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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

(WED) April 28, 2021 - Al Hilal Temple #33 DOKK – Meets in Carmel at Brotherhood #3-5-7 – 6pm supper
May 2021 – Crescens Lodge's Annual Memorial Day Flower Sales
May 8, 2021 – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – BREAKFAST SERVING at 8:00 am!!
May 8, 2021 – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – THREE RANK DAY – 10:00 AM
May 15, 2021 – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 Family Picnic – Brother Josh Lore's Neighborhood Clubhouse
May 24, 2021 - Al Hilal Temple #33 DOKK – Meets in Frankton – 6pm supper
June 5, 2021 – Supreme Council Meeting – Newark, New Jersey, Marriott Airport Hotel
July 1-4, 2021 – Crescens Lodge's 45th Annual Fireworks Sale for Pythian Charities
July 15, 2021 – Grand Council Meeting – Courtyard by Marriott – Lafayette – 2:00 pm
July 15, 16 & 17, 2021 – 152nd Annual Grand Lodge Convention – Courtyard by Marriott, LAFAYETTE, IN
July 25, 2021 – District #4 KP/District #3PS Picnic – Baker Shelter #2 – Baker Park – New Castle – 2pm
July 27, 2021 – Crescens #33 – Volunteer of Year/Family Picnic – GS Denny Adams home – 6pm
(WED) July 28, 2021 – Al Hilal Temple #33 DOKK – Meets in Carmel at Brotherhood #3-5-7 – 6pm supper
August 15, 2021 – Ashley Lodge #394 - 1:00pm – Family Picnic/Open House – bring dish or two to share
August 27-31, 2021 – Supreme Lodge Convention – Newark, NJ – Marriott Airport Hotel – note date
October 10, 2021 – Crescens #33 – Car Show & Chili Cook-off – New Castle Armory – 8am to 3 pm
October 30, 2021 – Grand Chancellor's Reception – The Venue – 1414 Broad St, New Castle – 12-3 pm
November 20, 2021 – 32nd Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade – New Castle – 4pm
December 5, 2021 – Kris Kringle 4 Mile Run & 3 Mile Walk – 2pm – Memorial Park – New Castle

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

Euphema Phillips, PSR – 1010 Observatory Rd, Martinsville, IN 46151

Wilma Gentry – Meadow Lake Nursing Home, 200 Meadow Lake Dr Room 715, Mooresville, IN 46158

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

Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362

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.

PGC William Keith Goff, Jr – 2072 N CR 200 N, New Castle, IN 47362 – facing a heart procedure soon.

Jaye Blazier – Bro. #3-5-7 – 2105 N Waterbury Dr, Muncie, IN 47302 – fighting cancer, needs our prayers

In Memoriam

Word has been received of the passing of Brother Kenneth Baird, 71, of Morocco Lodge #492. Brother Kenneth was born February 20, 1950. He joined the Order April 9, 1970 at the age of 20. He received his 50 year pin in April of 2020. Brother Kenneth passed away on March 24, 2021. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and to the officers and members of Morocco Lodge #492 at their loss.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest and most heartfelt sympathy goes out to Brother Archie Moore of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 in London at the recent passing of his Mother. May God give him and his family peace and comfort through this time of grieving.

Thinking Of All Of Us

The officers and members of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 in London, England have all of our Indiana Brothers and Sisters in our thoughts and prayers following the senseless shooting at the FEDEX facility in Indianapolis. We can only pray that none of you or you families were involved. We pray for those who were. May God be with you all.

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.

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

Dear Friends of Hesed House: There are few more beautiful ways to honor someone than to care for others in their name. Your gift (matching funds for Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7) honors the life of David Arroyo in this very special way. The hungry will eat, the homeless will have shelter, the naked will be clothed and people will have a chance to hope again because of your memorial gift. We are very sorry for your loss. As we are obviously in your prayers, know that you, too, are in ours. David Dowd, Hesed House

Breaking News From The Imperial Palace, D.O.K.K.

(4/22) Word was received in the Grand Lodge office this morning that the Imperial Council of the Imperial Palace, D.O.K.K. have unanimously voted to postpone the convention until 2023. This was precipitated mainly due to COVID concerns and the fact that the US/Canadian border remains closed until at least September, trapping several officers and members in Canada. Imperial Officers are planning on trying to do visitations as conditions allow. Any questions may be forwarded to the Imperial Secretary.



