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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- Crescens #33 – Table Lodge — POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE
- Ashley #394 – New Addition Dedication — POSTPONED UNTIL LATER
- Al Hilal Temple #33 – Spring Ceremonial – New Castle — POSTPONED - TBD
- Sept 17, 18 & 19, 2020 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Conventions – Cambria Hotel, Westfield, Indiana
- Sept 17, 2020 – Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK – Ceremonial at the Grand Lodge Convention! – 8pm

PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE FOR CONVENTIONS

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
- PSR Angie Woods – PO Box 154, Greensfork, IN 47345 – doing much better– staying at daughters in Greensfork
- 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! She is making improvements (2/25)
- 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. Fell and broke left arm. Currently at Glen Oaks Health Campus in New Castle for rehabilitation. (3/23)

In Memoriam

Word has been received of the passing of Brother John D. "Jack" Hall of Lizton Lodge #342 on March 4, 2020. Brother Jack would have been a 50 year Veteran on June 27th of this year. His funeral was March 10th in Lizton. Our sympathy goes out to his wife Kathy, the Hall family and the Officers and Members of Lizton Lodge. Cards of condolence may be sent to Kathy Hall, 150 W CR 800 N, Lizton, IN 46149.

We have also learned that Brother Michael Stockelman, a member of Brownstown Lodge #60, passed away on May 2, 2019. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the Stockelman family, and to the Officers and Members of Brownstown Lodge #60 on your loss. Cards of condolence may sent to the Stockelman family at 1212 Woodland Trace, Memphis, IN 47143.

Word has just been received that PGC Virginia Angelmeyer, a member of Elkhart Temple #14 and widow of PGC Richard Angelmeyer, passed away from complications on March 6th. Our deepest sympathy goes out to their Daughter, Sister Sue Weldy, the remainder of their family and to the Officers and members of Elkhart Temple #14. Ginny will be sorely missed and always remembered for her wit, wisdom, smile, sternness and knowledge of Pythian law. Truly, a lady who lived Pythianism and loved her God. Farewell dear Sister. Cards of condolence may be sent to Sue Weldy and family at 58700 CR 111 S, Elkhart, IN 46517-3300.

Word has been received that Brother George F. Harris of Brownstown Lodge #60 passed away on December 15, 2017. Our sympathy is extended to his family and to the members of Brownstown Lodge #60.

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!

Deadline for all poster entries is MAY 1st. Information available thru the Grand Secretary.

CONVENTIONS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED!!!!

*With the Corona virus scare, the convention has been RE-SCHEDULED until SEPTEMBER 17, 18 & 19, 2020! ALL deadlines have change! The need for you to reserve EARLY is still VERY important so I can possibly expand the blocks if necessary. ALL rooms MUST be reserved by AUGUST 1st!! Call 317-896-3000 to do so. Cost of rooms has changed! All normal sleeping rooms for ANY night is only \$99! Taxes are added to the costs. If you upgraded to a suite the cost will remain at \$119 plus tax. Wednesday nights MUST be paid for BEFORE LEAVING the hotel! **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Grand Council of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, in Executive session, has unanimously made the following decision pertaining to the Grand Lodge/Temple Convention. For Past Chancellors that are on the expense account, your expenses will be handled as usual. For those **PAST CHANCELLORS** who are eligible to attend the convention who are **NOT** on the expense account, the Grand Lodge will pay for the hotel room for **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** nights and the formal **FRIDAY** banquet. Any other expenses will be on you. For all **PAST CHIEFS** that are eligible to attend convention, the Grand Lodge will pay for your **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** night hotel room (as long as your husband is not already being paid for) plus your **FRIDAY** night formal banquet. All other expenses will be on you. In all cases the banquet must be reserved and paid for and then the person will be reimbursed. In all cases the Grand Lodge office MUST be notified by either phone or e-mail if you plan on taking advantage of the "FREE CONVENTION PROGRAM" NO LATER THAN AUGUST 1, 2020. Meals and costs are listed below. ALL meal reservations are to be made through the Grand Lodge office! Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.*

Convention Reminder

If you have not made your room reservations yet... Please do so as soon as you can. The Hotel may be full and there may not be rooms available after the August 1 cut-off or when our block of rooms is taken!

