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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

January 25, 2020 – Brotherhood #3-5-7 – Chili Cook-off – Chili arrives @ 4 – Judging @ 5 – Come & eat!!
February 6, 2020 – Welcome Lodge #37 – Reorganizational Meeting – Supper at 6 – Meeting at 7pm
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 Anglemeyer – 58740 CR 111 S, Elkhart, IN 46517
PSR Angie Woods – PO Box 154, Greensfork, IN 47345 – doing much better– staying at daughters in Greensfork
Rita Granger (wife of PGC Courtley) – 5938 Hillcrest Dr, Frankton, IN 46044 – fell and broke arm on Christmas Eve
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362
Murl “Bud” Wheeler – 1086 Boulder Ridge Dr, New Haven, IN 46774

Ruth Neal – 121 Karla Av, Liberty, SC 29657 – Ruth fell in her home, broke her ankle and is in re-hab for an extended stay. She certainly can use cheering up!

Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 9389 N CR 200 W, Lizton, IN 46149. Doing better!

PSR Bobby Simmons – 630 S 11th St, New Castle, IN 47362 – Living in New Castle year round now. Tests have went well lately for a permanent stimulator to be installed to manage pain that will possibly help Bobby walk. Keep that in prayers.

Jess Adams – 923 McCormack Dr, New Castle, IN 47362.

PGC Carroll Smith – PO Box 91, Orestes, IN 46063 – recently fell and banged himself up

In Memory

The hearts of Pythians all over Indiana are saddened to learn of the passing of Past Grand Chancellor Richard “Shorty” Messer on Friday, January 10th following a very lengthy and courageous battle against cancer. Brother Shorty became a Pythian November 21, 1993 and had 26 great years of membership. He made the most of those years serving Crescens lodge well in all offices and being awarded Volunteer of the Year. Shorty was still Lodge Trustee at his passing. Shorty was a faithful member and was always involved in lodge activities or any work that had to be done, especially the fireworks stand. He started his trip up the Grand lodge line in 2001 and was Grand Chancellor in the 2006-2007 term. He served on many committees of the Grand Lodge was well known and loved by many all over the state. Shorty is survived by the love of his life Bev, whom he married March 3, 1957. They had three children, Brother Jeff (Linda) Messer, James (Jenny) Messer and Julie (Cole) Williams, which resulted in 9 Grand Children and 16 Great-grand children. There are three surviving sisters: Marlene Bath, Marjorie Weiser and Maxine Manifold. He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother and 2 sisters. Pythian Memorial Services and the Funeral were conducted on Saturday, January 18th in Cambridge City following cremation. Cards of condolence may be sent to the Family at 609 S Walnut St, Cambridge City, IN 47327.

Wow, this has been a very rough edition to put to press for me. Please forgive me! Thursday afternoon, January 16th at 4:10 pm I lost my best buddy. Sir Edward H. “Eddie” Neal answered the call of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe and went home to be with Jesus. His fight against Leukemia, against forfeiting a kidney and going on dialysis, his fight against a failing body ended with the reward of a new spiritual body for all of eternity. To lose two of my best buddies in a week has been very rough as I am sure it has been on several of you. Eddie Neal joined the Order Knights of Pythias on October 31st, 1967. Eddie was one of those members that was always at the meetings, always at the activity, always willing to help regardless of what the task was. We have missed him immensely since he moved to South Carolina. He was awarded the Crescens Lodge Volunteer of the Year. Eddie received the highest honor of the Order...the Degree of the Golden Spur on March 11, 1990. Eddie was Grand Chancellor of Indiana during the 1998-99 term. He continued to serve the Order well on many committees at the Grand Lodge level. He lost his first wife Laura Jean (Hamm) Neal to death in 2007. Eddie re-married Ruth (Kunselman) Neal in 2008, who survives. He also is survived by sons Gary Neal, Robert Kunselman, Roger Kunselman, Daughter Rhonda Skipper and Rita Sanabria. 7 Grand Children and 1 Great Grand Child. There are two surviving sisters: Wanda (John) Strickler and Barbara Neal. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Laura Jean (Hamm) Neal, Brothers Larry Wayne Neal and Gerald Dean Neal and a Grand Mother Elizabeth Neal. Burial was in South Carolina with a celebration of life later on in the summer in New Castle. Cards of condolence may be sent to 121 Karla Av, Liberty, SC 29657.

Word has been received that Sister Ople Blake passed away early this summer. Our sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

Brother James Hower, a 72 year Veteran of Ashley Lodge #394, passed away December 29, 2018. Brother James joined the Order December 5, 1946. We were just informed of his passing by the facility at which he resided. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his family and the Officers and Members of Ashley Lodge #394.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Brother Frank Cox and Family. Brother Frank’s Mother recently passed away at the age of 103.

I apologize to Sister Tracy Howey for inadvertently leaving her off of our salute to her Mother’s memory, Sharon Galbreath. Tracy is a very sweet, hardworking young lady that works hard for the Pythian Order. Again, I apologize for leaving her off. Denny

Congratulations!

Congratulations to PGC Courtley and Rita Granger on the recent celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary! They have been travelling a lot recently and are on the way to visit Curtis, who just moved to West Virginia.

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! Thank you to Lizton Lodge #342 for your donation in memory of PSR Ed Neal.

Attention All Pythians!! This year's scholarship application deadline has now passed. Deadline for all poster entries is April 1st. Information available thru the Grand Secretary.

