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**PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES**

**April 21, 22 & 23, 2017 – State Bowling Tournament – MUNSEE LANES, MUNCIE, IN**

April 25 – New Castle Rusty Spike Night – Meal at 6pm

May 1, 2017 - Grand Lodge Officer Reports due into Grand Lodge Office by today!

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

May 21, 2017 – Deadline to receive Statute changes for Advance Report

May 21, 2017 – Deadline for filing for Grand Lodge Office – Must be in Grand Lodge Office by today!

May 29, 2017 – New Castle Memorial Service – 8am at Cemetery – Parade at 10 am with Big Knight float

June 11, 2017 – State Golf Tourney – Ben & Ari's Putt-Putt – 2PM – Family Fun – food & prizes!

July 20, 21, 22, 2017 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Convention – Four Points by Sheraton – W. Lafayette, IN

Aug 4 – 10, 2017 – Imperial Palace Convention, DOKK – Westlake, Ohio

August 13, 2017 – DOKK Family Fun Outing to Indianapolis Indians – 1:35 pm – 30 tickets available – 24 bus seats. First Come, First Served! Contact Denny Adams at 765-529-7712 for reservations

Aug 30 – Sept 2, 2017 – Grand Lodge of Ohio – Fairborn Holiday Inn

Sept. 14-16, 2017 – Grand Lodge of Illinois – Peoria

Sept. 14-16, 2017 – Grand Lodge of Michigan – Ramada in Lansing

Sept. 21 – 24, 2017 – Grand Lodge of Iowa – Holiday Inn in Des Moines

Oct . 7 & 8, 2017 – Family Fun Fest, BBQ Hog Roast, Chili Cook-off & Car Show – New Castle – Beginning of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Pythias Holiday Festival in New Castle

Nov. 18, 2017 – 28<sup>th</sup> 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 - Arm coming along fairly well – Residing at Hickory Creek in Lebanon - cards & prayers appreciated – 3/26  
PSC Mary Parker – 312 Mill St, Ossian, IN 46777 – Been released from hospital, now in Bluffton Regional Continuing Care Unit for strengthening. Doing much better. On oxygen. Well wishes appreciated. 3/23  
Florence Masters – PO Box 185 – Royal Center, IN 46978  
Cathy Davidson - Wesley Healthcare -1751 Wesley Rd – Auburn, IN 46706 – Back in hospital 3/23  
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  
Sherry Murphy, PGC – 4132 Poli Poli Court, Ruskin, FL 33570  
Angie Woods, PSR – 353 S Perry St, Hagerstown, IN 47346 – Back surgery 3/27 – screws & a rod  
PGC Joyce Wright & Ed Wright - 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516  
Carl Jones -Heritage House – 1023 N 20<sup>th</sup> St – New Castle, IN 47362  
J. Herschel Forgey –confined to the Christian Assisted Living Center – Brownstown, In 47220  
Murl “Bud” Wheeler – 1086 Boulder Ridge Dr, New Haven, IN 46774 – Been in hospital & rehab lately 3/23  
Cud Willis – 2679 E 1100 S, Amboy, IN 46911  
Charlie Batty – 2804 S Eastlawn Ct, Muncie, IN 47302 – In hospital with cancer & sugar diagnosis – 3/1/17  
Rick Elman – (#215) – 6300 Old Porter Rd, Portage, IN 46368 (GS of Masons also) – Knee replacement 2/27

### **In Memory**

Crescens Lodge #33 is deeply saddened to report the passing of Past Chancellor Jack Kimble on Friday, March 17, 2017. Brother Jack had been in failing health for some time, but I had just had a nice conversation with him in a local restaurant the previous Sunday. He will be sadly missed. Cards of condolence may be sent to: Mrs. Jack Kimble, 190 W Northmarket, Hagerstown, In 47346. Our sympathy is extended to the entire family.

Word has also been received of the passing of Brother Charles Rusk, a 58 year member of Tidal Lodge #36 in Covington. Brother Charles passed away on September 12, 2012. Condolences are extended to his family and to the officers and members of Tidal Lodge.

