

Celebrating 156 Years of Pythianism!
INDIANA PYTHIAN SERVICE NEWS
Happy Thanksgiving Edition
"Helping Youth In Need"

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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- Annual Brownstown #60 Chili Supper - **CANCELLED**

Dec 7, 2020 – Ashley #394 Family Thanksgiving/Christmas Party – **CANCELLED**

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 Crager – 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 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 at home.

PSR Bobby Simmons – 630 S 11th St, New Castle, IN 47362 – Permanent stimulator has been installed to manage pain.

Seems to be helping.

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. Please get your Angel Funds set up today! GC McIntosh encourages each lodge or at least each district to set up an Angel Fund.

Lodge Meetings Taking Place

As our lodges should be 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 450 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

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.

Santa Claus Is In Town Despite Covid!

The Henry County Health Department took the annual Christmas Parade away from the citizens of New Castle and Henry County at the 11th hour as they cancelled the parade less than 48 hours before the event! Needless to say, that made the Brethren of Crescens Lodge scramble to get everyone notified and get the whole process reversed since it had been set in motion. We do want to thank the whole gang from Skinner Trucking for coming and bringing their two snowmen to Santa Headquarters. The snowmen, along with Santa & Mrs. Claus were not to be deterred as they stood out on the curblines and waved at traffic for an extended amount of time. At 6pm, the Crescens crew and the Skinner crew, assisted by the sirens of the New Castle Fire Department, lit the Henry County Courthouse for Christmas! Special thanks goes out to Brother Chris Adams of Crescens Lodge #33 for all of his unending work at the courthouse and all the other Brothers who assisted in any way. The courthouse looks stunningly awesome!



This early evening photo shows members of Crescens Lodge #33 donating \$1,700 to the New Castle Firefighters Children's Christmas Fund as a direct result of the lodge's recent car show and chili cook-off. Pictured L-R are new member William Moistner, Trustee Gary Griggs, PGC William Keith Goff, Jr.; VC Rob Carroll, GS Denny Adams and firefighters of local #1722 Brian Jones, Caleb Mathews, Isaac Allen and President Tim Welch. This was the largest contribution the lodge has made since becoming associated with the program. The photo was taken by GT Richard Neal.

Rank Work In Ashley #394!

Congratulations to the Brethren of Ashley Lodge #394 for persevering through these difficult times and initiating a new Brother into the Order! Brother Lawrence "Larry" Leveque first approached the Supreme membership website inquiring about membership. That was sent to Grand Secretary Adams who in turn forwarded it to Secretary Holman. His lodge followed up and...bingo...a new member! That is what happens when everyone in the system follows through! Great job! Brother Larry received the ROP & ROE on Nov. 2nd and the ROK on Nov. 16th. Great food was served at both meetings. Some Brothers from Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle made the trek to assist and had a very enjoyable evening in their beautifully remodeled hall!



L-R – DDGC #2 Dick Gaff, Sec. Lyle Holman, new Knight Larry Leveque, acting CC/GS Denny Adams, #394 CC Bob Murphy. Back row L-R – John DePew, PGC Dale Baldwin, GVC Keith Ruetz, Sr. and Jerry DePew.

Grand Lodge Convention Coming!

As you have probably seen on e-mail announcements from the Grand Lodge Office and maybe heard from discussion at your lodge meetings, the Grand Council voted unanimously at their November 7th Grand Council meeting to once again schedule the 152nd Annual Grand Lodge Convention. It has been scheduled at the Cambria Hotel in Westfield, Indiana for March 11-13, 2021. The Grand Council has sent cordial invitations and the Grand Chancellor had a phone conversation with the Grand Chief, inviting the Grand Temple Pythian Sisters to come and meet in Convention with the Grand Lodge. As of the day this communication went into print, neither the Grand Chancellor nor the Grand Lodge Office has received any response from the Grand Temple or its Executive Committee. The Grand Lodge plans are proceeding on track for a March convention. A January 23rd Grand Council meeting has been scheduled to discuss the final plans and schedules for meetings and meals. After that meeting, we will have a better handle on all situations surrounding the convention. Reservation forms will be sent out at that time and hotel reservations will be available at that time. PLEASE be patient until then. Once reservation forms are sent out, it will be imperative that reservations be made quickly for the benefit of the Hotel and the Grand Lodge planning committee. Thank you for understanding.

The following will be sent out in January after our meeting:

March Convention Information

Your convention is coming up on **MARCH 11, 12 & 13!** ALL RESERVATIONS for rooms MUST be reserved by FEBRUARY 1, 2021! Call 317-896-3000 to do so. There will be no rooms available after this date!
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 **FRIDAY** night and the formal **FRIDAY** banquet. Any other expenses will be on you. In all cases the banquet must be reserved and paid for and then the person will be reimbursed.
FINAL REMINDER!! In all cases the Grand Lodge office **MUST** be notified by either phone or e-mail if you plan on taking advantage of this “FREE CONVENTION PROGRAM” **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2021**. 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 without fees!

INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATIONS!!!!

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS/GOLDEN SPUR/ALL KNIGHTS LUNCHEON

Friday, March 12, 2021 – 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2021**. 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, March 12, 2021 – 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. This will be a plated meal and you will be served at the table! COST - \$ 37.50 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation **DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 25, 2021**. 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 CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 13, 2021 – 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 FEBRUARY 25, 2021**. 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.

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 FEBRUARY 1, 2021 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 February 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 FEBRUARY 1, 2021!** Call or e-mail today!