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*Merry Christmas Edition*  
*"Helping Youth In Need"*

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

January 23, 2021 – Brotherhood #3-5-7 meeting – Dave Philpott's home – Call Wayne Hansen for info.  
February 6, 2021 – KP Statewide Chili Cookoff Challenge – 4pm – Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle  
February 20, 2021 – Rathbone Celebration – Time and location TBD  
March 12-13, 2021 – Grand Lodge Convention – Cambria Hotel – Westfield, IN (see attached information)  
April 29-May 4, 2021 – Supreme Lodge Convention – Newark, NJ – Marriott Airport Hotel

**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  
Mary Lou Cramer – 4231 CR 15, Auburn, IN 46706 – Doing much better at home  
Deb Michael – 9101 N 650 E, Albany, IN 47320 - double mastectomy – drains out – no cancer in tissue or lymph nodes.  
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  
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 at home.  
PSR Bobby Simmons – 630 S 11<sup>th</sup> St, New Castle, IN 47362 – Permanent stimulator has been installed to manage pain.  
Seems to be helping.

### In Memory

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Brother Gordon Frost on November 29, 2020. Brother Gordon joined the Order on March 12, 1957 and was a 63 year Pythian Veteran and former member of LaGrange lodge #144 before its closing. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and many friends.

### 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 which is the Angel Fund – “Helping Youth In Need” – the Bloomfield School District – 500 W South Street, Bloomfield, IN 47424.

### Lodges Should Be Meeting!

All subordinate Lodges should be holding regular meetings! Your executive committees should be meeting to plan your calendars for 2021 as you get your lodges fired back up and on track and begin planning on signing up candidates for the Rathbone Celebration! You should of held your election of officers in December and be ready to install your new officers for the 2021 term at your first meeting in January. Make sure to note

### 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.

I know that many of you have an e-mail that you have not sent to the Grand Lodge office. I send out many messages between copies of the PSN. Many of these messages are notices about our Pythians passing away. Help me serve you better by sending me your e-mail today! Denny Adams, your Grand Secretary

### Attention All Snow Birds

It is VITAL that I have your winter address on file so I can keep your Pythian Service News coming to you! I need your winter address NOW, your anticipated departure date to your winter home and your anticipated return date. PLEASE do this for the office as it is VERY costly to get your PSN's returned plus I am forced to stop sending them to you and get into a guessing game on when to resume them. Of course, if I have your E-MAIL address, we do not have this problem as your PSN comes electronically. THANKS for your help as we continue working on updating our files.

### A Card of Thanks!

I want to thank the K of P Lodge State of Indiana organization for the generous donation you gave us to put on the Golf outing this year. The “guys” seemed to really enjoy themselves and I was so happy a team came down from the north (Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7). Next year maybe we can pick up some mew members by having it if we get to have it again. Everyone left with a little money and a bag of goodies we were able to put together.

Fraternally – Jerry Murdock, State Golf Chairman

I would like to let everyone know that we had a great day of golf and fellowship at Rolling Meadows Golf Course! George, Bob, John and I totally enjoyed this outing and encourage others to participate next year! Rolling Meadows was a beautiful course even during a drought. They had only received .12 inches of rain in the last two months. This event was a very low stress event with minimal rules so any level of golfer would enjoy a round of golf with friends.

This is a great opportunity to bring friends out to learn about our fraternity in a casual format. We should look at this as an opportunity to recruit new members.

Also, special thanks to Bob(Frazer) who drove from Richmond, George (Ingles) who drove from Muncie and John who drove from Carmel down to Rolling Hills in Gosport, IN. Bob had an early wakeup of 4:30 to make it down for a 9:00 tee time. It has been a while since anyone attended this event from north of Interstate 70, so Brotherhood 3-5-7 was an appreciated addition to this event. Fraternaly, Wayne Hansen, Sec #3-5-7

## A Christmas Guest Editorial

By William Sullivan “The American Thinker”

Canceling Christmas: The COVID Straw to Break the Camel’s Back?? “Christmas is going to be a lot harder” we have recently been told. “We have been told...I don’t want to scare anyone, but understand the facts. We’re likely to lose another 250,000 people dead between now and January 20th...because people aren’t paying attention.”

