bowling Tournament –
May 6, 2017 – PS District #1 Convention – Hostess: Ruth Temple #56
May 13, 2017 – PS District #2 Convention – Hostess: Lizton Temple #462
May 20, 2017 – PS District #3 Convention – Hostess: Muncie Temple #28
July 20, 21, 22, 2017 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Convention – Four Points by Sheraton – W. Lafayette, IN
Aug 30 – Sept 2 – Grand Lodge of Ohio – Fairborn Holiday Inn
Oct . 7 & 8, 2017 – Family Fun Fest, BBQ Cook-off, Chili Cook-off & Car Show – New Castle – Beginning
of the 28th Annual Knights of Pythias Holiday Festival in New Castle
Nov. 4, 2017 – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off
Nov. 18, 2017 – 28th Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade – New Castle – 4pm

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 - Fell 11/26 & broke left shoulder & arm – re-alignment
surgery on 1/9/17 – cards & prayers appreciated
PSC Mary Parker – 312 Mill St, Ossian, IN 46777 – Pneumonia, but improving. Been released from
hospital, now in Bluffton Regional Continuing Care Unit for strengthening. Cards please.
Florence Masters – PO Box 185 – Royal Center, IN 46978
Cathy Davidson - Wesley Healthcare -1751 Wesley Rd – Auburn, IN 46706

Cathleen Trueblood, PGC – 9185 N CR 50 E – Seymour, IN 47274
Irene Lawson, PSR– PO Box 128, Royal Center, IN 46978
PGC Joyce Wright - 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516
Sharon Galbreath – PO Box 111, Frankton, IN 46044 –at home as she continues to recover.
Rochelle Olds, PGC – back home – 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
Tina Stillwell - Venus Temple #50 - in hospital and is very ill.
Sherry Murphy, PGC – 4132 Poli Poli Court, Ruskin, FL 33570 – Recently had kidney removed
Carl Jones -Heritage House – 1023 N 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362
J. Herschel Forgey –confined to the Christian Assisted Living Center – Brownstown, In 47220
Ed Wright – 1109 Princeton Av, Elkhart, IN 46516
Murl “Bud” Wheeler – 1086 Boulder Ridge Dr, New Haven, IN 46774
Ezra Hodgson – major back surgery – cards to 504 CR 455, Berryville, AR 72616
Cud Willis – 2679 E 1100 S, Amboy, IN 46911 – 2 fractures of the spine – Lutheran Hosp. – Surgery 1/19/17
Charlie Batty – 2804 S Eastlawn Ct, Muncie, IN 47302 – In hospital with heart trouble/stints put in 1/17/17

In Memoriam

Ethel Marie Dunham, 87, formerly a Past Chief of Mooresville Temple, passed away on November 22, 2016 and was buried on November 26th. She is survived by two daughters and two sons and their families. Our sympathy is extended to all of them at their loss.

Word has been received of the passing of 25 year Veteran Ernest Dagley, a member of Crescens Lodge #33, who passed away on November 7, 2014. He is survived by his wife Lala and their family. We extend our deepest sympathy to the entire family at their loss of Brother Ernie.

Crescens Lodge #33 sadly announces the passing of 59 year Veteran Russell H. Hutson of Perry, GA. On December 7, 2016. Brother Russ is survived by his loving family; his wife of 12 years Rosemary, his children Doug & Lisa and their families and several nieces & nephews. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the entire family at the passing of Brother Russ. Cards of condolence may be sent to 1423 Tucker Rd, Perry, GA 31069.

Grand Chancellor's/Grand Chief's Charities

If you are desirous of donating to the Grand Chancellor's charity choices, your Lodge, Temple and individual gifts can be made to the Methodist Hospital Emergency Department or to Riley Hospital for Children by sending your checks made payable to the Methodist Hospital Foundation with a notation of Emergency Room Department or to Riley Hospital For Children in your memo and mail them to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad, New Castle, IN 47362. Grand Chief Jaci chose Riley Hospital for Children as her charity as it is very close to her heart and her family. Pythian Sister donations should be sent to Grand Secretary Ruth Daring. Grand Chancellor Jerry is proud to team up with Grand Chief Jaci this term in an attempt to raise even more money for this very worthy charity. Thank you for your generosity for the Grand Chief's and Grand Chancellor's charities.

Attention POSTER CONTESTANTS

Beginning this year, if your child OR Grandchild are going to be entering the POSTER CONTEST....you need to request your info. for the poster contest thru this office. They will be mailed or e-mailed to you. E-mail to indianaglkop@att.net or mail to 1204 Broad St, New Castle, IN 47362. Poster deadline is April 1, 2017 for your poster to be at the local lodge. You will be assigned the lodge you are to send it to by the Grand Lodge office!