Lafayette #51 Tab Program Report

Just wanted to let you know I found two bags of tabs donated by the Randle's. Just over 6 lbs for 9,169 tabs. Lafayette Lodge donated over 22.5 lbs or 182,000 tabs. Current totals: 277,454 2019-20 cumulative: 38,386,087 for a cumulative donation to the Ronald McDonald House since 1998 of \$12,683. Ken Moder

Crescens Lodge #33 Receives Local Honor

Crescens Lodge #33, Knights of Pythias of New Castle received word on New Year's Eve that the New Castle Business Recognition Committee which annually hands out the “Best of New Castle Awards” has awarded the Knights of Pythias the 2019 Best of New Castle Award for Fraternal Associations! Congratulations to the Brethren of Crescens Lodge #33! It is nice to see that all of your hard work in the community does get recognized!

A Card of Thanks

Thank you so much for your donation in support of Faith Harvest Food Pantry. We could not carry on this ministry without the support of wonderful people like you! In appreciation...Linda Dearduerff, Director

To our Pythian Friends – Thank you for all of the cards, calls, visits, facebook messages and love and support you have shown our Mom (Sharon Galbreath) over the last four years and all the years of friendship during her years in the Temple. She valued each and every one of you. So many good memories have been made with our lodge and temple friends. We are forever grateful to have had your love and support throughout the years. Thank you to all who were able to be there to honor our Mother with the Pythian Memorial service. It was beautiful. In P.L.E. & F, Sister Tracy Howey and Brother Jerry R. Galbreath

VERY IMPORTANT CONVENTION INFORMATION

In an effort to secure information from the membership, we are sending out the following two part questionnaire to ALL Pythians (Knights and Sisters) that will be attending or are eligible to attend the upcoming Grand Convention at the Cambria Hotel Westfield on July 9, 10 & 11, 2020. We need YOUR answer back ASAP, but no later than February 8, 2020 so we can discuss the findings at a quick Grand Council meeting on that day. Your questions are as follows:

- 1) Are you in favor of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Indiana paying for Thursday and Friday night hotel rooms at the Cambria plus the Friday night formal banquet for ALL Past Chancellors and Past Chiefs who register for the convention in 2020? Yes or No

Please keep in mind...if your husband gets room expenses, only he will get room expenses, not both.

- 2) Will you attend the convention if we do pay this expense? Yes or No

- 3) Your name please... E-mail your answer back if possible...otherwise mail it to Grand Secretary Denny Adams at PO Box 365, New Castle, In 47362

Please keep in mind the following: The hotel WILL be full. There will NOT be rooms available if you do not reserve one! The need for you to reserve EARLY is VERY important so I can possibly expand the blocks if necessary. ALL rooms MUST be reserved by JUNE 1st!! Call 317-896-3000 to do so. Cost of rooms varies due to availability. Wednesday & Thursday is \$119. Friday & Saturday is \$139. Taxes are added to the costs. Wednesday nights MUST be paid for BEFORE LEAVING the hotel! For Knights that are on the expense

account, your expenses will be handled as usual. For a determination on payment for all PC's, watch the FEBRUARY Pythian Service News for details. All banquet information will begin to come out in the March issue of PSN once the Convention Committee has had their committee meeting with the hotel.

Special Announcement to Members of Welcome Lodge #37!!

Attention all members of Welcome Lodge #37! The Officers of Welcome Lodge #37 are asking ALL members of Welcome Lodge #37, Muncie, IN. to band together and help re-organize and re-energize Welcome Lodge #37, Knights of Pythias! To start this great task, we are inviting all members to a re-organizational dinner and meeting on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH with dinner at 6pm followed by the meeting at 7pm. We would love to see each of you at the meeting!! This would also be a great opportunity to pay your 2020 dues. Thank you for considering coming and we look forward to a great evening of planning for the future of Welcome Lodge #37! We want and need YOUR ideas and suggestions!

Convention Reminder

If you have not made your room reservations yet... Please do so as soon as you can. The Hotel will be full and there will be NO rooms available after the June 1 cut-off or when our block of rooms is taken!

Call 317-896-3000 to talk direct to Hotel Reservations

State Bowling Tournament Coming!!

The state bowling tournament has taken on an exciting and fun new look for 2020! The Rose Bowl is one of the premier houses in the country with state of the art games to enjoy while you bowl. They are fun for all levels of bowlers from the beginner to the pro. On Friday, March 13, 2020 the Pythian tournament will host the first ever "Hyper Bowling Tournament". Everyone will have bumpers and intentionally try to hit them as they will have colors flashing. Hit the right color and multiply your score! Hit the red and...buzz...NO score!! Sounds like fun to us! Don't get hyper ! Come and bowl...Hyper style...7pm, Friday, March 13th!! Action continues on Saturday March 14th with the all new "King of the Hill " competition at 12 noon. No more grueling 6 games in doubles & singles! Now it is all singles...two divisions, 3 games...handicap or actual. To bowl in the actual division you must of shot either a 700 or better or a 300 game. It will truly be "King of the Hill...with male and female divisions and at least a \$100 pay day! The four person team event will roll off on Sunday March 15th with bowling starting at 1pm. It will be a handicap event as usual and teams may be made up of any combination of male and female bowlers. Sounds like a lot of fun! Look for entry forms from your lodge and Temple Secretaries soon! You will also be able to get them from the Grand Lodge office or the Rose Bowl.

Special Thanks to Grand Outer Guard Don Adams and to the Votaries of Al Hilal Temple #33 for your donations to Grand Chancellor McIntosh's project...the Angel Fund ...to memorialize PGC Shorty Messer and PSR Eddie Neal...two Brothers that truly loved kids and loved the Pythian Order and what it stands for. Thank You.

Please Note: New contact info: ST Larry Bartley – 3042 W 100 N Apt #1, Morocco, IN 47963
He now just has a cell phone – 219-819-4992. Please correct your Who's Who.