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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

Mar 6, 2023 – Ashley Lodge #394 – Ranks of Page and Esquire
Mar 18, 2023 – Statewide Rap Session – Eat Noon – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Muncie
Mar 20, 2023 – Ashley Lodge #394 – Rank of Knight – Ritualists Welcomed!
Mar 23, 2023 – Venus Temple #50, Pythian Sisters – Meets at 7:30 pm
April 18, 2023 – Crecens #33 – Table Lodge 6pm – Poster Contest
April 26, 2023 – Al Hilal #3, DOKK – Meeting at Brotherhood #3-5-7 – Eat at 6 Meeting at 7
April 27, 2023 – Venus Temple #50, Pythian Sisters meets at 7:30 pm
May 27, 2023 – DOKK #33 – outing to 75th running of Little 500 Sprint Car Classic – Anderson Speedway
July 13,14,15, 2023 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Convention – Courtyard By Marriott – Lafayette
July 15, 2023 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Ceremonial – Courtyard By Marriott – Lafayette – 7:30 pm
July 30, 2023 – KP/PS District Family Picnic – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Muncie – 2pm
Meat and drink furnished
Oct 7, 2023 – Annual State Golf Tournament – Rolling Hills Golf Club, Spencer, IN – Gerry Murdock, Chm

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
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 – 10318 E CR 200 N, **Apt 102** , Indianapolis, IN 46234 (NEW address). Had 2nd Back Surgery

Dawn Pruett – dropped a 20 lb. crock on her foot and broke it! – Please keep them both in your prayers!
PC Nic Simmons – 630 S 11th St, New Castle, IN 47362 (temp) Infection on knee and gall bladder problems

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 to Thorntown Lodge #124 for your recent donation of \$300!

E-Mail Address Needed!!

Thank you to those who continue to call in your e-mail addresses to help us reduce costs.

In Memory

Crescens Lodge #33 is sad to inform the membership of the passing of Knight Cecil L. McShurley a former member of Welcome Lodge #37. Brother Cecil joined the Order on March 10, 2012. He passed away on April 25, 2022. Our sympathy is extended to his wife Delois and his family and to all his friends.

IMPORTANT 2023 CONVENTION INFORMATION

Plans continue for the 2023 Grand Conventions. The reservations continue to come in to the Grand lodge office. There are 114 sleeping rooms in the hotel and 8 suites. I have now blocked 83 sleeping rooms and 2 suites for hospitality rooms. 25 of them have already been reserved! With the 2023 convention being a joint convention, we are now kicking into high gear on reservations! PLEASE, if you are thinking about attending the 2023 convention on July 13, 14 & 15, 2023 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**. We have a **limited** number of handicap rooms and rooms with two double beds! They are first come, first served! Tell me **who** will be in your room. 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!! RESERVE TODAY!! You can't book too early!!

*For those **PAST CHANCELLORS AND KNIGHTS** who register for the convention who are **NOT** on the expense account, the Grand Lodge will pay you \$100 toward your expenses when you register. All other expenses will be on you. For all **PAST CHIEFS** and **PYTHIAN SISTERS** that register for the convention, the Grand Lodge will pay you \$100 toward your expenses when your register. All other expenses will be on you. **In all cases for those on the expense account and those who are not,** scheduled meals must be reserved and paid for. If you have reimbursement coming, that person will be reimbursed following the convention. 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 in July, PLEASE reserve your room NOW!!*

Make ALL Hotel Room Reservations with Grand Secretary Denny Adams at either 765-686-1735 or indianaglkop@att.net

Need Arrival & Departure dates & who is in room – Handicap & Doubles are limited and are on a first come-first served basis!!

All meal reservations must be made by July 1st! You will be financially responsible for any meal reservation that is not cancelled by July 1st. All payments must be made at the registration table in the Wabash room, at the south elevator on floor #2, BY NOON ON THURSDAY, JULY 13TH if you are going to pay at the convention.

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION INFORMATION!!!!

PAST GRAND CHIEF'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 13, 2023 - 12 noon – You will be served and have your meeting in the Boilermaker room by the front lobby. You will enjoy a Crisp green salad with assorted dressings, Herb Roasted Chicken served with Wild Rice and Steamed Broccoli and topped off with cheesecake, ice water, lemonade and iced tea. COST - \$21.00 per person including tax & gratuity. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2023.** 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. Your organization dues will be collected separately at your meeting.

