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

- Nov 30, 2019 – Pythian Sister Christmas Party – 12 noon – Home of Sue Hutson – Frankton, IN –  
Bring a covered dish and a \$10 gift for the gift exchange
- Dec 1, 2019 – Kris Kringle 4 Mile Run & 3 Mile Walk – New Castle – Memorial Park – 2pm – 765-686-1735
- Dec 2, 2019 – Thanksgiving/Christmas party – Ashley #394 – 6:30pm – pitch-in – meat & drink furnished –  
entertainment to follow dinner
- February 8, 2020 – RATHBONE CELEBRATION – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – 12 noon – Breakfast served  
from 7:30 to 10:30 am.
- February 29, 2020 – Supreme Lodge Council Meeting – Newark, New Jersey – Grand Lodge Office will be  
closed February 27, 28 & 29, 2020. Re-opens on Monday, March 2, 2020
- July 9, 10 & 11, 2020 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Conventions – Cambria Hotel, Westfield, Indiana
- July 9, 2020 – Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK – Ceremonial at the Grand Lodge Convention! – 8pm

**Remembering our growing list of Sick and Shut-ins:**

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

- Cathleen Trueblood, PGC – 9185 N CR 50 E – Seymour, IN 47274  
Irene Lawson, PSR– PO Box 128, Royal Center, IN 46978  
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 - 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516 –doing some better  
Rosalie Baker – P.O. Box 253, Fremont, IN 46737  
PGC Virginia Anglemyer – 58740 CR 111 S, Elkhart, IN 46517  
PSR Angie Woods – PO Box 154, Greensfork, IN 47345 – doing much better– staying at daughters in Greensfork  
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20<sup>th</sup> St – New Castle, IN 47362  
Murl “Bud” Wheeler – 1086 Boulder Ridge Dr, New Haven, IN 46774

PGC Ed Neal & Ruth – 121 Karla Av, Liberty, SC 29657 – Ed is better and in re-hab again. Ruth fell in their home, broke her ankle and is in the hospital and will be in re-hab for an extended stay. Both can use cheering up!  
Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 9389 N CR 200 W, Lizton, IN 46149. Doing better!  
PSR Bobby Simmons – 630 S 11<sup>th</sup> St, New Castle, IN 47362 – Living in New Castle year round now.  
Jess Adams – 923 McCormack Dr, New Castle, IN 47362

### **In Memory**

It is with greatest sadness that I report the death of Past Chancellor Jack Benham of Worthington Lodge #253 on Tuesday evening, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Brother Jack joined the Pythian Order December 3, 1950 and was a 69 year Pythian Veteran. He was the current Treasurer of Worthington Lodge and stayed an active participant....even until death! Brother Jack was an excellent ritualist and led the lodge many years in signing up new members. He was most proud of the Pythian jacket he earned just recently for membership recruitment and he led the state in 2017 membership recruitment while in his lower 90's! Jack will be greatly missed not only by his local lodge but by the entire Domain of Indiana. Pythian services were conducted with 10 Brothers in attendance.

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of Sister Sharon Galbreath on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Sister Sharon had suffered a de-habilitating stroke some time back. She just lost her Mother a few weeks ago. We will all remember Sharon for her thoughtfulness for all of us when we were sick as she would be the first to send a card, always thinking of others. Pythian Sister Memorial services were conducted in Frankton. Cards of condolence may be sent to her son, Brother Jerry Joe Galbreath at PO Box 111, Frankton, IN 46044.

### **Greetings From The Grand Chancellor**

Worthington #253 has had a bittersweet week .We lost one of our lynch pins in Brother Jack Benham. Jack was a 68 year member and was still very active until the last couple weeks. Jack played a major role in signing up some of our newest members. The team of Casey Rice, Chancellor Commander, Wade McIntosh, Vice Chancellor and Ken Livingston, Prelate had the honor of providing the family the Pythian Memorial service. Many of our members were in attendance with a special visit from Past Grand Chancellor Gerald Randall of Lizton.

One of Brother Benham's and my closest friends is Worthington 253 fifty year member Don Fiscus, now of Florida. Some of you may remember Don was instrumental in the Pythian Home Board and Farm administration a few years ago. Brother Don called while Jack was ailing for an update and was very interested in the Angel Fund from reading about it in the PSN. A few days later I received a Christmas card with a nice note from Brother Fiscus and a check for several hundred dollars for the Angel Fund. WOW I was blown away, torn between grief and the joy of knowing some additional 'Youth in Need' were going to have a better Christmas or a better day and maybe a better life. Thank you very much Don for the generous donation! You can never know when even a small hand up will have huge benefits. I spoke to the folks at the school and their response was "AWESOME"!