Crescens Lodge #33 is shocked and saddened to announce the sudden passing of Past Chancellor F. Keith Dunn, II at his home on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Brother Keith was CC in 2000 and he was also a member of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK. He was a Master Mason and a member of many Masonic fraternities. He loved fraternal work. He will be very sadly missed by all. Surviving are his mother Dorothy, a Sister and Brother. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. Pythian Memorial Services were conducted on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> followed by Masonic services. Graveside services were conducted on Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup> with burial in Mt. Summit Cemetery.

Ashley Lodge #394 is saddened to announce the passing of lodge Trustee Kenneth Baxter on March 21<sup>st</sup> following a bout with cancer. Brother Kenny was a very active member and a Veteran of 48 years of membership. Our sympathy goes out to his family and to the officers and members of Ashley lodge #394. Cards of condolence may be sent to the Kenneth Baxter Family at 108 W Church, Hamilton, IN 46742.

### **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.*

Grand Chancellor Jerry Weilenman would like to say *Thank You* to Kenneth & Marion Simpson of Paris, IL for their kind donation to Riley Hospital For Children in Memory of PSR Howard Woods. Also a special *Thank You* to Brother Lyle & Sherry Holman for their generous donation to Riley Hospital For Children.

## **Mark Your Calendar Now With The Events On The Calendar!**

### **CALLING ALL BOWLERS!!**

The Indiana Pythian State Bowling tournament is coming to MUNSEE LANES, MUNCIE, IN. on April 21, 22 & 23 (note date change). This may be the largest participation that we have had in years! We hope that you will participate, whether you bowl or not! Come and have fun! Entries have been mailed to your Secretary or can be requested from Grand Secretary Adams at the Grand Lodge Office e-mail: [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net) or call 765-529-7712. It plans to be fun for everyone and is open to all, whether they are a Pythian or not! If you want to bowl, contact the Grand Lodge office. We will get you entered!! **ABSOLUTE DEADLINE APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>!!!**

### **A Story That Never Grows Old (continued)**

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

By Frances A Heald

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

*Note that this address was delivered 105 years ago but still rings true today!!*

(Picking up where we left off in February) Damon steps forth to the executioner's block to redeem his pledge and to release his hostage Pythias. The heart of the cruel tyrant is touched and he forgives them both on the condition that they make him one of their friends. Where in the annals of ancient or modern history will you find such a sublime example of unselfish and ennobling friendship as this, and it was from this memorable occasion as a starting point and inspiration that our noble order sprang! Friendship is our basic principle, and let us ever keep it in mind that the tie that binds a Knight to Knight is not the friendship that comes and goes with fickle fortune; is not the friendship that is based upon selfishness and selfseeking; is not the friendship that springs up as the result of passing whims and fancies; is not the friendship that is born of the convivial hour and companion; is not the friendship that flourishes in the sunlight of prosperity and withers in the damp and darkness of adversity; is not the friendship that feeds upon flattery and fattens upon fulsome praise; is not the friendship of the new pledged comrade or the dollar mark brand of the good fellow stripe; is not the friendship of the gala day performance or the dress parade occasion; is not the friendship of the conventional and ceremonial stamp or of the menial, fawning, cringing, time serving, politic, policy paying type, but that Pythian friendship is that real, genuine spirit of charity and benevolence and unflinching fidelity that made and kept Pythias true to Damon and Damon true to Pythias, and whose irresistible influence transformed the cruel Tyrant Dionysius into a true brother and friend.

Learn the three great truths from this wonderful story next month, in

**A Story That Never Grows Old**

### **What is your lodge or Temple doing??**

#### **Crescens Lodge Table Lodge Is Held!**

Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle hosted its annual Table Lodge on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have never been to a table lodge, you missed a very neat meeting. The regular business meeting is conducted. The twist is that the lodge room is set up in a triangle. During the meeting, dinner is served. Following dinner, various toasts are made and other festivities are enjoyed by the brethren. Brothers from lodges came to enjoy the meeting and the meal with in attendance!! It was an awesome evening of Pythian fellowship!