THURSDAY EVENING BUFFET DINNER

The Courtyard by Marriott invites all of us to enjoy a specially prepared dinner buffet set up specifically for our conventions on Thursday, July 13th from 4:30pm until 5:45pm in Ballroom A-B! They will be serving us House Salad with 3 dressings, Pasta with Meat Sauce or Alfredo Sauce, Bread Sticks, Assorted Pies, Iced Water and Iced Tea and Lemonade. The hotel invites us to enjoy dinner at the beautiful Courtyard by Marriott venue before we celebrate the Joint Opening of our Grand Conventions and not have to journey out on the streets of Lafayette in our suit coats and long dresses! The cost is only \$21 including tax and gratuity. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** through Grand Secretary Denny Adams. **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2023.** 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.

PAST DISTRICT DEPUTY BREAKFAST

Friday, July 14, 2023 - 7:30 am – You will eat off of the Hotel breakfast buffet. Take your food to the Boilermaker Room by the lobby for your meal and meeting. Please keep in mind that this free breakfast buffet is open only to those who are paying guests of the hotel.

PAST GRAND CHANCELLORS/GOLDEN SPUR LUNCHEON

Friday, July 15, 2023 – 12 noon – You will be served in the Boilermaker Room in the Lobby. You will enjoy Fried Chicken, and Hamburgers. It includes coleslaw, potato salad, mac & cheese, kettle chips, assorted breads sliced tomatoes, lettuce, cheeses and condiments and a mix of cheesecake and chocolate cake plus ice water, lemonade or iced tea. COST – \$ 22.00 per person including tax & gratuity. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2023.** 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.

FRIDAY July 14th - NOON JOINT BUFFET LUNCH

The Courtyard by Marriott knows how busy we are on our first day of session. Other than the PGC/Golden Spur lunch, there is nothing else available. So...you are invited to attend a special Friday Noon Joint Buffet Lunch so you will not have to venture out on the streets of Lafayette! You will enjoy a buffet of Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, a Tossed Salad with assorted Dressings, dinner roll and butter and Assorted Cookies and Brownies, Iced Water, Lemonade and Iced Tea all for \$21 including all taxes and gratuity.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED through Grand Secretary Denny Adams. **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2023.** 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT FORMAL BANQUET

Friday, July 14, 2023 – 6:30pm – You will be served in Ballroom A, B & C. IF you desire a reserved table, notify the GRAND LODGE OFFICE. You will have your **choice** of Delicious Crusted Tilapia or a Grilled Pork Chop, Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes, California Blend of Carrots, Broccoli and Cauliflower, Dinner Rolls & Butter, A House Salad with 3 assorted dressings, Assorted Pies and ice water, lemonade or iced tea.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!! Reservation **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2023.** ALL reservations are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Cost is \$28. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Note: For those who desire, we will also have Vegetarian Plates, Pasta plates or Huge Salad options available upon request.

SATURDAY JOINT CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, July 15, 2023 – 12 noon – Let us join together again as we celebrate our two leaders years with a Celebration Luncheon! You will be served in Ballroom A & B. You will enjoy Bar-B-Q Chicken Breast, Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Mac and Cheese and Chocolate Cake plus Ice Water, Lemonade and Ice Tea. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!! RESERVATION DEADLINE is July 1, 2023.** ALL reservations are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. NO MONEY REQUIRED.

SUNDAY MORNING FAREWELL BREAKFAST

Sunday, July 17, 2022 – **9:00am** – You will eat in ballroom A & B. You will enjoy the Breakfast Buffet the Hotel has had all weekend. If you are planning on eating the buffet breakfast on Sunday morning, **PLEASE** let us know so we can make sure the hotel prepares enough food.

The buffet breakfast is free to all who stay in the hotel the night before. It will be set up back by the meeting rooms and we will eat in ballroom A-B like last year. Your coffee is available there plus you have coffee makers, mini refrigerators and microwaves in your individual rooms, plus an indoor pool, whirlpool and fitness center available to you.

Happy Pythian Anniversary Brothers!

