

Celebrating 153 Years of Pythianism!
INDIANA PYTHIAN SERVICE NEWS

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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

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

June 4, 2017 – Three Rank Day in Honor of Grand Chancellor Jerry Weilenman – New Castle – 1pm

June 11, 2017 – State Golf Tourney – CANCELLED!!

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 28th Annual Knights of Pythias Holiday Festival in New Castle

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 - Arm coming along fairly well – Residing at Hickory Creek in Lebanon - cards & prayers appreciated
PSC Mary Parker – 310 Eagle Ct, Ossian, IN 46777 – Doing better
Florence Masters – PO Box 185 – Royal Center, IN 46978
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 - a little stronger
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 – getting out & about some
PGC Joyce Wright & Ed Wright - 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516 – both doing some better
PGC Virginia Anglemyer – 58740 CR 111 S, Elkhart, IN 46517 – In hospital w/ticker problems – out on 5/30?
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
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 – Out & feeling some better

In Memory

Past Grand Chancellor, Grand Trustee and Past Supreme Representative Sir Knight Larue Cross went home to be with the Supreme Ruler of the Universe on Tuesday, May 2nd. Brother Larue was the Treasurer of Welcome Lodge #37, Muncie for years and one of the mainstays of the lodge. He was the Chancellor Commander of the lodge Golden Spur Team. He was Sheik Emeritus of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK. He was very proud of the fact that he was a former member of the Indiana Pythian Home Board of Directors and continued to serve the Grand Lodge as a Grand Lodge Trustee. He was a member of the Academic Awards Committee. Larue just never said no. We will all miss him very, very much as will the Pythian Order. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his son, Brother Chris Cross and Family, to his Special Friend Gloria Jefferson and the entire Family. God Speed my Friend.

Brother Harrison E. “Gene” Lackey passed away on January 2nd following a short illness. “Pappy” was a character and was liked by all who ever had the privilege to meet him. He was a hard worker and ran a restaurant for years in the Indy area. He loved his fraternal ties and was a member of many fraternities. The Knights of Pythias and Dokeys were honored to have Pappy as a member for nearly 20 years as he joined in a huge class when Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 was instituted on February 16, 1997. He will be greatly missed in all of his lodges and by all who knew him. See ‘ya down the road Pappy.

Word has come into the office that Brother James McKim, a 16 year veteran of Crescens Lodge #33 passed away on March 19th, 2014. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends.

A Story That Never Grows Old (continued)

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

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

(Picking up where we left off in April) How vivid the contrast exhibited between the abodes of Error and those delightful habitations where Truth reigns in its unclouded beauty, and every tongue and every heart sweetly think and speak under the influence of its teachings! United in bonds of kindred feelings, Truth is, by every

member of this vast and happy Brotherhood, loved, studied, embraced and spoken for ever; and Confidence springs up in the soul, and claims its pure mansion as an eternal residence. Friendship, twin-sister of Confidence, joins hand in hand with deathless grasp; while Love with links of holy Brotherhood, binds heart to heart in purified communion. From heaven God looks down with complacency, and sheds over all in rich profusion the enduring blessings of his favor.

A Fraternity whose broad foundation is universal Brotherhood; which open its doors of relief and sympathy to all; which teaches the sacred and sublime sentiments of Friendship and Love, and clothes its adherents with the dignity of Truth – will be owned by heaven, and shall confer in calculable benefits on mankind.

Let us then, be true to our professions. Let our walk and conversations in life be such that the world shall be compelled to acknowledge the sublime theory we teach. Thus shall we live in the enjoyment of the knowledge that we have done our duty to our self, our God and our fellow man. Amen. Thanks for following along the past few months and learning from....

A Story That Never Grows Old

What is your lodge or Temple doing??

LAST CALL FOR CONVENTION MOTEL ROOM/FOOD RESERVATIONS!!!

On July 20th, 21st and 22nd 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 6th!!!** 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 20th – **Shirley Foster** - \$25 includes dues

Past District Deputy Grand Chief Breakfast – Friday – 7:30 am – July 21st – Jaci Lockwood - \$15 inc dues

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

Friday, July 21st - \$25 includes dues

Joint Formal Banquet – 6:00 pm – Friday, July 21st – Denny Adams/Grand Lodge Office - \$27.50

Joint GC's Celebration Luncheon – 12 noon – Saturday, July 22nd– Denny Adams/Grand Lodge Office - \$16.50

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

We were able to improve our food selections on our banquets. 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 FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS 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.