## District #5 Convention Is Held In Worthington!

As usual, the welcome mat was out and the pump handles of hand shakes were pumpin' as the Brothers of Worthington Lodge #253 greeted Brethren to the District #5 convention on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Was it formal...nah, although we did manage to get the Grand Honors conferred upon DDGC Wade McIntosh and GC Jerry Weilenman! Brother Wade did his usual superb job of conducting a fine meeting and, by golly, we learned an awful lot while we were there! Did we follow a strict guideline...nah, but sometimes you learn more just lettin' your hair hang down, if you have any of course, with just some old time Pythian fellowship! We were privileged to take a tour of the new facilities our Brothers purchased with the help of the Grand Lodge. Without a doubt, that was a wise investment for this lodge and for the future of Pythianism in Worthington, Indiana! I look forward to the day when they re-dedicate that for Pythian usages! The GC, GP, GVC, PDDGC Lowell Pruitt and I may of came through drivin' hail storms and torrential rains to get there, but boy was it ever worth it! Especially for those tenderloins at the restaurant following the meeting!! Let's go back next week!! Good luck Worthington! A job WELL DONE!! Denny Adams, Grand Secretary

## VITAL CONVENTION INFORMATION!!

On July 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> we are heading back to the beautiful **FOURPOINTS WEST LAFAYETTE SHERATON Convention Center**, 1600 Cumberland Av, West Lafayette, IN 47906. This is a very beautiful facility and was very gracious to help us last year and we look forward to a smooth convention experience in 2017!

**CUTOFF DATE FOR RESERVATIONS IS JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>!!!** Our block of rooms and rate of \$93.00 (plus taxes) is not guaranteed after that date! If you are going to be on the Grand Lodge account, please use code **KPG19G**. If you are going to pay for the rooms yourself, without reimbursement, use code **KPSP17**. These codes are in effect for both Knights and Sisters. You may call the motel direct at **765-463-5511**. Remember to make your reservations for any meal to the respective chairpersons AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL meals EXCEPT the PGC/Golden Spur Luncheon for the Knights who belong to those two organizations and invited guests are by RESERVATION ONLY! This includes the **SATURDAY NOON JOINT LUNCH FOR KNIGHTS AND SISTERS!!** This is a joint convention. The committees think it is about time that we have a joint lunch on Saturday. So...on Saturday, the Knights and Sisters will come together for the first time in a JOINT LUNCH as the Golden Eagle soars into the room on the back of a frog as we come together to salute our Grand Chancellor Jerry Weilenman and our Grand Chief Jaci Lockwood for a job well done!! PLEASE join us as we start a new phase of Pythian history with our JOINT GC'S CELEBRATION LUNCHEON!!

Meal Chairpersons for RESERVATIONS are as follows:

Past Grand Chief's Luncheon – Thursday – 12 noon – July 20<sup>th</sup> – Shirley Moore - \$20 includes dues

Past District Deputy Grand Chief Breakfast – Friday – 7:30 am – July 21<sup>st</sup> – Jaci Lockwood - \$12 inc dues

Past Grand Chancellor/Golden Spur Luncheon – 11:30 am – Members and guests – WALK-IN

Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> - \$20

Joint Formal Banquet – 6:00 pm – Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup> – Denny Adams/Grand Lodge Office - \$25.00

Joint GC's Celebration Luncheon – 12 noon – Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>– Denny Adams/Grand Lodge Office -\$13

**ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR ALL FOOD RESERVATIONS IS MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017!!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is the first time that we been able to negotiate with this motel as last year they took us in at the last minute to help us out. We were able to improve our food selections on our banquets. Most if not all of the meals are **LOWER** in price because of our negotiations and because of the motel's willingness to work with us! To make all of these various meals work to our advantage and to the motel's, we must have your support of them! So, PLEASE come, have a great time at YOUR convention and SUPPORT your convention committee and your Grand Officers! Let's all work TOGETHER to make this the biggest convention that we have had in years! The room rate will be \$93.00 plus tax per night. The REGULAR rate for your room is \$142.00. So make sure you get your reservations in early!! **AGAIN, DEADLINE IS JUNE 6, 2017!!**

Reservation form for the Grand Lodge Friday Night Banquet.

“The Slayter Buffet” which includes Fresh Garden Salad, Roast Pork with Dressing, sliced Roast Beef Au Jus, Roasted Rosemary Redskins, Fresh Butter Basted Green Beans. Includes coffee, tea, milk, and rolls & butter. Desert will be choice of assorted fruit pies served at the table.

New Price - \$25.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge or Temple \_\_\_\_\_

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Lodge or Temple \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge or Temple \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of dinners \_\_\_\_\_  
X \$25.00 ea.

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ or will pay at banquet \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
You are **financially responsible** for reservations made.