Enrique Cuenca – 2/20/21; Richard Gaff – 2/8/1993; Rodney Kitchen – 2/21/1987; Robert Murphy – 2/16/2019; Michael Daniel Ellis – 2/17/2018; Graham Edward Ellis – 2/17/2018; Hugh James Everitt – 2/17/2018; Leslie Grout – 2/17/2018; Kieran John Hughes – 2/16/2019; Peter Nicholas Wenzel Preidel – 2/16/2019; Gerald J Randle – 2/23/1972; Michael Deaton – 2/17/2001; Tony C Johnson – 2/10/1976; Paul E (Bo) Killey – 2/24/2007; John Mace – 2/18/2017; Lloyd James (Sonny) Sullivan – 2/20/2018; Timothy J Warren – 2/21/1987; Dennis Anness – 2/16/1997; Kenneth J Blancett – 2/11/2007; Terry Bonnet – 2/16/2019; James A Buckhorn – 2/18/2017; Demetrius Cowherd – 2/20/2021; Colin Denhart – 2/20/2021; John Robert Fiers – 2/16/1997; Travis Frank – 2/17/2018; Tim Glover – 2/8/2020; Drew C Godby – 2/20/2021; Philip Gumm – 2/20/2021; Dennis Huff – 2/20/2021; George Ingles – 2/16/1997; Joshua Lore – 2/18/2006; Rodney Mann – 2/21/2004; Sean Milligan – 2/8/2020; Shane Milligan – 2/8/2020; Steve Milligan – 2/20/2021; Gary A Nicholson – 2/18/2006; Michael Payne – 2/2/2002; Mike Phillips – 2/20/2021; James Prairie – 2/16/1997; Brian Ross – 2/8/2020; Theodor Schizas – 2/20/2021; James A Shull – 2/18/2006; Ronald Simpson – 2/16/1997; Shinji Takahashi – 2/20/2021; Chuck Thompson – 2/18/2017; Robert O Trout – 2/11/2007; Marc Vanderpool – 2/19/2022; Roger Van Gorden – 2/16/1997; Jim Williams – 2/20/2021; Rob Wisneski – 2/20/2021; Robert Young – 2/19/2022; Terry D Southerland – 2/6/1972; Larry J Terrell – 2/22/1992; Jason Watters – 2/20/2021; Raymond Wilson – 2/8/1976; Michael Woods – 2/5/1985; Bill E “Ty” O’Dear – 2/16/2019; Henry Harold Riley, II – 2/22/1992; Keith D Ruetz, Jr – 2/19/2005; David S Scarrette – 2/14/1999; Allen Lee Guffey – 2/6/1972; Jordan Guffey – 2/17/2018; Andrew L Harry – 2/20/2021; Chad M Hartley – 2/21/1987; Dustin Heath – 2/8/2020; Robert E Henning – 2/11/2007; Michael A Langdon – 2/14/1989; Kyle M Larson – 2/18/2006; Charles Maples – 2/1/1963; Jeff Martin – 2/10/1998; Jerry Martin – 2/19/1994; Gordon Miller – 2/6/2020; Clyde Fain – 2/17/1959; Rob Freet – 2/8/2020; William Greer – 2/13/2022; Gerald Griggs – 2/18/2017; Robert Alexander – 2/14/2009; David Austin – 2/13/2010; Jamie Belcher – 2/13/2010; James R Cross – 2/19/1994; Ronald Dinkins – 2/13/2022; Sterlie Dishman – 2/18/2006; Frederick J Dougan – 2/21/1987; Eric Baldwin – 2/10/1996; Jerry Dunnichay – 2/21/1989; Ned Dunnichay – 2/21/1989; Steven Holtzleiter – 2/1/1987; Isabel Ochoa, Jr – 2/7/1982; Larry Scholl, Jr – 2/17/2001; Richard Pflanzner – 2/14/1999; Jeremy Russell – 2/20/2007; Kevin Russell – 2/20/2007; Christopher J Kell – 2/19/2005; Rick Massig – 2/21/2004; John Roche – 2/17/2002; Donald Buis – 2/22/1964; Charles Hendricks – 2/23/1972; Daniel Randle – 2/17/1990; Katherine Snider – 2/19/2022; Ethan Miller – 2/24/2014; Harold Wayne Williams – 2/13/2010; Casey Hartley – 2/13/2010; Zack Hartley – 2/18/2006; Kevin Berkopes – 2/10/14; Michael Maze – 2/2010; Gary Shick – 2/16/2019; David Sloan – 2/2010; Tom Smith – 2/8/2020; Matt Woody – 2/8/2020; Frank Cox – 2/20/2016; Kenneth Livingston – 2/20/2016; H Wade McIntosh, III – 2/16/1970; George Miller – 2/20/2016; Gerald Murdock – 2/20/2016; Garrett Vandeventer – 2/20/2016; Todd Vandeventer – 2/20/2016; Ronald M Gurgol – 2/19/1983; Richard Hull – 2/26/1991; James Staley – 2/28/1997; Danny Bausback – 2/9/1967; Allen J Connerly – 2/13/1961; Paul G Lockhart – 2/26/1970.