Same Price - \$27.50

Name _____

Lodge or Temple _____

Name _____

Lodge or Temple _____

Name _____

Lodge or Temple _____

Name _____

Lodge or Temple _____

Total number of dinners _____

X \$27.50 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, 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

Thursday, July 20 – Sisters Initiation/Officers Party following Memorial

Friday, July 21 - Past DDGC Breakfast (Sisters) (by Reservation) 7:30 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

POSSIBLE 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 Noon

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 – Knights 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
BUFFET 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. This hot buffet will include Garden Salad, BB Chicken Breast, Roast Pork Loin, AuGratin Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Rolls & Butter, Chef's Choice Dessert & Drink! 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 \$16.50 EACH X _____ RESERVATIONS =\$ _____

Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JULY 10th, 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

CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN MOSTLY COMPLETED
EXIT RAMP #175 IS OPEN WITHOUT SEPERATION

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!

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.



J H Rathbone Museum and Resource Center, Inc.
134 S Earl Avenue
Lafayette, IN 47905
www.jhrathbonemuseum.org

May, 2017

Dear Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Indiana

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the J. H. Rathbone Museum and Resource Center, I wish to commend your organization for having the insight and wisdom to help support the Museum in 2016-17. Your generous donation has been put to use to ensure that Knights of Pythias history and memorabilia continues to be safely preserved for our generation and generations after us.

As your organization well knows, countless fraternal groups have impacted the millions of individuals and communities across the nation. By 1896, at the peak of the "golden age of fraternalism" nearly 6.4 million Americans, or one in five adult men, belonged to at least one fraternal order.

During both World Wars, fraternal orders played a key role in the defense of the world from tyranny. Many fraternal groups had a military styled auxiliary such as the Masonic Knights Templar, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, and the Odd Fellows Patriarch Militant. The Rathbone Museum has an authentic letter signed by General of the Armies "Black Jack" Pershing thanking the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias for their participation in the Great War. Interestingly, the fraternal order members were allowed to wear their insignias on their military uniforms.

Fraternal Order lodge halls also serve their local communities by providing spaces for community meeting and forums, theaters for music and entertainment, studios for artists, libraries for students and gyms for play. Many fraternal orders, including here in Indiana, also built orphanage and retirement homes. These homes or safe havens were located in nearly every state.

Over the years, the membership, as well as the number of fraternal groups, has dramatically declined. Much of fraternal memorabilia is costumes, pins, fobs, photographs, and ceremonial furniture. But more important are the precious local lodge minute books and membership rolls that record the activities and charitable deeds of these groups. Many are already faded and sadly a great deal of this history has already been thrown away and lost forever. The loss of fraternal historical material has increased dramatically as internet auction sites encourage global trading.

The Board of the J. H Rathbone Museum and Resource Center is here to serve your needs as best we can and to dedicate space and resource to preserve Pythian history. We can only hope that the Grand Lodge, subordinate lodges, and individual members will continue to financially support our efforts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kenneth P. Moder, Founder and Executive Director
J. H. Rathbone Museum and Resource Center
134 S. Earl Ave. (765)337-2438
moder1@msn.com Lafayette, IN. 47904

Pythian Sister Grand Temple Ways and Means Program for 2017

Sisters and Brothers: This is what is planned for our fund raising projects for Grand Temple at the 2017 Convention. YOUR help and assistance will be GREATLY appreciated and will assure that these programs are successful and that Grand Temple remains financially sound. Thank you so much for your help!

PYTHIAN AFGHAN

Chances on a beautiful hand-made blue, yellow, red & white Pythian Afghan will be sold. To make things simple this year, ALL chances for ALL programs (except ducks) will be as follows:

\$1 per ticket; 6 tickets for \$5; 75 tickets for \$10 and 200 tickets for \$20!

LET'S MAKE A BASKET!

We are asking all Temples, Knights Lodges and individual Pythians who desire, to donate a basket to be raffled off. Get creative! These are so much fun and enjoyable to win! They are also a GREAT fund raiser! ALL tickets for ALL programs will be drawn prior to the banquet and announced there so get your tickets early!

YUMMY BAKE SALE!!

There are soooooo many good cooks in the Pythian Order, both men and women! Help us out by baking some of your favorite items and bringing them to Grand Lodge/Grand Temple for a giant Bake Sale! Yummy!! Please note: We have several of our members that have allergies. PLEASE notate on your food items if you have used strawberries, pineapple, peanut butter, nuts or canola oil in your preparation. THANK YOU!

DUCK RACES ARE BACK!!

Duck Races are back!! The Sisters own a bunch of ducks and they are coming out of hiding! On Saturday evening of the convention (the only time available), we will be holding duck races in one of the two pools. We will have heat races with the top five finishers advancing to the semi. The top 12 from the semi advance to the final swim off! There will be all sorts of prizes given away. Will YOUR duck be a winner?? You do not have to be present to win! Ducks will sell for \$2.00 a duck, 3 ducks for \$5.00 or 10 ducks for \$10. Lets' have a quacky good time!! Reserve your ducks thru Grand Secretary Denny Adams or Grand Junior Jodi Goff.