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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

Aug 23, 2020 – Al Hilal – Indianapolis Indians Ballgame Trip – call 765-686-1735 for reservations
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:

PSC Mary Parker – 310 Eagle Ct, Ossian, IN 46777
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 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. Permanent stimulator has been installed to manage pain. Seems to be helping.
Jess Adams – 923 McCormack Dr, New Castle, IN 47362. Transferred to Hickory Creek on 5/26. Will be in COVID isolation for 10 days before going into the facility community.

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!

GRAND LODGE/TEMPLE CONVENTIONS IN SEPTEMBER!!

*With the Corona virus scare, the convention has been RE-SCHEDULED until SEPTEMBER 17, 18 & 19, 2020! ALL deadlines have changed! 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. You are financially responsible for any reservations made!*

Convention Meals and Costs

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 DISTRICT DEPUTY BREAKFAST

Friday, September 18, 2020 - 7:30 am – 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 CHANCELLORS/GOLDEN SPUR LUNCHEON

Friday, September 18, 2020 – 12 noon – You will be served in Legend 3. You will enjoy Meat Loaf, scalloped 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 Buffet @ \$ 8.00 each

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

Past Grand Chief's Baked Potato Bar Luncheon @ \$ 16.75 each

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

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

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

Formal Friday Night Banquet @ \$ 37.50 each

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

CHOICE OF HAM OR SWISS STEAK? Ham _____ Swiss Steak _____

Saturday Joint Celebration BBQ Chicken Breast 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 _____

Lodge/Temple Meetings Beginning To Happen

Many of our lodges are beginning to meet again and tensions begin to ease toward the virus. Some have never missed a meeting. NOW is an excellent time to begin to re-set your calendars. Once you do that, send your dates into the Grand Lodge office so we can get those onto the master calendar to avoid overlap.

Attention ALL Recipients Of The Pythian Service News Hardcopy Edition

It is the hope of the Grand Lodge office that each of you enjoy reading the Pythian Service News. It is only as good as the news that is sent to us. We encourage ANY Pythian to send us items for the PSN. We will be

happy to insert it, space available. We need YOUR help!! As the costs associated with the publishing of the PSN continue to rise, we are dedicated to NOT skimp on the size or content of the PSN. If it has to be 6 or 8 pages, so be it. If you send jpeg. pictures, we will try to use them, if they have a story that accompanies them.

What we REALLY need from YOU is your e-mail address! We can DRAMATICALLY reduce costs and time in the production of the PSN if we had everyone's e-mail. We realize that not everyone has e-mail, and that is ok. But, if you do, PLEASE share it with the office. That way you can get statewide announcements that are sent out between PSN editions. We have been able to reduce from 750 copies to 480 hard copies. With your help, I think we could cut that in half! That would be a savings of over \$2,000 a year! Please help us better serve you. Thanks a bunch! Denny Adams, your Grand Secretary

A Card of Thanks

Thanks to Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 and the Knights of Pythias for your recent donation to the Guest House Men's Shelter. It is greatly appreciated! The Guest House Staff Carol Martin

Crescens Lodge Flower Sales Season Breaks Records!

Through all of the tribulation of the pandemic, Crescens Lodge #33 has battled against big odds to keep a pulse in their "Tis the Season Flower and Gift Shop. In the month of April the lodge's store went from being open because it was tied to the funeral industry to totally closed. Then the Knights decided to do curbside sales by hanging many of the floral saddles in the front windows. What resulted was that God took care of things, the store flourished, even in these times, and the business for April was double 2019! Then came the big month for Memorial Day flower sales...May. Many days the Crescens volunteers worked from 7am to 9 pm but were rewarded for their hard work as all-time records were set for five consecutive days at the end of the month! The walls were cleared of the hundreds of saddles available down to six left! Certainly, with no hesitation, our God gets all the credit for this awesome season!! Special thanks go to our volunteers: Floral Designers – Jodi & Keith Goff, Richard Neal, Denny Adams, Delmar Clontz, Wendall Rogers. Those all important greenery cutters/pickers who did thousands and thousands of pieces of greenery: Ralph Willis, Gary Griggs, Jeff Strahan, Jordan Guffey, Ty O'Dear. Special thanks to Jesse Adams for running the register on the two crunch days! It takes a team and we had a good one that put in hundreds of hours in the month! Salute!!

Fireworks Season Is Coming!!

Well, Crescens Lodge is going from the frying pan into the fire...works that is! It is that time of year and this year promises to be as strange and different as all of 2020 has been so far. Many cities have already cancelled their municipal fireworks shows. Hopefully that means even more sales for those organizations like the Knights of Pythias who sell fireworks as a fundraiser. Crescens Lodge was forced to order their supply two months early to make sure that they got an ample supply to sell. Even then, there were some 50 items of the hundreds that they handle that were "not in yet or not coming at all". So, it is scramble time already to get the product that is needed to have a great stand for the public, which they will have. Crescens currently has a tad over 6 TONS available. Of course that is not all pyrotechnic content. Just total shipping weight. If you need fireworks...come and see the Brothers at Crescens lodge #33 for the largest and most inexpensive fireworks in Henry County. By the time you get this newsletter, the stand should be in full operation. Richard Neal, Sec.

YOUR LODGE/TEMPLE NEWS IS MISSING!!