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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

Nov 19, 2022 – 33rd Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade – New Castle – 4pm
Dec 4, 2022 – 32nd Annual Tom Hiner Memorial Kris Kringle Run/Walk – 2pm – Memorial Park
Dec 5, 2022 – Ashley Lodge #394/Ruth Temple #50 – Annual Christmas Dinner – 6:30pm – covered dish
Dec 18, 2022 – Grand Council Meeting – GS Denny Adams Home – 1480 W CR 300 N, New Castle – 1pm
Open to all – Christmas Open House at Santa's Place! – 3-5 pm

Remembering our 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 - Was at Grand Temple!
Euphema Phillips, PSR – 1010 Observatory Rd, Martinsville, IN 46151
PGC Joyce Wright – 1109 Princeton St, Elkhart, IN 46516 –doing some better
PSR Angie Woods – PO Box 154, Greensfork, IN 47345 – staying at daughters in Greensfork
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362
Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 9389 N CR 200 W, Lizton, IN 46149. Back Surgery – now in recovery. Keep them in prayer!
PC Randy MacCartney – 7204 Wicker Av, Hammond, IN 46323 – Knee replacement Sept. 8th.

In Memory

PSR, Sir Knight Ronald G. Murphy, a resident of Ruskin, FL and a life member of Welcome Lodge, Crescens Lodge #33 and Satterfield Lodge #576 passed away unexpectedly in his home on September 18th. Ron had served the Grand Domain of Indiana faithfully and conscientiously for forty years.

He was a graduate of Muncie Central High School. Brother Ron married the love of his life, Sherry Satterfield on May 2, 1980. Unfortunately he lost her to death in October of 2020 after a marriage of 40 years. Ron was a factory man where he made a career at General Motors. While at GM, Ron proudly served as President of Branch #499 of the Union. Following his leadership of the Union at GM, Ron was selected as the Director of the local United Way. He was also honored by being named an Honorary Delaware County Sheriff and a Kentucky Colonel.

In his free time, Ron was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed turning wood, where he made many bowls and other beautiful carvings. Ron was well known for being good at anything he tackled.

Ron joined the Order Knights of Pythias on November 8, 1981. He was proud of his membership in Welcome Lodge #37 in Muncie. He was also a dual member of Crescens Lodge #33 and Indiana's newest Lodge...Satterfield Lodge #576, named after his late Father-in-law, Dana Satterfield. He served as Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain of Indiana during the 1991-1992 term. He also filled in as Grand Chancellor when called upon to do so in part of 2007. He was also a member of the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan, Al Hilal Temple #33. Ron was honored for his hard work in the Pythian Order by the conferral of the Golden Spur on September 24th, 1992.

Ron is survived by four children: PGC Chad (Debbie) Hartley, Brother Ronald Duane Murphy, Tonua Murphy and Tina Murphy. There are 11 Grand Children, including Brothers Zack, Jamie and Casey Hartley and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Cards of condolence may be sent to the Hartley family at 6933 Blake Rd, Ft Wayne, IN 46804.

Past Supreme Representative Sir Knight Robert Allen Simmons, Jr. of New Castle and a life member of Crescens Lodge #33 passed away September 28, 2022 at The Waters of New Castle. He was born April 24, 1935 in New Castle, Indiana, a son of the late Robert A. and Lena (Pfenninger) Simmons, Sr.

Bob was a 1953 graduate of New Castle High School. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy 1953-1958, and served during the Korean War on the USS INGRAHAM. Bob had been employed with Indiana Gas for 34 years, retiring in 1990. He was a member of the Noon Optimist Club, and enjoyed fishing and always hosted several fish fries every summer. He also had a passion for camping, woodworking and making airplanes out of cans. Bob and Nancy enjoyed spending their winters in Ruskin, Florida, for 30 years. As a Veteran, in 2017 he was honored to go to Washington DC on the Indy Honor Flight with his oldest son as Guardian.

