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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

October 4, 2021 – Ashley Lodge #394 – FISH FRY – 6:30 pm
October 5, 2021 – Seymour Octoberfest Parade. Be at H.S. by 11am – Melissa Wilson for info.
October 10, 2021 – Crescens #33 – Car Show & Chili Cook-off – New Castle Armory – 8am to 3 pm
October 16, 2021 – K of P Grand Council Meeting – Grand Lodge Office – New Castle – 1 pm
October 23, 2021 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Special 8th Order Day/Meeting – 10 am New Castle – Lunch
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
November 29, 2021 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Meeting – New Castle – Nominations/Elect – Eat 6 – Meet @ 7
December 4, 2021 – Grand Chief's Christmas Party/Dist #3 – Sue Hutson's Home – Frankton
December 4, 2021 – Sister Executive Board Meeting before Christmas Party – Time TBA
December 5, 2021 – Kris Kringle 4 Mile Run & 3 Mile Walk – 2pm – Memorial Park – New Castle
January 15, 2022 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – CEREMONIAL with 8th Order – 10 am – New Castle – lunch after
January 22, 2022 – Southern Rap Session – Worthington Lodge #253 – eat at restaurant at noon – Meet at 1
Open to all Knights in Indiana. One more will be in the North.
February 12, 2022 – Central Rap Session – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – Info in next PSN
February 19, 2022 – Rathbone Celebration Three Rank Day in New Castle with the Rathbone Bible!
February 26, 2022 – Al Hilal Temple #33 sponsors an outing to the Indianapolis Fuel Ice Hockey Game
More information and ticket reservation information in next edition of PSN
March 19, 2022 thru Sunday April 3, 2022 – Grand Secretary Adams & PGC Keith Goff on mission trip to
Nairobi, Kenya and the Mahali Pa Misha Orphanage. Call Ralph Willis in case of emergency 765-686-3083
April 30, 2022 – District 1 & 2 Convention Hosted by Elkhart Temple #14 in Elkhart
May 7, 2022 – District #3 Convention Hosted by Frankton Temple #264 in Frankton
July 14, 15 & 16, 2022 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Joint Convention – Courtyard by Marriott - Lafayette

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

PGC Connie Sell – 3801 Harry Av, Lafayette, In 47906 – Unknown leg problems

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 – About same at home

James R. Cross, PGC – 6562 E US 36, Mooreland, IN 47360 – Doing his last Chemo treatment!!!

Donations to the Grand Chancellor's Charities

This is your last call from this publication to donate to Grand Chancellor Keith D. Ruetz's charities which are the Miracle League Network, a baseball League for ages 3 to 103 for the Developmentally Disabled of Henry County. Grand Chancellor Keith is also supporting the Dementia Foundation. Brother Keith has been diagnosed with beginning stages of Dementia. Donations may be mailed to the Grand Lodge office and they will be forwarded to the proper channels. Thank you!

Attention ALL Snowbirds!!

We are still encouraging you to send in your e-mail address if you are receiving this publication by hard copy. If you are a snowbird, the Grand Lodge Office needs to know when you are leaving and your expected return. If you are on e-mail copy, you have no problem. You will get the PSN as usual. IF you receive it by hardcopy, I need your winter address if I do not have it. Otherwise your PSN will stop until I know you are back!

IMPORTANT 2022 CONVENTION INFORMATION

The work and planning for our annual conventions never stops. Such is the case with the 2022 Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Joint Convention. Here is what I DO know! There are 114 sleeping rooms in the hotel and 8 suites. I have blocked 75 sleeping rooms and 2 suites for hospitality rooms. With the 2022 convention being a joint convention, our block COULD fill up! The sooner I know you are planning on going to convention in 2022 the better off we will be! If I need to expand the block, this will give me more time. PLEASE, if you are thinking about attending the 2022 convention on July 14, 15 & 16, 2022 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lafayette...PLEASE send me an e-mail at indianaglkop@att.net or call me at 765-686-1735! Tell me when you are going to arrive & depart. Tell me whether you want a room with a king or two double beds as they have a limited number of doubles and only seven handicap accessible rooms. Doubles & handicap rooms are first come...first served!! Tell me who will be in your room. I will be putting out possible special deals being paid by the Grand Lodge as soon as we have a Grand Council meeting on October 16th. But, in the meantime...send in those reservations so we can get some good numbers going. THANKS!! Remember...the hotel WILL BE sold out while we are there! I do not want to have to send folks to another hotel again. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST be made through the Grand Lodge office NOT the hotel!! AS OF THE WRITING OF THIS NEWSLETTER I HAVE ALREADY BOOKED 32 OF OUR 75 ROOMS!! RESERVE TODAY!! I really need to hear from Pythian Sisters who think they might go to convention in 2022.