Please make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Indiana  
Mail to: Grand Lodge of Indiana  
1204 Broad Street  
New Castle, IN 47362

Reservations **must** be in Grand Lodge office not later than **July 10, 2017**. If you prefer, call 765-529-7712, or send email to [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net), and put Banquet in the subject line.

TENTATIVE CONVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 20 - Past Grand Chiefs' Luncheon (by reserv), 12:00 NOON

Thursday, July 20 - Grand Council meeting –1:30 PM

Thursday, July 20 - School of Instruction 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Thursday, July 20 - Joint opening/Memorial Service – 6:00 PM

Friday, July 21 - Past DDGC Breakfast (Sisters) (by Reservation) 7:00 AM

Friday, July 21- Sisters registration in Lobby 8:00- 9:00 AM

Friday, July 21 – Sisters meet in 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:30 to 4:00 PM

Friday, July 21– Men: Golden Spur and PGC (walk-in) luncheon 11:30 AM

Friday, July 21 – Men meet 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Friday, July 21 – Joint banquet (by reservation) 6:00 PM

**ENTERTAINMENT FROM 9:00 PM UNTIL MIDNIGHT!!**

Saturday, July 22 - Sisters meet in 9:00 AM to Noon

Saturday, July 22 - Men meet in 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Saturday, July 22 – Joint GC's Celebration luncheon (by reservation) 12:00 Noon

Saturday, July 22 - Joint installation of new officers 2:00 PM (approx)

Saturday, July 22 - Grand Council meeting 3:30 PM (approx)

Sunday, July 23 - District Deputies/GLO Breakfast, 9:00 AM

Breakfast Buffet - open to all – walk-in)

**THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE!**

*MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND YOUR  
GRAND LODGE AND GRAND TEMPLE CONVENTIONS!*

*COME AND SUPPORT THE CURRENT  
AND INCOMING OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018*

**RESERVATION FORM FOR THE JOINT GC'S CELEBRATION SATURDAY LUNCH**

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED for the Joint Gc's Celebration Saturday Luncheon on Saturday, July 22nd at 12 noon, immediately following the closing of the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple sessions. Those who are on Grand Lodge reimbursement may claim this luncheon on their expense form, but everyone must pay for it in advance. ALL Knights who register for the convention will be reimbursed. This luncheon is open to anyone who would like to attend, including families.

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF RESERVATIONS\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED IS \$13.00 EACH X \_\_\_\_\_ RESERVATIONS =\$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

**RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

**ALL KNIGHTS AND ALL SISTERS!**

**COME AND BE A PART OF THE  
2017  
GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS  
AND  
GRAND TEMPLE PYTHIAN SISTERS  
CONVENTIONS!!**

**JULY 20, 21 & 22, 2017  
FOURPOINTS WEST LAFAYETTE SHERATON  
WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA**

**NOTICE TO ALL NORTHBOUND CONVENTION TRAVELERS**

**THIS IS AS OF APRIL 1<sup>st</sup> – IT MAY CHANGE**  
**BUT BEWARE IN CASE IT DOES NOT!!!**

**If you are coming up to West Lafayette on I-65 and are planning on getting off on Exit #175, which is the NEXT EXIT north of our old exit at the old motel site...**

**You MUST stay to the RIGHT as the highway lanes divide.  
You have a choice of which side to take.**

**STAY TO THE RIGHT!!!**

**There is a dividing guard rail between the two and you will NOT be able to SWITCH once you make the commitment to the left lane!!**

**There is a lot of construction going on in the last 10 miles coming into Lafayette but VERY HEAVY construction from State Rd 26 all the way to your exit #175!**

**There is a VERY QUICK exit ramp at #175, so be ready!**

**Once you exit, keep left as you will turn left at the light at the bottom.  
You will then travel approximately 1.4 miles to Schuyler Ave. where you will make a right. That becomes Sagamore Parkway.**

**You will follow it for approximately 3.6 miles. You will be forced to merge left. Following your merger, stay left because you will be going left at the upcoming light which will be Cumberland Ave. Once you have turned left onto Cumberland Ave. the motel is on the right hand side. Look for the sign high in the air.**

**Please note that this edition of the Pythian Service News was intentionally held in order to insert to Convention information. The committee went to the motel on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the information was not finalized until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks for understanding!**

**Denny**