Now is the perfect time to get your lodge involved, if not the Angel Fund, get involved in something and make a difference! Merry Christmas from my family to yours! May you have a healthy & happy New Year.

Grand Chancellor Wade

### **Donations to the Grand Chancellor's Charity**

Grand Chancellor H. Wade McIntosh, III is urging all lodges and Pythians in the Domain of Indiana to support his charity for the year which is the Angel Fund – "Helping Youth In Need" – the Bloomfield School District – 500 W South Street, Bloomfield, IN 47424. Please get your Angel Funds set up today!

**Attention All Pythians!! LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!!** This is your FINAL notice on the SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for 2020!! If you want the forms for the PYTHIAN portion of the scholarship program, notify the Grand Lodge office and they will be sent to you. Deadline is January 25, 2020.

### **AL Hilal Temple #33, DOKK to hold Summer Ceremonial!**

At a recent meeting of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK of New Castle, it was unanimously decided to conduct a summer Ceremonial in conjunction with the 152<sup>nd</sup> Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Grand Domain of Indiana Convention to be held at the Cambria Hotel and Suites in Westfield, Indiana on July 9, 10 & 11, 2020. Several Brother Knights from around central Indiana plus several of our Brothers from London, England are desirous of becoming a part of the Dramatic Order. Al Hilal Temple, the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest Temple in the United States, will also be honored to have Imperial Prince Roger Siegel in attendance. The ceremonial will be conducted on Thursday evening, July 9, 2020, following the Joint Opening, Memorial Service and possible Golden Spur conferral, all of which begins at 6pm. More information and applications to join Al Hilal Temple may be attained by contacting Temple Secretary/Grand Secretary Denny Adams at 765-686-1735 or at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net). PLEASE NOTE: Plans are in the making for a Dokey Ceremonial at New Castle in either February or March. If you want to be a part of this class, contact Denny Adams, 765-686-1735 for details and an application to join Al Hilal Temple in New Castle.

### **Downtown Christmas Walk is Held in New Castle**

The Annual Downtown Christmas Walk, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, was held in New Castle on Thursday evening, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Crescens Lodge #33 has an active part in the walk as it is the home for Santa's Headquarters and also sponsors horse drawn carriage rides during the three hour event from 5 to 8 pm. Crescens Lodge was humming as nearly 250 families passed through Santa headquarters in a line that lasted for three solid hours! Carriage rides were filled to capacity every trip and the lodge once again received excellent exposure for the Knights of Pythias and made a little money for the Lodge's charities.

### **Ashley Lodge #394 A Busy and Literally Booming Lodge!**

Monday evening, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the officers and members of Ashley Lodge #394 gathered for their annual Thanksmas Party. It was a great time for good food and fellowship. A great time was had by all. It was also a celebration party as it is the last time they all had to fit into a small space to hold family get togethers. Thanks to the generosity of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Indiana in Convention setting, Ashley Lodge #394 was given a major grant to expand their Castle Hall and do much needed repairs and updates. Everyone is excited to the work in progress and can not wait for the grand opening of the "new" Ashley Lodge #394! This is a very exciting time for this very active lodge in District #2 in northern Indiana! Here are some pictures of their progress:



As you can see, things are progressing nicely. These pictures were sent in a few weeks ago and I am sure the construction is much further along than what the pictures show. We all look forward to the completion of the addition so Ashley can have a party to celebrate! Word has it that they are about finished! That is exciting!!



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!!*

*Our Families wish you and your Family a very  
Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy  
2020! May your Lodges and Temples grow and  
prosper in 2020.*

*Grand Chancellor H Wade McIntosh, III*

*Grand Chief Toniann Harris*

*Grand Vice Chancellor Keith D. Ruetz, Sr*

*Grand Senior Myrtle Davidson*

*Grand Prelate Michael A Langdon*

*Grand Junior Cassie Willis*

*Grand Secretary Dennis O. Adams*

*Grand Secretary Lori Loughmiller*

*Grand Treasurer Richard P. Neal*

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*Grand Protector Donna Ruetz*

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*Grand Guard Jo Colgan*