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

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. – Grand Lodge Office Closed.

January 29, 2022 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – CEREMONIAL with 8<sup>th</sup> Order – 10 am – New Castle – lunch after

**Please note date change of Ceremonial!!**

February 12, 2022 – Central Rap Session – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – Breakfast at 9 meet at 11:30am

Grand Lodge Office Closed

February 19, 2022 - Grand Council Meeting - 10am - Grand Lodge Office - New Castle

February 19, 2022 – Rathbone Celebration Three Rank Day in New Castle with the Rathbone Bible! - 12 noon

February 26, 2022 – Al Hilal Temple #33 sponsors an outing to the Indianapolis Fuel Ice Hockey Game

See this Edition for reservation information!

March 5, 2022 – Northern Rap Session – Satterfield Lodge #576 – Ft Wayne – 12 noon – Office Closed

March 12, 2022 – Supreme Council Meeting, Charleston, SC – Grand Lodge Office closed

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  
PSR Angie Woods – PO Box 154, Greensfork, IN 47345 – doing much better– staying at daughters in Greensfork  
Tina Stillwell - The Waters - 1000 N 16<sup>th</sup>, New Castle, IN 47362 - Broke ankle in fall - long rehab.  
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> St, New Castle, IN 47362 – About same at home  
PGC Michael Deaton – 506 N O’Brien St, Seymour, IN 47274 – Heart Attack plus complications

### **Donations to the Grand Chancellor’s Charities**

Please 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!

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!!

### **Calling All Ice Hockey Lovers!!**

Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK, the playground of the Knights of Pythias, is embarking on our next fun outing for family and friends! We have **only 2 tickets left** to go see the Indianapolis Fuel Ice Hockey team play the Wichita Thunder on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Coliseum at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. We have awesome seats near the concession/bar area near center ice on the 2<sup>nd</sup> deck in the front three rows of section 210. The price of the ticket is \$33 each but if you reserve a seat, the Temple will pay \$10 toward your ticket making it a very affordable \$23! Here is the kicker! Call or e-mail Temple Secretary Denny Adams for reservations. This is FIRST COME- FIRST SERVED for ANYONE who wants to go have an exciting evening of great fellowship Pythian style!! RESERVE TODAY!! Travel will be on your own.

## **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](mailto: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 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 58 OF OUR 75 ROOMS!! RESERVE TODAY!! I really need to hear from Pythian Sisters who think they might go to convention in 2022.

*For those **PAST CHANCELLORS** or **KNIGHTS** who attend the convention who are **NOT** on the expense account, the Grand Lodge will pay for the hotel room for **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** nights and the formal **FRIDAY** banquet. Any other expenses will be on you. For all **PAST CHIEFS** and **PYTHIAN SISTERS** that register for the convention, the Grand Lodge will pay for your **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY** night hotel room (as long as your husband is not already being paid for) plus your **FRIDAY** night formal banquet. All other expenses will be on you. In all cases the banquet must be reserved and paid for and then the person will be reimbursed. In ALL cases, ALL hotel reservations MUST be made thru Denny Adams, Grand Secretary by either e-mail at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net) or calling 765-686-1735. Due to the fact that the hotel WILL BE sold out...time is of the essence! If you think you are going next July, PLEASE reserve your room NOW!! That way if I run out of rooms, I can expand the block. IF YOU WAIT...You may be staying next door!!*

Brothers and Sisters, if this doesn't warm your hearts, you may be in danger of turning Grinch green! Have a very Merry Christmas and let us never forget our Pythian Charities.

### **There Are Angels Among Us ...Especially At Christmas!**

Every year, Bloomfield Elementary School hosts a book fair for students. Each class takes a turn shopping and students look forward to purchasing books. You remember what it was like when you were in school! Unfortunately, not all students get to enjoy the same happiness that we did at the book fair because their parents aren't able to send in money for them to spend at the book fair. Imagine the disappointment....

For the first time ever, EVERY student in the elementary school was able to shop at the book fair and choose a new book to purchase! This was made possible by using the Angel Fund. The students that would not have participated otherwise were given a voucher so they could shop like everyone else.

The teachers expressed so much gratitude and it was a huge success!

One elementary teacher sent an e-mail to the entire staff with the following words:

*"I wish I would just have had my camera to capture the faces, and the literal jumping for joy when they got their book voucher. One sweet girl asked 'Do I get to keep it?'"*

Thank you to all of the generous donors from the Knights of Pythias! Your money is going to good use for the children!

Thanks to everyone for supporting all of the Angel Funds! Keep up the good work! It never stops.

H. Wade McIntosh, III, PGC

### **DOKK Ceremonial Date Changed**

Votaries – the DOKK Ceremonial planned for January 15<sup>th</sup> has been MOVED to January 29<sup>th</sup> due to a major scheduling conflict with the Masonic state calendar. It was going to take several part givers and several Brothers who are planning on joining out of the picture so it was decided by the Royal Vizier to postpone the Ceremonial for two weeks. So, we hope to see you in New Castle in Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> for the next DOKK Ceremonial complete with Eighth Order. For those of you who joined and have not had Eighth Order yet, this would be a great opportunity to do so.