The three newest Knights in Indiana: L-R – David Williams, Alan Rossi and Mike Hetrick, all proud members of Ashley Lodge #394 as of April 5th when 13 members from Ashley, 4 from Crescens #33 and 1 from Frankton #315 gathered to confer the Rank of Knight on these three fine men. It was a great night with super chow following the meeting courtesy of our awesome cook Sherry Adams. Of the 18 in attendance were GVC Keith Ruetz, Sr.; GS Denny Adams, GT Richard Neal, GOG Don Adams, G TRIB Jerry Hutson, DDGC#2 Dick Gaff & DDGC #4 Gary Griggs and PGC's Dale Baldwin, Neal & Adams

YOUR JULY GRAND LODGE CONVENTION IS FAST APROACHING

*Your convention is coming up on July 15, 16 & 17 in LAFAYETTE at the Courtyard by Marriott, 150 Fairington Av. ALL RESERVATIONS for rooms MUST be reserved by June 15, 2021! ALL RESERVATIONS FOR ROOMS MUST BE MADE THRU THE **GRAND LODGE OFFICE!!** Please call 765-686-1735. DO NOT CALL THE HOTEL! **RESERVATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 15, 2021!** I will need to know your arrival and departure dates, how many will be in your room and if you want two doubles or one king bed. *For Past Chancellors that are on the expense account, your expenses will be handled as usual. IF you are on the expense account and stay on Wednesday which is not reimbursable, you will owe the GRAND LODGE \$122.08 and that MUST be paid BEFORE any mileage or expense checks will be written. You may pre-pay or pay the Grand Secretary at the convention.**

*For **ALL OTHER KNIGHTS AND PAST CHANCELLORS** who attend the convention who are **NOT** on the expense account, the Grand Lodge will pay for the hotel room for **THURSDAY and FRIDAY** night and the **FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET**. *Any other expenses will be on you. In all cases **all** banquets must be reserved and paid for and then the person will be reimbursed. Meals and costs are listed below. Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana. You are financially responsible for any reservations made without fees! Any questions, please call me!!**

INFORMATION FOR CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATIONS!!!!

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS/GOLDEN SPUR WELCOMES ALL ATTENDEES TO LUNCH!

Friday, July 16, 2021 – 12 noon – You will be served in Grand Ballroom A & B . You will enjoy Meat Loaf, escalloped potatoes, green beans, a dinner salad, rolls and Chef's Choice Dessert plus drink. COST - \$28 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation **DEADLINE is June 15, 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. This is open to all at the convention!

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET – Served in Grand Ballroom A & B

Friday, July 16, 2021 – 6:00pm – IF you desire a reserved table, notify the GRAND LODGE OFFICE. You will get both Grilled Pork Chop and Fried Tilapia (**Duet Plate!**), Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans, Corn, Bread & Butter, A Dinner Salad, Chef’s Choice Dessert Drink. This will be a plated meal and you will be served at the table! COST - \$36 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation **DEADLINE is June 15, 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. Reimbursement will be made by the Grand Lodge to ALL who attend! This will include the awarding of the lodge of the year for 2019 and 2020, the Chancellor Commander of the Year for 2019 and 2020, the District Deputy of the Year for 2019 and 2020, the Secretary of the Year for 2019 and 2020 and the Pythian of the Year for 2019 and 2020. Membership award winners for the term will also be announced. Please plan on attending!

SATURDAY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON – Served in Grand Ballroom A & B

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – 12 noon – You will enjoy Bar-B-Q Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw and assorted Cheesecake plus Drink. COST - \$30 per person including tax & gratuity. Reservation **DEADLINE is June 15, 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 – Served in Grand Ballroom A & B at 7:00 am

You will receive a FREE Breakfast buffet each morning you stay in one of the hotel guestrooms consisting of Pancakes, Scrambles Eggs, Breakfast Potatoes, Breakfast Meat, Oatmeal w/sides, Fruit, Juice, Water, Coffee, Milk. You will be required to have a special voucher that will be given to you at registration.

LAST CALL FOR FREE T-SHIRTS FOR CONVENTION ATTENDEES!!!

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 (delayed) 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 Courtyard by Marriott, LAFAYETTE, IN on July 15, 16 & 17, 2021. 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 **MAY 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 MAY 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 MAY 1, 2021!** Call or e-mail today!

