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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- Aug 16, 2020 – District #2 Picnic – Ashley Lodge #394 – 1pm – Meat & Drink furnished – Bring a dish or two to share – Open House on our new lodge hall expansion! – Everyone invited!
Sept 17, 18 & 19, 2020 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Conventions – POSTPONED
– Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK – Ceremonial at NEW CASTLE -
Oct 10, 2020 – State Golf Outing – Rolling Meadows Golf Course in Spencer – More info coming!
Oct 11, 2020 – Crescens Car Show, Chili Cook-off – Start of 31st Annual Holiday Festival – at The Armory

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
Mary Lou Cramer – 4231 CR 15, Auburn, IN 46706 – (5/7) Fell, broke ankle
Deb Michaels – lymph node cancer – 1st treatment 4/29
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. Preparing for more surgery (7/20)

PSR Bobby Simmons – 630 S 11th St, New Castle, IN 47362 – 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. Doing ok
PGC David Hensel – PO Box 328, Morocco, IN 47963 – Heart Attack (7/13?) in Rehab in Lafayette (7/20)

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Past Chancellor Clarence "Tom" Volner, 86, of Highland, Indiana. Brother Tom was a 35 year veteran of Lake County Lodge #215, joining the Order May 15, 1985. Brother Tom went home to be with the Supreme Ruler of the Universe on July 1, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Wilma. Cards of condolence may be sent to Wilma Volner and Family at 9307 Ellen Dr, Highland, IN 46322-2326.

Sister Esther E. Tjarks, 98, of LaGrange passed away on Sunday, April 26, 2020 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange. Our sympathy goes out to her family. Graveside services were conducted on May 5th at Greenwood Cemetery.

It is with a very heavy heart that I report the passing of Past Grand Chancellor Sir Carrol E. Smith on Sunday, July 12th. Brother Smitty had suffered a severe stroke just a few weeks ago. Brother Smitty was Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of Indiana in 1989-90. Sir Knight Carrol became a Knight of the Golden Spur on December 20, 1975. Smitty joined the Order on January 4, 1951 but left for the service on July 15, 1951. After his return in 1957, through aggregate years of membership, he became eligible for his 50 year pin in May of 2015, something he really cherished. Much of the Smith family which survives are Pythians including son PGC Michael and nephew PGC James W Smith, Jr.

Word has been received that Past Chancellor Michael A. Gray, a 42 year Veteran of Brownstown Lodge #60 passed away on March 7th, 2018. He joined the Order March 28, 1978. Our sympathy is extended to the officers and members of Brownstown Lodge.

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 Council Meets At Lizton Lodge #342

The Grand Council of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of the Domain of Indiana met at Lizton Lodge #342 on Monday, July 20th with a heavy load of business to discuss. The council was treated to a delicious BBQ meal by the Brethren of Lizton Lodge #342. We thank them for their courtesy and hospitality.

Among the several items of business was the postponed Grand Lodge/Grand Temple conventions. With the current very fluid conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic and with the health and safety of the membership the top priority, it was unanimously decided by GC McIntosh and the members of the Grand Council to again postpone the Grand Lodge Convention. With the current very fluid condition of the pandemic, it was decided to take a wait and see approach before settling in a possible new date for the convention. Whenever the date is, we realize that we can't hit everyone's schedule. We will do our best to re-schedule the event to have a pleasurable and fun event and at the same time a safe environment for all who want to attend to do so. It is our sincere desire and hope that the Grand Temple Pythian Sisters will join us when that time arrives.

In other business, PC John Fuhs, Secretary of Eden Lodge #99 in Spencer and Grand Lodge Attorney, was appointed by GC McIntosh to fill the unexpired term of PGC Sir Carrol E. Smith as Grand Tribune with an expiration date of 2024. PGC Timothy Loughmiller was appointed Grand Tribune Pro Tem to fill in for the ailing PGC David G. Hensel. That term has an expiration of 2022. Those appointments were unanimously approved by the Grand Council.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL motel rooms at the Cambria in Westfield for BOTH Knights AND Sisters HAS BEEN CANCELLED! It is NOT necessary to call the motel!! If you had reservations for meals, they have been cancelled. If you sent money into the Grand Lodge office, expect a refund check in the mail shortly. For KNIGHTS – all of the free T-shirt information has been kept. When the convention gets re-scheduled, you will be put back on the free t-shirt list when you make reservations.

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 have 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! Thanks to those who have responded! Denny Adams, your Grand Secretary

Fireworks Season Blew Us Out of the Water!!

Crescens Lodge just finished its 44th successful fireworks sale and what a year it was! From a meager beginning of \$500 worth of stock, a card table and a dining fly, we grew this season to going back twice for more stock. We ended up selling out to the bare walls...over 8.5 TONS of it!! Crescens Lodge was truly blessed by the thousands of loyal customers that flooded our store. We thank our cooks Keith Goff, Linda Cross and Donna Ruetz for some great chow to feed the troops. While some put in grueling hours and others put in short stints, it takes a team to make it happen! In no particular order thanks to the following for working your butts off: Richard Neal, Gary Griggs, Jodi & Keith Goff, Keith & Donna Ruetz & Triston, Terry Brumley, Jesse Adams, Jr.; Jeff Strahan, Jim & Linda Cross, Denny Adams, Mike Langdon, Jordan Guffey, Gordan Miller, "Ty" O'Dear and Rob Carroll. Above all...we thank an awesome God for making it all possible! We can't hardly wait to see what He has in store for us next! Richard Neal, Sec.