The purpose of these statements was clearly to scare people into canceling their holiday travel plans and embracing lockdowns. The aim of this was to provoke panic, but any reasonable person knows that this particular prediction is a desperate attempt of fear-mongering.

Let’s be generous and assume that what was meant was that another 250,000 Americans are “likely” going to die with COVID between December 2 and January 20<sup>th</sup>. That’s 5,000 deaths per day, on average, between December 2 and January 20.

That’s nearly twice as high as the peak of COVID deaths back in April, which was a seven-day rolling average of 2,658. That number is roughly 46 percent higher than the current average of 1,839. To get to the number of deaths that has been predicted, there will need to be a rapid spike of over 3,100 deaths a day, and the deaths would need to stay there or higher, constantly, for the remainder of that 50 day window to approach 250,000 deaths. This is in spite of the much greater understanding of the virus today, along with the much better treatment options, than we had in April.

The prediction was purposefully exaggerated and thankfully isn’t “likely” to happen at all. What’s more, Americans all know it! That’s why they traveled for Thanksgiving and will travel for Christmas, too!

In short, we have no reason to live in any great fear of this virus. Why, exactly, should my family and I inject a foreign substance containing many chemicals, along with a dead form of this virus (hopefully dead, anyway, as a harmful and rushed government-sanctioned vaccine containing a live virus would not be unprecedented in America), in hopes of staving off the threat it presents to us? Those who wish to have the vaccine certainly can, and should, take it. But why should the government, or anyone else, for that matter, require that we jab needles into our arms and inject a hastily concocted substance that presents unknown probabilities of encountering unknown risks? It makes little sense.

The fact that I am more seriously pondering the prospect of mandatory vaccination than I would have in the past is because of another dangerous risk the media and progressives haven’t wanted to weigh against the presumed benefits of COVID lockdowns, and that is the obvious erosion of our liberty that we’ve witnessed this year.

You undoubtedly know a local small business or restaurant that closed in recent months and isn’t coming back. Maybe the owner invested his life savings in the business and dedicated thousands of hours towards making it his livelihood. Maybe that business provided not only for his family, but for other families in the community. Was the trading of their liberty for the prospect of MAYBE preventing someone else from getting an extremely survivable virus worth it in the end??

It depends upon your perspective, perhaps, but you cannot argue that there was a distinct weighing of risks involved, and a trade-off was decided upon. And whereas the decisions for the owner to remain open and for the customers to continue patronizing the store would have been voluntary decisions by all parties involved, the decision to close the store and starve it out of existence was nothing less than coercive tyranny by a government institution that prioritized those risks without the consent of the many parties involved.

And now we hear predictions representing these outrageous and dark fantasies that robbed us of our liberty this year as “likely” possibilities, hectoring the public about not taking the “experts” seriously when they say you can’t visit your family for the Christmas. Once again there are risks that must be weighed in both paths this Christmas.

On one hand, you can forgo your happiness this Holiday season in the hopes that you may not pass or contact a virus you likely don’t have, and for which the vast majority of those exposed to it are extraordinarily likely to survive. You are free to take that path.

Or, alternatively, you can live your life to the fullest, knowing that none of us is guaranteed a tomorrow and that each moment in life is precious. You can choose to spend the time that we have remaining on this

Earth as happy and free Americans, celebrating the miracle that we are blessed to be alive for a short while longer with those whom we love, and whom we may not have the opportunity to see and hug again next year at the Christmas table.

I will close with this paraphrase from frontier legend Davy Crockett, “you and your fear mongering cronies can all go to h---.” This Christmas I’m getting on a plane and going to be with my family in Texas!

By William Sullivan ...”The American Thinker” ..... Merry ChrisTmas!!

(The Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias does not necessarily endorse the opinions of the “American Thinker”)

**Attention All Pythians!! LAST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!!** This is your FINAL notice on the SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM for 2021!! 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, 2021.

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year!!*

*Our Families wish you and your Family a very Merry Christmas  
and a Healthy and Happy 2021! May your Lodges and Temples  
grow and prosper in 2021.*

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