Of course, the convention is open for all who want to attend. We will be celebrating Brother Wade McIntosh’s term. We hope you will join with us at our Friday lunch, Friday night banquet and our Saturday Celebration noon luncheon. All Knights may set in on the business sessions of the Grand Lodge and see the workings of your Grand Lodge in action. Plus, you get that cool new Pythian t-shirt for attending!!

ALL of the 45 blocked rooms have already been reserved!! I have expanded the block by 10 rooms. I only have five of those rooms left!!(As of 4/16) Call and reserve your room today! Don’t be left out and not be able to get a room!!

Proposed Grand Lodge Agenda

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Free Breakfast served for Grand Lodge attendees and guests - vouchers required
Grand Ballroom A & B 7:00 – 8:30am

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Grand Council Meeting/Grand Trustees Meeting – 2:00 pm – Wabash A & B

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Opening and Welcome to the 152nd Annual Grand Lodge Convention!

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Memorial Service for deceased Knights –6:00 pm – Grand Ballroom C, D & E

Thursday, July 15, 2021 – Possible Degree of the Golden Spur following the Memorial Service

Friday, July 16, 2021 – Grand Lodge Registration – 7:00am to 8:30am – Wabash A & B

Friday, July 16, 2021 – Free Breakfast served for Grand Lodge attendees and guests – vouchers required
Grand Ballroom A & B – 7:00 – 8:30am

Friday, July 16, 2021 – Grand Lodge Business Session opens – 9:00 am

Friday, July 16, 2021 – Luncheon for all Grand Lodge Attendees and guests – Noon
Reservations Required – Grand Ballroom A & B

Friday, July 16, 2021 – Committee meetings continue

Friday July 16, 2021 – Grand Lodge Plated Dinner for all Grand Lodge Attendees and Guests – 6:00pm

Reservations Required – Grand Ballroom A & B

Presentation of Lodge of the Year for 2019 & 2020

Presentation of Chancellor Commander of the Year for 2019 & 2020

Presentation of District Deputy of the Year for 2019 & 2020

Presentation of Secretary of the Year for 2019 & 2020

Presentation of Membership Contest Awards – Who will win \$1,000???

Presentation of Pythian of the Year for 2019 & 2020

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Free Breakfast served for Grand Lodge Attendees & Guests

Vouchers Required – Grand Ballroom A & B – 7:00 – 8:30 am

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Grand Lodge Registration – 7:00am to 8:30am – Wabash A & B

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Grand Lodge Session/Election of Officers – Grand Ballroom C, D & E

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Celebration Luncheon for all Grand Lodge Attendees & Guests – Reservations Required
Grand Ballroom A & B

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Installation of 2021-2022 Grand Lodge Officers

Saturday, July 17, 2021 – Grand Council Meeting following installation in the Boardroom – Wabash A & B

Saturday, July 17, 2021 - Possible DOKK Ceremonial following Dinner – 7:00pm ish

Sunday, July 18, 2021 – Free Breakfast 9am- Vouchers Required – Grand Ballroom A & B

Three Rank Day With Breakfast Coming To Brotherhood #3-5-7

Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 in Carmel will be hosting a Three Rank Day on Saturday, May 8th at 10 am. The lodge is well known for holding delicious monthly breakfasts for the benefit of their building owner...Carmel Masonic Lodge. At a recent meeting, the Brothers of #3-5-7 decided that they wanted to also host one of their breakfasts before the Three Rank Day on May 8th. So...if you have a good appetite, Carmel Indiana is the place to be on May 8th. The day will start off with breakfast at 9am. We will the conduct a Three Rank Day on maybe 10 or more neophytes. Following the work, delicious bar-b-q from City Bar-B-Q will be served along with sides, plus Mrs. Kroger's fried chicken!! You go home from this day hungry...shame on you!! If your lodge has candidates, bring them to Carmel. We hope to see a huge turnout for this awesome Three Rank Day!

Snow and freezing temperatures in April...Spring flowers trying to bloom...you just have to love Indiana! A great state where you never get bored with the weather! 3 inches of snow on from the storm on April 21st but a nice sunny day got rid of that beauty hanging on the trees. Then last night a quick moving thunderstorm with lightning and thunder and pea sized hail, enough to turn the ground totally white! But then today, the sun is out and up to 55 degrees and bye bye to the white stuff...hopefully for the season!! Indiana! Gotta love it!!