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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

January 23, 2021 – Brotherhood #3-5-7 meeting –Call Wayne Hansen for info.
February 6, 2021 – KP Statewide Chili Cookoff Challenge – 4pm – Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle
February 13, 2021 – 11am – Grand Council Meeting – New Castle – NOTE NEW DATE!!
February 20, 2021 – Rathbone Celebration – Crescens Lodge #33, New Castle, 12 noon
March 11-13, 2021 – Grand Lodge Convention – Cambria Hotel – Westfield, IN - POSTPONED!!!
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
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.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Past Grand Chief Rhonda Miller Epperson and her husband Michael at the passing of her Father Harold Wayne Titus, 79, on Christmas day. He married Past Grand Chief Cotta Miller(Titus) in October of 1975 and she passed away in January of 2013. He married Rosetta Loudermilk January 9, 2015 and she survives. He is also survived by a son John Dalzell, a brother & sister, 2 grand sons and 2 great grandsons. Graveside services were held on Tuesday, December 29th in Hope.

Our deepest sympathy also is extended to the family of Ruth Kunselman Neal, widow of Past Grand Chancellor Sir Edward H. Neal, who passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 following failing health over the last year and then complications from Covid-19. Burial was in Greenville, SC on Thursday, January 7th. Ruth was a very sweet, loving and God fearing lady that has now gone to reap her reward of eternal life with her God. Our deepest sympathy goes to the entire Kunselman Family, sons Roger & Robert, daughters Rhonda & Rita, grandchildren. Also to her mother Bonnie Stockton & Sister Lesia of New Castle. Cards of condolence may be sent to the family at Bonnie Stockton, 1011 Southview Dr, New Castle, IN 47362

Our sympathy is extended to Linda and PGC James Cross at the passing of Linda's Mother, Plumie Kendall. Plumie was the widow of Brother Harold Kendall of Crescens Lodge #33. Plumie had been in failing health for some time. Cards of condolence may be sent to Linda and James Cross at 6562 E US 36, Mooreland, IN 47360.

In Memoriam

Word has been received that Brother William Henry, a member of Crescens Lodge #33 since February 13, 2010, passed away in Oklahoma in early 2020. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Henry family at their loss.

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.

New Officers Should Be Installed!!

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 on February 20th! You should of held your election of officers in December and your new officers for the 2021 term should be installed before the end of January.

Attention ALL Recipients Of The Pythian Service News Hardcopy Edition

We are still encouraging you to send in your e-mail address if you are receiving this publication by hard copy.

A Card of Thanks!

Faith Harvest Food Pantry truly appreciates your donation to the food pantry. Its been a hard year. Thanks for making it better!
Linda Deardorf, Director.

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to our food pantry. It is through the many gifts from the community that we are able to continue serving food to those in need on a monthly basis. This has been a challenging time trying to ensure a safe delivery of the food – safety for our workers and for the recipients. But we have persevered because of the support from groups like yours. Your donation is especially timely as we anticipate Christmas giving. Again, Thank you.
Butler United Methodist Church Food Pantry

A Note of Apology

I do want to sincerely apologize to any of my Brothers or Sisters who were offended by the guest editorial opinion in the December PSN. The subject of COVID 19 and the pandemic is a very touchy subject and everyone has their own opinions on the subject, which is a very serious subject to say the least. With that being said, the PSN will not in any way, shape or form, mention that subject in the future. Period. Denny Adams, Editor

MARCH CONVENTION POSTPONED!!

Your convention on MARCH 11, 12 & 13 has once again been POSTPONED!! Due to the Indiana Health Department restrictions and Governor Eric Holcomb's restrictions on meeting sizes, we have no choice but to again postpone the 2020 Grand Lodge Convention. A new date will hopefully be decided upon at the Grand Council meeting on February 13th, 2021.

Rathbone Celebration Coming February 20th!

Grand Chancellor H. Wade McIntosh has announced that the Rathbone Celebration is scheduled for Saturday, February 20, 2021 in the spacious confines of Crescens Lodge #33. That leaves plenty of room to social distance if necessary. The Rank work will begin at 12 noon. The Rathbone Bible has been secured for the event and will be used for the obligations. One candidate has been signed up already with hopefully many more to come. Remember, those membership incentives are still up for grabs and that \$1,000 bill can still be won by someone who signs up at least five candidates during Grand Chancellor McIntosh's term. Remember, that term continues until we have a Grand Convention and elect new officers. There is plenty of time to sign up five new Knights and become eligible to win the \$1,000 CASH first place prize!! Those Pythian jackets are stunning and really feel good in the cold Indiana winds...sign up 4 and get yours! Will you go see the Colts play in 2021...go to a bed & breakfast weekend...put some cash in your pocket??? Help the Order grow here in Indiana! We are the THIRD largest domain in America! ASK SOMEONE TODAY!!!

Hymera Cemetery Sign Project Comes to Fruition

The attached photo is an example of an opportunity to publicize, as they are often referred to, 'the KP cemeteries'. In the process to get the brand out there so we do not constantly have to explain who WE are. My thoughts are to, with all of the membership's help, locate the cemeteries and when possible place a sign with similar information, especially along well traveled thoroughfares. The attached photo is along state road 48 a well-traveled east west road in south central Indiana.

While much of what I wanted to achieve we have not been able to accomplish due to the current restraints, this is something we can do now and in the future. I am having our IT folks monitor for any increased interest on our web page as a possible result of the sign.

I do know that several folks have been newly made aware of US just from the procurement process. When you run into Don Hockman of Worthington 253 give him a big handshake as Don did all the heavy lifting on this endeavor and did a fabulous job!

As an aside, the photo was taken by my granddaughter Marisa McIntosh. Why you may ask yourself should you care. Marisa is a Scientist with degrees in Chemistry, Math and French. The entire Grand Lodge of Indiana has an interest in that Marisa was a recipient of the Grand Lodge scholarship program to help get those degrees. I don't think as an order we always appreciate that the scholarship program is maybe our finest endeavor, until we know someone who has benefited from it.

Special thanks to the Grand Lodge of Indiana for being on board with this project!

Please send any remarks to GS Denny.

Grand Chancellor Wade McIntosh



Grand Chancellor Wade McIntosh stands proud along-side the new sign at the Hymera Cemetery He wore his dress bibs for the occasion!! LOL!! Good job Worthington Brothers!!