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

Convention Meals and Costs

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY BREAKFAST

Thursday, September 17, 2020 – You will eat off of the Hotel breakfast buffet. Please use the buffet coupons provided for a special rate. You are financially responsible for this meal. You may go into the meeting room to eat & have your meeting. COST - \$ 8.00 per person including all taxes & gratuity. Reservation DEADLINE is AUGUST 25, 2020. ALL reservations and funds therefore are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

PAST GRAND CHIEF'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 17, 2020 - 12 noon – You will be served and have your meeting in Legend 1. You will enjoy a loaded baked potato bar, assorted cookies and coffee or tea. COST - \$ 16.75 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation DEADLINE is AUGUST 25, 2020. ALL reservations and funds therefore are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Your organization dues will be collected separately at your meeting.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS/GOLDEN SPUR LUNCHEON

Friday, September 18, 2020 – 12 noon – You will be served in Legend 3. You will enjoy Meat Loaf, escalloped potatoes, green beans, a dinner salad, rolls and a sherbet cup plus drink. COST - \$ 27.00 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation DEADLINE is AUGUST 25, 2020. ALL reservations and funds therefore are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Dues will be collected at the meeting.

FRIDAY NIGHT FORMAL BANQUET

Friday, September 18, 2020 – 6:00pm – You will be served in Legend 1,2 & 3. IF you desire a reserved table, notify the GRAND LODGE OFFICE. You will have a CHOICE of Swiss steak & gravy OR Ham (Please choose one), Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Bread & Butter, A Dinner Salad, Assorted Pie & Drink.

COST - \$ 37.50 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation DEADLINE is AUGUST 25, 2020. ALL choices, reservations and funds therefore are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Reimbursement will be made by the Grand Lodge.

SATURDAY JOINT CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, September 19, 2020 – 12 noon – You will be served in Legend 1. You will enjoy Bar-B-Q Chicken Breast, Escalloped potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and assorted cookies plus Drink. COST - \$ 27.00 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation DEADLINE is AUGUST 25, 2020. ALL reservations and funds therefore are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

SUNDAY MORNING FAREWELL BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 20, 2020 – 9:00am – You will eat in Legend 1. You will enjoy the Breakfast Buffet the Hotel has had all weekend. Breakfast vouchers will be available when you register, just ask. You MUST have a PYTHIAN BREAKFAST VOUCHER to eat the buffet free of charge on SUNDAY ONLY. All other breakfasts are ON YOU. If you are going to be requesting a voucher we need to know how many. Please

inform the Grand Lodge Office by AUGUST 25, 2020 of those numbers when making meal reservations.
Thank you!

DAILY BREAKFAST BUFFET

The Hotel will be preparing us a special daily Breakfast Buffet, just for our group! They are giving us an awesome price of just \$6.00! With tax & gratuity that rounds out to \$8.00 This is a great deal for breakfast for all of us! PLEASE...if you think you might eat off of this buffet, give us an approximate number of days you will be doing that so the hotel will be sure to have the staff and food needed to serve us properly. THANKS!!

Important Announcement To ALL Knights Attending Convention

The Supreme Lodge membership committee is spending thousands of dollars on a program to make us all “walking billboards”, advertising the Pythian Order by what we have on our back. We have a unique opportunity to take home from the 2020 Grand Convention a FREE Pythian t-shirt! These shirts have been re-designed by the Supreme Lodge membership committee and are very sharp looking. The long sleeved T has the words “Knights” down one sleeve and “Pythias” down the other. The newly designed logos adorn the front left pocket area and the entire back. They are really an attention getter! The new short sleeve T’s have the new logo on the left front pocket area. There are no pockets on either design. Now, there are TWO things that YOU MUST do to get one of these awesome new Pythian T’s. Firstly, you must commit to attending the Grand Convention at the Cambria in Westfield, IN on September 18 & 19, 2020. You MUST be in attendance to claim your shirt. Your shirt CAN NOT be picked up by another Brother! Secondly, they MUST be reserved by AUGUST 1, 2020 in the GRAND LODGE OFFICE. You MUST send me your name and shirt size & choice of long or short sleeve. I will send in the order on August 2nd and Supreme will order the shirts and have them shipped to me. This is the one and only way the program will work. Later on you will be informed on how you can purchase T’s, polos and sweatshirts if you are interested. All of those orders must go through the Grand Lodge Office. Again...your DEADLINE to reserve your FREE T shirt is AUGUST 1, 2020! Call or e-mail today!

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Past District Deputies Breakfast@ \$ 8.00 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Past Grand Chief’s Luncheon @ \$ 16.75 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Past Grand Chancellors/Golden Spur Luncheon @ \$ 27.00 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Formal Friday Night Banquet @ \$ 37.50 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Saturday Joint Celebration Luncheon @ \$ 27.00 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Sunday Farewell Buffet Breakfast (free)

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____

Daily Breakfast Buffet

Name _____ No. of Days you anticipate eating Buffet _____

Ashley Lodge #394 POSTPONES Dedication of New Addition.