Bobby joined the Knights of Pythias (maybe illegally at the time) even before he graduated at age 17 on November 11, 1952. The Knights was always very special to Bobby as it was a place he got to spend time with his parents and his family, who were all members. Bobby advanced through the lodge chairs and then went into the Grand Lodge when he would become a DDGC and later would serve as Grand Chancellor in 1985. He was our senior Past Grand Chancellor at his death. Bobby earned many titles in his Pythian career, becoming a Past Imperial Regent of the Nomads. He was also a Royal Prince of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK where he gave the Sheik's part in ceremonials for years. Bobby loved to have fun, he loved to help where he was needed. He was on the four man team that went to London in 2017 to start Baden-Powell lodge #1907. Bobby was honored by the Pythian Order by receiving the Degree of the Golden Spur.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Nancy (Brown) Simmons; three sons, Robert Allen III (Heidi), Timothy Van (Penny), and Nicholas Wayne (Eva); six grandchildren, Robert Allen IV (Shelby) Simmons, Tabitha (Khalid) Reichard, Amber (fiancé Quentin) Simmons, Levi (Eva Martin) Simmons, Kaden (fiancé Aliya) Simmons, and Leslie Simmons; a sister, Ruth Rodgers; sisters-in-law Jean Simmons and Carol Simmons; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

In addition to his parents, Bob was preceded in death by his brothers, David and Stephen Simmons.

Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. A Celebration of Life Service will follow at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home, with Pastor Rick Schoeff officiating. A Pythian Memorial Service will be at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Crescens Lodge Knights of Pythias. You may express condolences or share a memory of Bob at www.hinsey-brown.com. Cards of condolence may be sent to Nancy Simmons & Family at 630 S 11th, New Castle, In 47362

Sister Treva Miller of Rome City passed away. Pythian Sister Memorial Services were conducted. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her daughter and Sister Treva's entire family at her loss. May the peace of God be with you all at this time. Cards of condolence may be sent to The Treva Miller Family, 4085 E 1060 N, Rome City, IN 46784.

Please Donate to the Grand Chancellor's Charities

Please donate to Grand Chancellor Michael Langdon's charities which are the God's Grain Bin Food Pantry in New Castle, the Mooreland, IN. Friend's Church Food Pantry and the Dementia Society of America.. Brother Mike's mother suffers from Dementia. Donations may be mailed to the Grand Lodge office and they will be forwarded to the proper channels. Thank you!

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A Card of Thanks

The Family of Ronald G. Murphy, KGS, PSR, would like to give a sincere thank you to all who attended his Pythian Services. Such a heartfelt warmth was felt by all and we were all deeply touched. Thank you for being his Pythian family and friend. For those who couldn't attend but wanted to, I know you hold him in your hearts as well. God bless each of you.

PGC Chad Hartley

Al Hilal #33 DOKK Holds Annual Cook-Out

Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK hosted their annual cook-out for the entire family on Wednesday, September 28th at their new home at the District #4 Pythian Welcome Center in Muncie. It started with a supper getting underway at 6pm. We had a bon fire going in the new fire pit and we roasted hot dogs, marshmallows or whatever! Delicious side dishes were shared with the group. It was a beautiful evening and a great time had by all who attended!

Crescens Lodge #33 Holds Its Annual Car Show & Chili Cook-Off!

Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle held their 16th Annual Car/Truck and Motorcycle Show on Sunday, October 9, 2022 at Memorial Park on a beautiful day in central Indiana! The day started with a sausage gravy & biscuit breakfast provided mostly by GIG Gary and Sister Julie Griggs. At 11am the 33rd Annual Chili cook-off took off with five contestants. "Mr. Chili", Josh Sanchez, manager of Stacks Restaurant in New Castle, took the top prize for the 3rd consecutive year! It was a great day in the kitchen as some good money was made. There were 106 vehicles at the Car Show! Crescens Lodge was able to make the New Castle Firefighters Children's Christmas Fund \$1,800!