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A Story That Never Grows Old

An address delivered before the 15th district convention at Belle Plaine, March 13, 1912

By Frances A Heald

Star of the West Lodge No. 1, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

There are some stories in this world that never grow old. One is the story of a Mother's love, a love that runs and winds and turns like a silver thread through all the changing and checkered experiences of life, binding the heart of the mother to that of child by a tie of tenderness and constancy and fidelity that can never be broken. Another story that never grows old is that of the Savior of the world, from the lonely manger to the cruel cross, the story of love and hope and salvation for mankind. Another story that never grows old is that of the boy in blue who left his home and fireside and loved ones and went out upon the field of battle in defense of the stars and stripes and of the principles of freedom and national unity. Another story that never grows old is that of the good old home and the good old days, away back yonder somewhere and sometime in our lives, around which cluster and cling, as if by magic spell, the gentlest memories, the fondest hopes and the most sacred ties.

We are assembled together today in response to the sentiment of friendship, a friendship that is based on a story that never grows old. Between man and woman there is no story of love and affection more tender and touching than that of Dante and Beatrice. Between woman and woman there is no story of attachment fidelity more constant and unflinching than that of Ruth and Naomi. But between man and man there is no story of friendship more noble and true than that of Damon and Pythias, a story that of all stories, never grows old.

In the city of Syracuse, in the capital city of historic Sicily, lived the tyrant Dionysius. Here also lived Damon and Pythias. Damon attempts to rescue his country from oppression. Failing in this and his attempt on the life of the tyrant, he is captured, cast into prison, and bound with chains. Strong in heart, he falters not in his captivity and approaching martyrdom, but asks only that he be given four short hours in which to return to his home and bid farewell to his wife and children. But the tyrant, Shylock-like, demands a hostage, little dreaming that friendship could furnish one. Pythias come forward announcing that he will be a hostage for his friend. The tyrant accepts the offer, and Pythias is thrown into prison, to endure the chains of the dungeon, and to die if need be, for his friend Damon. Now comes the test.

Guess what happens next!! You'll read all about it next month in a Story That Never Grows Old!

Mark Your Calendar Now!

The Rathbone Celebration, the celebration of the 153rd Anniversary of the founding of the Order Knights of Pythias, is coming up on Saturday, February 18th and will be held in New Castle at Crescens Lodge #33. The day will start with a Grand Council meeting at 11 am, to which all Knights and potential Knights are invited to attend! The three Ranks of Knighthood will be conferred beginning at 1:00 pm followed by a free dinner. It is hoped that all lodges will be represented and that several candidates will be initiated that day. If you are planning on attending, please have your Secretary inform Grand Secretary Denny Adams how many will be attending from your lodge so the proper amount of food will be prepared. We look forward to celebrating with you! The Rathbone Bible will be present for the candidates to be obligated upon and for Knights present to be re-obligated upon if they so desire. It's the RATHBONE CELEBRATION, FEBRUARY 18TH!! BE THERE!!

SECRETARIES – Don't forget that your annual report is due in the hands of the Grand Secretary NO LATER than January 31st. Why not take time right now to sit down and fill out your report? It is very simple and in less than one hour you can have both copies finished and into the mail and done for another year. Make sure you get the proper signatures on the reports and put the lodge seal on them. Also, make sure you enclose you check for the per capita tax due from your lodge. If you are sending delegates to the Grand Lodge Convention (other than those who already on the expense account) they must be listed on the annual report to receive their expenses for the convention. If you have a new Past Chancellor, proper credentials will be sent for you to return to the Grand Lodge Office. He must be listed on the report. Please check the attached membership list for accuracy and make any needed changes. Thank you for your work!!

Happenings At The Hall

Crescens Lodge held its annual Holiday Festival Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, January 3rd with an overflow crowd on hand. Grand Prelate William Keith Goff, Jr. prepared some his wife's award winning chili from the chili cook-off. Hot dogs, nachos, desserts and drinks were also served to the crowd. Following the meal, festival Chairman Denny Adams talked about the several events of the festival and some of the new events scheduled for 2017. Multiple plaques and monetary awards were handed out to the award winners. The local Courier-Times newspaper was on hand to cover the event for the press. The workhorses of Crescens Lodge #33 are to be congratulated for again doing a dynamite job in pulling off this huge undertaking for the 28th consecutive year!

What is your lodge or Temple doing??

Let your membership know!!

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Your information could have been here for everyone

to read and enjoy!!