THANKS to all who are sending in dates for the Pythian Calendar!! This is our best calendar in years!! Keep those dates coming and we will keep publishing them and then write me a story and send pictures for PSN!!

You Want Inspiration...Here It Is!!!



Pictured at the latest meeting of Lizton Lodge #342, L-R are John Snider, PC (Vice Chancellor #342); Chris Howard, Chancellor Commander #342; Ed Board, Sec'y #2019; Joe Allen, Vice Chancellor #2019; Marion Crum, Chancellor #2019; Dick Patterson, MW #342 and PGC Sir Gerald Randle, Sec'y #342

Now, to carry on with my inspiration theme! Through all of the pandemic, it has been hard on all lodges but especially on General Lewis Wallace Lodge #2019 in Franklin, IN! With a membership in the 70's, 80's and 90's, they have been especially vulnerable to any visitation and any activity. But, it is hard to hold good men down for long! Here they are, out visiting Lizton Lodge #342 at ages 79, 82 and (I think) 90+! You can tell Brother Marion is feeling chipper, with that big grin on his face, as he just recently got re-married to a childhood sweetheart!! Congratulations!! The evening was awesome as the Brothers from Franklin were in search of information about getting two prospective candidates initiated! Lizton shared that they also may have a prospect in the pipeline. The evening concluded with reminiscing about memories from the Korean War all the way to recent success stories about the Lizton Lodge Angel Fund for Hendricks County Schools. The Brothers from Franklin took that information home and are in process of asking for the Grand Chancellor's Grant so they can also make a difference in their community! The only downer to the night was that CC Chris Howard did NOT have a bowl of ice cream for Brother Marion Crum! LOL!! What an inspiration!!!

Mark Your Calendar for the November 6th Three Rank Day At Thorntown #124!!

Pythians from all over Indiana will be heading to Thorntown Lodge #124 on Saturday, November 6, 2021 for the final Three Rank Day of 2021. Thorntown Lodge #124 will be hosting the event and will be showing off their newly remodeled Castle Hall. The Rank of Page will begin at 11:00 am, EST. Following the Rank of Page, lunch will be served. Following lunch, the Rank of Esquire and Knight will be conferred. From all indications there will be candidates from Thorntown Lodge #124, Lizton Lodge #342, General Lewis Wallace Lodge #2019, Ashley Lodge #394 and Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7. This promises to be a big class and one you will certainly want to be a part of. Ritualists are welcomed and encouraged to attend. A special ceremony will also be held as General Lewis Wallace Lodge #2019 will be presented their charter. Plan on being at this history making day in Thorntown, Indiana on November 6th!!

Put it on your calendar...The Rathbone Celebration 2022

The Rathbone Celebration will be held in New Castle at Crescens Lodge #33 on Saturday, February 19, 2022 in celebration of the 158th Anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Pythias! A Three Rank Day will begin at 11 am with lunch served following the Rank of Page. That will be followed by the Ranks of Esquire and Knight. It is hoped to have a huge class for the Celebration. The Rathbone Bible will be present for obligations to be taken on! Plan now to attend!

