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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

October 30, 2021 – Grand Chancellor’s Reception – The Venue – 1414 Broad St, New Castle – 12-3 pm
November 6, 2021 - Thorntown Lodge #124 - THREE RANK DAY - 10:30 am - Lunch served.
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 – Breakfast at 9 meet at 11:30am
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 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

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

Tina Stillwell - The Waters - 1000 N 16th, New Castle, IN 47362 - Broke ankle in fall - long rehab.

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 – Getting along really good.

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!!

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 10:30 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, 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!! Please RSVP for a luncheon count to Barry Haughton.

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 12 noon 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! If you want to be a ritualist, inform the Grand Secretary!

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!"

Quick update: "Our social media Facebook now have 335 unique actual individuals supporting us - an increase of 12% in a span of 2 - months. Our unique followers have also increased by 17.6% from 3000 to 353. Our posts have been augmented by an additional 977 from the previous 15,080 individuals!" It is happening in the Philippines!!

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 asked for and received a warrant for a new lodge! Brother Simon Polkinghorne had sixteen gentlemen signed up to start a new lodge in Sutton, Surrey! 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 Brothers from Baden-Powell Lodge #1907, led by District Deputy Steven Turner, performed the work, etc on the new Brothers in Surrey. Indiana once again continues to "Help Spread Pythianism Around The World!" Congratulations to our Brothers across the pond as they successfully initiated the new Brothers, elected and installed their officers and then instituted Banim Lodge #1798! The name and number were carefully selected. The lodge was named after Author John Banim who was born in Ireland in...you guessed it...1798! John wrote the book/play "Damon and Pythias" in 1821! That is down right cool!

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. 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 They are going to have a formal warrant signing on November 3rd for "Satterfield Lodge"! 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!”

Crescens Lodge Holds Car Show and Chili Cook-Off

Crescens lodge held its annual car show and chili cook-off on Sunday, October 10th. There were 97 beautiful cars and trucks on hand ranging from a 1918 Firetruck all the way to a 2022 Corvette with only 35 miles on it! That was certainly a stretch to both sides of the spectrum!! It was a awesome day in the lower 80’s. Over a dozen venders were on hand to sell their wares. When it was all over Crescens Lodge made \$1,500 for the Firefighters Children’s Christmas Fund. Congratulations to Josh Sanchez, Manager of Stacks Restaurant in New Castle for defending his title as Chili Cook-off Champion! And, the good news coming from the cook-off...Stacks is going to be the official sponsor of the cook-off in 2022!!

Taking a look a the car show:



The 1918 Firetruck

A Real Cool HotRod

Knights of Pythias Choice of Show

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 reserved 30 tickets to go see the Indianapolis Fuel Ice Hockey team play the Wichita Thunder on Saturday, February 26th 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 2nd 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! You need to get your reservations in right away so if we need more tickets we have time to order them. IF you reserve seats...you are FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE. Money can be paid a little later but reservations are needed NOW!! Your RESERVATION DEADLINE is DECEMBER 1ST!! 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 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 43 OF OUR 75 ROOMS!! RESERVE TODAY!! I really need to hear from Pythian Sisters who think they might go to convention in 2022.

JUST DECIDED BY THE GRAND COUNCIL:

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 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!!