The 33rd Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade will roll down the streets of New Castle on Saturday, November 19th at 4:00 pm. The theme will be "Christmas Is For Kids" with the Grand Marshals being the Hagerstown Little League World Series Baseball finalists team as we salute their accomplishments! There will be giant balloons and marching bands as well as floats and special entries from the communities making this a Christmas Parade to remember! Plus, the official arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus to Santa's headquarters at the Knights of Pythias building, 1206 Broad Street in downtown New Castle! We certainly hope that other lodges and Temples will put decorated units in the parade. After all, this is a Pythian parade! Let us show the community that the Knights of Pythias and Pythian Sisters is alive and well all over Indiana!

Welcome To Indiana, William McKinley Lodge #1 – Philippines!!



The “Monday” class of Candidates



The “Thursday” Class of Candidates at the lodge



The “Friday” Class of Candidates at the lodge



A very serious and awesome flag and banner retirement at the Institution Ceremony

The official dubbing ceremony was intentionally held until the evening of the Grand Celebration. Each new Knight was then introduced, brought forward to the kneeling stool, where he was then officially dubbed a Knight of Pythias. He then went to Knight Michael Duque, who in turn, presented him with his Rank of Knight Red Sash, a part of his Philippine uniform to be worn over his Barone. The blue sash, worn by the Chancellor Commander, is his officer jewel. Their uniform will eventually include a hat and a sword for dress purposes.





Some of our new Brothers proudly posing in their new Knight sashes. The brother to my right is holding the specially made “dubbing sword”, which was nearly a two handed sword in size and weight!



Thirty-six of the forty-four Brothers making up William McKinley Lodge #1 of the Philippines were able to come back and attend the Institution Ceremony and Grand Celebration on Saturday evening at the Royce Hotel and Casino. The farthest a Brother traveled was 938 miles by plane and land. Many traveled 12-15 hours by land. The average travel time to become a Knight of Pythias was 2-4 hours by at least 1/3 of our new Brothers! It was an amazing evening of celebration climaxing a week of Pythian activities! Several of your new Brothers plan on attending the Grand Convention of Indiana in July to pick up the charter, which will be available by that time. Congratulations to all concerned for a great start to the re-birth of the Knights Pythias in the Republic of the Philippines! (The Brothers with blue sashes are the Lodge officers)



Brother Michael Duque, founder of the lodge and Dennis Adams, GS of Indiana conclude the Grand Celebration by firstly saluting each other, and then investing each other with their Knight sashes. Michael then surprised Dennis with a special personal award. Among some other special people, he also awarded one to PSC Joel Fierstien as being the Supreme Chancellor who gave the “green light” to this lodge to be formed. It was brought back and shipped to Joel. GS Adams makes the following quick report:

I want to thank the members of the Grand Domain of Indiana for allowing me to be your representative and to make this trip on your behalf. From the time I stepped off my plane in Manila, there was a crew waiting to whisk me through the airport check points. They took me to my awesome hotel in the City of Angeles. I soon found out that Filipinos love to eat! I promised them I would try anything they sat in front of me! To my amazement, it was all very delicious, with my two favorites being the BBQ chicken a—and the pig cheek! The BBQ chicken feet and the squid was also quite tasty! The deep fried pig knuckles were unique and tasty. The quail egg dumplings were very tasty on my last Filipino meal. Thanks to all of my hosts, chauffeurs and all of my new Brothers for a memorable trip! I want to say Brother Sam Tan is awesome for allowing us to meet in the Odd Fellows building, which he owns. That will be the lodge’s home until it gets its own building, which they have already drawn plans for and started a building fund for!! Due to travel restrictions and work schedules and just long distances to travel to get to the scene of the Rank Work, it had to be split over three different days, thus being repeated three times. As each Brother completed his Rank of Knight, he was presented with his Barone. With the Knight Red Sash presentation already planned for the Grand Celebration the actual dubbing was intentionally withheld until Saturday evening, unless the Brother knew he could not attend. Was this all worth it? Is trying to save the greatest Order on the face of the earth worth it? Crescens #33, Brotherhood #3-5-7, Satterfield #578, Wm. McKinley #1, all of the rest of the Grand Domain of Indiana. God Bless the Knights of Pythias!