Crescens Lodge To Hold Car Show and Chili Cook-Off

Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle will be staging its 15th Annual Car Show on Sunday, October 10th at the New Castle Armory, 1551 Grand Avenue in New Castle. The day starts off with that delicious homemade sausage gravy & biscuits made by Gary & Julie Griggs and Jack's Donuts, coffee & orange juice all served starting at 8:00 am. This will be for a free will donation to the New Castle Firefighters Children's Christmas Fund. The food continues to flow with the 32nd Annual Chili Cook-off. Chili entrants are required to bring a one gallon crock pot of chili to the Armory by 10:00 am so they can be judged. Cost to enter is \$5.00 per batch. \$50 and a plaque to the winner. The food continues to flow with Wendell Rogers' famous coney sauce, sloppy joes, nachos, chili and cookies plus drinks for sale all supporting the Firefighters. Outside, Car Show registration starts at 10:00 am with the show itself running from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. Nearly 50 special awards are given annually to the participants. Pre-entry is \$8.00 by October 8th with day of entry \$10 again all for the firefighters Children's Christmas Fund. This year you will be able to shop yourself silly as we have at least 14 vendors inside already registered featuring everything from cigars to hand made items and goodies!! This may indeed be our largest car show ever!

A Card of Thanks

I would like to thank you for the incredibly generous scholarship you have awarded me. It is an honor to have been chosen! The scholarship will be incredibly helpful in paying for my college education.

Thank you so much.....Kylee Fox

Thank you so much for taking the time to select me for the scholarship. It means more to me than anyone will ever know!

Thank you.....Cassaday Ramos

Report on the Philippines!

Another new lodge for Indiana is in process of being formed in Manilla, Philippines by Brother Michael Duque from London. Michael is a native of the Philippines and is kind of like Justus Rathbone again as he is the only member on the ground in Manilla. He has 44 men on the warrant, about 70 that have applied for membership and 250 interested in joining! The warrant is for William McKinley Lodge #1 in Manilla. Michael has a hand-picked group of officers that are currently undergoing heavy training about Damon & Pythias and then will be initiated into the Rank of Esquire. Nope...no three rank days in Manilla! Michael has the whole process laid out, which requires several of study on each rank. The country is currently under heavy COVID restrictions. As things lighten up, work will proceed. Even though the Knights of Pythias is not officially up and running yet, it is already recognized as the third most desirable fraternity to belong to, second only to Masonry and the Odd Fellows. We wish Brother Duque and all of the future officers and members of William McKinley Lodge #1 the very best as Indiana continues to "Help Spread Pythianism Around The World!"

Things Are Happening in England

Indiana is once again stretching our brotherly helping hands across the pond as the Brothers of Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 have asked for a warrant for a possible new lodge! Brother Simon Polkinghorne has sixteen gentlemen signed up to possibly start a new lodge in West Sussex, England! COVID had finally let up on our British Brothers and travel restrictions have finally been lifted, allowing them to hopefully come to the 2022 convention! The warrant has been tied up in a VERY slow US Mail stream and is on its way to London, hopefully! That will allow the ground work to be laid for the creation of the new lodge. This time the Brothers from Baden-Powell Lodge #1907, led by District Deputy Steven Turner, will be performing the work, etc on the new Brothers in West Sussex. Indiana once again continues to "Help Spread Pythianism Around The World!"

Possibility of A New Lodge in Fort Wayne!

Past Grand Chancellor Chad Hartley has asked for and received a warrant application for the possible formation of a new lodge in the Fort Wayne area. Brother Chad relocated there following his marriage and is hopeful of getting a charter back into the Fort Wayne area! If you know of anyone who would like to join that lives in the area, contact Brother Chad at pythiaschad@yahoo.com Indiana.....continuing to "Help Spread Pythianism Around The World!"

CONGRATULATIONS to all of the Brothers who are currently working soooooo hard to open up three new lodges! Things are really happening around the state with as many as six lodges with active applications going and hopefully more coming! Keep up the good work Brothers. It looks like this year it will take a LOT of hard work to earn that \$1,000 Membership Champion first prize!! Who will it be?? Neil Anger is out to defend his title! Just remember that the work you are doing is helping build our great fraternity here in Indiana as we "Help Spread Pythianism Around The World!"

Just learned that Ashley Lodge #394 is holding a FISH FRY Monday, October 4th at 6:30 pm. Sure hope that you get a chance to attend as I am sure that the food will be awesome!!