The Officers and Members of Ashley Lodge #394 have decided that due to the Covid-19 problems we are all facing, they are postponing their Castle Hall re-dedication until a later date to be determined in the upcoming weeks ahead. Thanks for understanding.

Crescens Lodge POSTPONES Table Lodge

Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle has decided to postpone our Table Lodge due to the Covid-19 outbreak. A new date will be set once the pandemic is over.

Al Hilal DOKK Ceremonial POSTPONED

Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK in New Castle has postponed the March 22nd DOKK Ceremonial for a later date. It is hoped that the restrictions for the Covid-19 pandemic will be lifted and we can re-set it before the ceremonial at convention. If not, we still plan on holding a DOKK Ceremonial at the convention on September 17th following the joint opening and possible Golden Spur.

3/23/20 Governor Holcomb just put the entire state under an “ESSENTIAL TRAVEL ONLY” ban. Needless to say that takes care of any lodge meetings that are scheduled! This ban is out for two weeks. Be careful. Be safe. Wash you hands! The Grand Lodge Office will remain open if you need to contact us. It is only me and my dog floppy in there. We will get through this together. God has this! We need more prayer and less panic!

Ashley Defends State Bowling Title!

Ashley Lodge #394 came to the Rose Bowl in New Castle through a March snow storm and set the lanes on fire in the team event to capture the annual Knights of Pythias State Family Fun Bowling Tournament. This year's tournament took on a new format. On Friday night 16 bowlers tried their luck at "Hyper Bowling". No one had ever tried this new way to bowl. Everyone had bumpers up and you threw intentionally at the bumpers. They had alternating colored lights which would multiply your score. But don't hit the red! That is zero for your one and only ball that "session". There are 5 sessions per each round and 8 rounds for the competition. The farther you go the harder it gets to hit the color you want to hit on the bumper! FUN!! PGC Jessica Larson of New Castle took home the \$100 first prize with 75,700 points. Bryan Sprague of Ashley was 2nd with 75,000 to win \$75. 3rd was GVC Keith Ruetz, Sr with 74,300 to collect \$50 and Ty O'Dear, a new member from New Castle was 4th with 63,000 and garnered \$25.00

On Saturday, instead of the grueling 6 games of doubles & singles, we held a singles tournament with a handicap section and a section called "King of the Hill" where you had to have a 300 game or a 700+ series in your career to be eligible to bowl in this scratch, winner take all roll off. New Castle superstar Daniel Miller, who has had 4- 300's this season, cranked of a 749 with games of 221, 269 & 259 to take home the \$100 payday. 2nd was Brandon DePew with 710 (269), 3rd Josh Kessler with 698 (245) and 4th Fran Ogden 594 (225) all of Ashley #394. In the handicap division for the guys Bryan Sprague was the champ with 714 (\$75), PGC William Keith Goff, Jr was 2nd with 700 (\$50), 3rd was GT Richard Neal with 672 (\$25), GVC Keith Ruetz, Sr was 4th with 665 and new member Matt Sousa was 5th with 658 (\$25) all from New Castle. For the girls, Fran Trout of Ashley took top honors with 753 (\$50), PGC Jessica Larson 2nd with 698 (\$10) and SPGC Jodi Goff was 3rd with 506 (\$10).

Sunday saw the team event with two teams from Ashley #394 and two from Crescens #33 in New Castle. Ashley Team #1 had to get a replacement bowler. Being good Pythian Brothers, New Castle called a good friend (and former KP) to come in and bowl) Monty Ankrom, with a 205 average, led the team to victory with a 705 actual series. Also on the team was John DePew, Bryan Sprague and Andy Dellinger. The team total was 2914. (\$200); 2nd was Ashley #2 – Jessica Bates, Ricky Cuenca, Lloyd DePew and Josh Kessler scoring 2876 (\$120); Crescens #2 was 3rd – Matt Sousa, Richard Neal, Jessica Larson and GS Denny Adams with 2758 (\$72) and 4th was Crescens #1 – Keith Goff, DDGC #4 Gary Griggs, Keith Ruetz & GP Donna Ruetz with 2733 (\$40). It was a very fun weekend. 2021 is being planned for mid January. Hope to see you there!



L-R – John DePew, Bryan Sprague, Monty Ankrom & Andy Dellinger – “THE CHAMPS 2020!!”