Crescens Car Show and Chili Cook-Off Planned

Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle will host its 14th annual Car show on Sunday, October 11th from noon to 3 at "The Armory" at the corner of S 15th Street and Grand Avenue in New Castle. The show moved to this location three years ago and it continues to grow in popularity. Last year 98 cars were in attendance. There were also several vendors inside the armory displaying their wares. From 8 am until 11am a sausage gravy & biscuit breakfast is served. Then from 11 am until 3pm, it will be the 31st annual chili cook-off. The New Castle Firefighters are the defending champions and are returning! The whole day is for the benefit of the New Castle Firefighters Children's Christmas Fund and is the start of the 31st annual Crescens Holiday Festival.

State Golf Tournament Being Planned!

All Pythians and their friends are invited to come down to the beautiful rolling hills of southern Indiana for the annual Golf Tournament, once again sponsored by our Brethren of Worthington Lodge #253 in Worthington. It will be held at the beautiful Rolling Hills Golf Course in Spencer, Indiana on Saturday, October 10th. Play will begin at 9:00am. The fee is \$30.00 each if we have 10 – 4 man teams. There will be a shotgun start. Prizes will be given in the 4 par 3 holes for closest to the pin. Last year some 28 golfers attended to make it a very enjoyable day for all. Everyone went home with a little cash in their pocket! I am sure that this year will be no exception! Mark your calendar for this year's State Golf Tournament, Saturday, October 10th.

Ashley #394 To Hold Picnic/Open House

Ashley Lodge #394 invites all to attend the annual District #2 picnic at their lodge hall on Sunday, August 16th at 1pm. The meat and drink will be furnished. Bring a favorite dish or two to share with the crowd! This will also be the official Open House for the new addition to Ashley Lodge. Come and see all of the hard work that has now become the all new Ashley Castle Hall!

Card of Thanks

The Board of Education and Central Office Administrators of Frankton-Lapel Community Schools wish to thank the Knights of Pythias Grand lodge of Indiana for the gift of \$50.00 (matching funds/Frankton #315) for the Wrestling team at Frankton Jr.-Sr. High School. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

(Actual Signatures)

Mike Rusche, President; Randy Cunningham, Vice President; Brian Gill, Secretary, Alan Bays, Board Member; Bill Brobston, Board Member; Tami Davis, Board Member; Melissa Duncan Board Member; Bobby Fields, Superintendent and Sterling Boles, Asst. Superintendent

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks for selecting my poster to be the winner of the "Go Green" poster contest. I admire all of the hard work the Knights of Pythias does in supporting communities. The contest was a nice distraction from the pandemic, and I appreciate that you continued to support it during these trying times. The money will greatly help me this fall at Butler University. Thank you again!

Wyatt Harvey, Monrovia High School

District Picnic Coming in New Castle

The District #4 Knights of Pythias/District #3 Pythian Sister Picnic will be held on Sunday, July 26th at 2pm at the John Trout Shelter in Memorial Park in New Castle. It is located in the center of the old part of Memorial Park on SR #3, north of New Castle. The meat and drink will be furnished. Everyone is welcomed.

Crescens #33 Holds Three Rank Day

Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle held a Three Rank Day on Saturday, July 18th. Even though the temperatures were hot outside and a little warm inside, the three Ranks of Knighthood were well exemplified upon three neophytes. This class was named the PGC Sir Carrol E. Smith Honorary Class in memory of our good Brother Smitty who was buried this week. Pythianism was everything to Smitty and it was our honor to name this group of new Knights in his honor! We say WELCOME to new Knights WILLIAM MOISTNER and RICHARD ESSERT of Crescens lodge #33 and NICK MACE of Brownstown Lodge #60. We are thrilled to have you as members of the Pythian Order!

2020 Indiana State Golf Tournament
Sponsored by Worthington Lodge #253
Knights of Pythias

Saturday, October 10, 2020
Beautiful Rolling Hills Golf Course
Spencer, Indiana

Tee Time – 9:00am

Shotgun Start

Fun – Food – Prizes

Closest to pin prizes on all 4 par 3 holes!

Entry Fee \$30.00 – based on 10 – 4 man teams.

Entry Form

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Name _____

Contact: _____ Phone # _____

Entry Fee of \$ _____ enclosed.

Mail to: Jerry Murdock, Chm, 1499 W 800 N, Worthington, IN 47471

Make checks payable to: Worthington Lodge #253, K of P

**This tournament is open to all who love to have fun in the sun
and whack on a few golf balls in the beautiful rolling hills of
southern Indiana in the fall of the year!
What an awesome way to spend a Saturday!
Come and be with us!**