If you are feeling alone, He says “Remember that I am always near you, closer than the air you breathe.”

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Thursday Evening Buffet Dinner @ \$21.00 each – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Name _____ No. of Reservations - _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Past District Deputies Breakfast Buffet (FREE – But PLEASE RESERVE)

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____

Past Grand Chief’s Thursday Roasted Chicken Luncheon @ \$ 21.00 each RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Past Grand Chancellors/Golden Spur Friday Luncheon @ \$22.00 each RESERVATIONS REQD.

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Friday Joint Buffet Pork Loin Lunch @ \$21.00 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Name _____ No. of Reservations - _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

Formal Friday Night Banquet – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED @ \$28.00 each

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____ Amount enclosed - \$ _____

No. of Pork Chop Dinners _____ No. of Tilapia Dinners _____ **PLEASE CHOOSE**

I request an optional meal of _____ Vegetarian _____ Pasta _____ Large Salad

Saturday Joint Celebration Luncheon – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED No Cost

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____

Sunday Farewell Buffet Breakfast - PLEASE RESERVE

Name _____ No. of Reservations- _____

Mail to Grand Lodge K of P, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362 or

e-mail to indianaglkop@att.net or mail to Grand Lodge of Indiana, 1204 Broad St, New Castle, IN 47362

Make all checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana
**PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE AT THE GRAND CONVENTION
IN THE WABASH ROOM BY 7/13 – 12 NOON IF YOU WISH. YOU ARE FINANCIALLY
RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS THAT ARE NOT CANCELLED BEFORE JULY 1, 2023.**

Rathbone Celebration Is Held At Thorntown Lodge #124

The 159th Celebration of the founding of the Order Knights of Pythias was hosted by Thorntown Lodge #124 on Saturday, February 18th. This was a perfect opportunity for the lodge to showcase their building to the members of Indiana and show off some of the awesome renovations they have done to their beautiful Castle Hall. The new outside staircase was a great improvement and really helps with the climb to the second floor! The club room and restrooms have been remodeled and the Castle Hall looks fabulous and is certainly a show place! The Grand Council of Indiana started the day by holding a Council meeting to conduct the business of the Grand Lodge. The entire Council was in attendance for this great day in our history.

Some 43 Brothers from all around Indiana gathered for the annual Rathbone Celebration. We were honored to have the Rathbone Bible present for our 12 new Brothers to take their obligations on. It was a great day with superior Rank Work presented by our team that came for that purpose. Prior to the ranks, Thorntown Lodge served us a delicious fried chicken lunch. In attendance were the Grand Lodge officers, six Past Grand Chancellors, 2 District Deputies and Brothers representing the following lodges: Crescens #33, Thorntown #124, Frankton #315, Lizton #342, Brotherhood #3-5-7, Ashley #394 and Morocco #492. It was truly a grand Celebration! Happy Birthday Knights of Pythias!!



The 159th Rathbone Celebration Class – Thorntown, Indiana – 2/18/2023

(L-R) Knights Byron Vulgamore, Michael Power, Triston Ruetz, Jacob Scherer, Korbin Lough, Josh Hobson, Glenn Cunningham, Nathan Truitt, Tony Owens, Brayton Beesley, Christopher Smith and Corey Houmar.

Welcome into the Knights of Pythias Brothers!!

Statewide Rap Session Coming March 18 at Muncie

Calling ALL Brothers! Over the past few years we have been hosting rap sessions to discuss the good, the bad and the ugly with the Grand Domain of Indiana. Some really good ideas have come out of these sessions. Some really good changes have been implemented because of these sessions. Due to the price of travel, the Grand Chancellor has decided to hold just one centrally located Rap Session and hopes that you will all come with your praises, complaints and ideas to make the Grand Domain of Indiana better and stronger!

Our 2023 Rap Session will be held at the District #4 Pythian Welcome Center, 2405 E 28th Street in Muncie, IN. This is the old Welcome Lodge #37 building with a new name and new look on the inside and soon to have a new outside look. It will start as we feed you at 12 noon, followed by the Rap Session. We certainly hope to see all of you there! If you are planning on coming, drop the Grand Secretary an e-mail or text so we will know how much food to buy. Thanks! indianaglkop@att.net 765-686-1735