There will also be a DOKK Ceremonial (Ritualistic Section Only) at the Grand Lodge Convention on Saturday, July 16, 2022 if you can't make this one.

The January DOKK monthly meeting will be held on the same day as the Ceremonial, January 29<sup>th</sup> with the Ceremonial scheduled to start at 10 am. Lunch will be served following Eighth Order.

**Our Numbers Are Increasing In Worthington and Spencer!!**



Pictured are Brothers from Worthington #253 and Eden #99 welcoming our newest Pages into the Order on December 9<sup>th</sup>. In the Red shirt is DELBERT DRISCOL of Worthington #253 and in the Grey shirt to his left is GREG MELTON of Eden #99 in Spencer. Greg's father Harley Melton (a 47 year member) stands in the blue to his left. Congratulation top line signers and WELCOME to our new Brothers!!

Grand Secretary Denny Adams, a.k.a. Santa and Mrs. Claus, a.k.a. Santa's Daughter PGC Jodi Goff and the Crescens Lodge #33 mascot, Floppy the Basset Hound in the New Castle Christmas Parade!

### **Its Christmas Time At Ashley #394!**

Ashley Lodge #394 hosted it's annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 6th. There were roughly 30 people in attendance (15 members, three children, and the rest ladies ). The Lodge provided fried chicken from a local restaurant and beverages. There was a pot luck from the members including deserts. All the member food was excellent ! We also had drawings for 10 \$10 dollar cash gift prizes. Also we had a surprise visit by SANTA CLAUS (AKA our C.C. Dale Baldwin) who handed out candy canes to everyone there. This was a very enjoyable event after having it canceled last year due to CoVID ! Our deepest thanks to all that helped and attended !

Robert Murphy, Secretary #394

The "Northern Santa" a.k.a. PGC Dale Baldwin having some fun at the expense off Brother Lyle Holman's wife Sherry!



### **Satterfield Lodge #576 Begins Its Formation In Fort Wayne!!**

The NEWEST Pythian Lodge, Satterfield Lodge # 576 Fort Wayne had it's FIRST official meeting on Thursday, December 9th. So a quick bit of history, the last Pythian lodge in Fort Wayne closed in the mid 1990's. We have made friends within the Fort Wayne Masonic community who found us a place to meet in the historic downtown Fort Wayne Masonic Temple which is an 11 story building completed in 1925. The Temple Association has been EXTREMELY helpful in working with us. Unlike other Pythian Lodges that share Masonic Temples which require Pythians to take down everything after each meeting (per Masonic rules), we have been given a room to use which was their old office facility which is no longer used. So it will actually be OUR room to decorate and adorn as we see fit !

The meeting on the 9th was more of a structural meeting with nominations for officers, working on bylaws, and discussing dues among other items discussed. Due to some members also being Masons we are trying to be accomodating to their Masonic meeting schedules so our meetings are on the 2nd Thursday and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Our first full form meeting opening in the rank of Knight will be Tuesday December 28th at 7:30 pm. We have 20 members so far both locally and through out the state. We are looking for more members and hoping to see you there ! You are invited to our lodge on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon when Satterfield Lodge #576 will be officially instituted and hopefully we will be having a Three Rank day on two new Brothers! Come and join us!

Robert Murphy, Secretary #576

Some of the Charter Members of Satterfield Lodge #576. Lodge Secretary Bob Murphy and lodge founder PGC Chad Hartley proudly display the warrant granted by GC Keith D. Ruetz, Sr.



*The Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Officers and their families wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias of Indiana*

*Keith Douglas Ruetz, Sr., Grand Chancellor*

*Michael A. Langdon, Grand Vice Chancellor*

*Jeffery L. Strahan, Grand Prelate*

*Dennis O. Adams, Grand Secretary*

*Richard P. Neal, Grand Treasurer*

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*Donald L. Adams, Grand Inner Guard*

*Gerald L. Griggs, Grand Outer Guard*

*H. Wade McIntosh, III, Jr. Past Grand Chancellor*

*Grand Temple Pythian Sisters, Grand Jurisdiction of Indiana*

*Toniann Harris, Sitting Past Grand Chief*

*Myrtle Davidson, Grand Chief*

*Dianne Miller, Grand Senior*

*Suzy Cyrus, Grand Junior*

*Donna Ruetz, Grand Manager*

*Lori Loughmiller, Grand Secretary*

*Kris Smith, Grand Treasurer*

*Jo Colgan, Grand Protector*

*Jessica Larson, Grand Guard*

*May 2022 bring great successes to our Lodges and our Temples as we once again renew our efforts to work for our communities and our Pythian Charities. God Bless each of you!*