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

July 30, 2023 – KP/PS District Family Picnic – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Muncie – 2pm  
Meat and drink furnished – Bring A Well Filled Basket and Lawn Chair/Table Service  
July 29-Aug 2 – Imperial Palace Convention – Suffern, NY  
Aug 6, 2023 – **Open House/ Meet & Greet for Denny Adams – Anderson Speedway – 2-4 pm**  
Aug 22, 2023 – Crescens #33 Picnic at Denny Adams home – 6pm – pitchin – Bring A Dish  
Aug 25, 2023 – Lions Club Chicken BBQ – Community Building – Sulphur Springs – 5 to 7ish  
Aug 27, 2023 – Outing to Indianapolis Indians at Victory Field – 1:35 pm – Box seat group tickets just \$15  
Oct 7, 2023 – Annual State Golf Tournament – Rolling Hills Golf Club, Spencer, IN – Gerry Murdock, Chm  
Oct 8, 2023 – Car Show & Chili Cook-off – Indoor Vendors – Smith Building – New Castle Memorial Park  
Henry County Veterans Museum will be open! Doors open 8 for breakfast. Car Show 12-3  
Nov 18, 2023 – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade – New Castle – 4 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  
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 – Not doing well.  
Carl Jones –Heritage House – 1023 N 20<sup>th</sup> St – New Castle, IN 47362  
Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 10318 E CR 200 N, **Apt 102** , Indianapolis, IN 46234 (NEW address). Doing Better  
PGC – Jerry Weilenman – 134 W Front St, Cambridge City, IN 47327 – Doing Better

## **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BROTHERS!**

Brandon Depew – 7/16/2007; Jerry Depew – 7/17/2006; Lyle Holman – 7/11/1960; Nick Mace – 7/18/2020; Terry Stroud – 7/18/1966; Richard Essert – 7/18/2020; Barry Evans – 7/15/2010; Henry C. Kennedy, Jr – 7/8/2014; William Moistner – 7/18/2020; Jerry Norris – 7/18/1978; Jesse Brandt – 7/26/2021; Isaac Murdock – 7/27/2017

### **A Letter of Love and Thanks From the Grand Manager of Pythian Sisters**

Dear Pythians all,

What a pleasure it was to see all that attended the Grand Convention in Lafayette. I missed several that could not be with us and continue to pray for their well-being. I wanted to thank the Knights for allowing the Sisters to attend the Golden Spur. It is always nice to see your work being completed and this year was one of my favorites yet with the surprise for Richard. Congratulations to Sir Richard Neal! He is very much deserving of this high honor! It was also wonderful to initiate two Sisters and two Knights on Thursday night. We don't get to see our floor work done often, but it is beautiful when we do get to witness it. I wanted to thank all the Sisters that have supported me in all my many questions as I go through the Grand line. Your expertise and confidence in me is very much appreciated. I would like to thank all the Knights that chose to stay for our initiation on Thursday night and our installation on Saturday. I appreciate your support in the Sister's business. With that being said, I would like those that chose to leave our JOINT installation to think about that in the future. We are coming together to support one another, and it is not supportive when you choose to walk out on our installation of officers. I feel that 95% of our Sisters supported the Golden Spur, Friday Night Banquet and Knights Installation and it was hurtful when so many Brothers chose to walk out of our installation. My hope and prayer is to have more support in the future. Thank you all again for your support as I travel through the grand line. I look forward to seeing you all at various events this year.

Jessica Larson, Grand Manager

### **Across the Pythian Pond**

*By: Bro. Michael Duque*

### **Views of the Grand Convention From A First Time Attender**

Attending the Knights of Pythias Grand Domain of Indiana Annual Convention was an unforgettable experience that left me with a profound sense of belonging and inspiration. As I entered the convention center, I was greeted by a wave of warmth and camaraderie that permeated the air. I was instantly captivated by the palpable energy of unity and purpose. The air crackled with anticipation as brothers from every corner of the state gathered in a magnificent display of camaraderie and shared values.

From the first moment of introduction, I had the privilege of meeting countless brothers who exemplified the principles of friendship, charity, and benevolence. Each interaction was filled with genuine warmth and a deep sense of connection. We shared stories, exchanged ideas, and learned from one another's experiences. The wealth of knowledge and wisdom within the Fraternity was awe-inspiring, reminding me of the strength that lies in unity and brotherhood. It became clear that this annual convention was more than just a gathering—it was a transformative journey of personal growth and inspiration for each participant.

The vibrant tapestry of diverse faces and stories ignited a fire within me, fueling a renewed sense of purpose and dedication to the principles of friendship, charity, and benevolence. Each interaction was a gift, an opportunity to learn from the wisdom of seasoned brothers, and sisters and to forge lifelong bonds with kindred spirits. The bonds formed and the memories created will forever hold a special place in my Pythian heart. As I reflect on this remarkable experience, I am reminded of the immense power of unity and the

incredible impact we can have when we come together as brothers and sisters in pursuit of a greater purpose.

The convention brimmed with a kaleidoscope of exhilarating experiences. Powerful keynote speeches echoed through the Temple halls, igniting flames of passion and sparking a collective desire to make a meaningful impact in our communities. The engaging ceremonies schooled us with invaluable tools and insights, empowering us to be catalysts for positive change for ourselves and our society. The energy reached its crescendo during the vibrant social activities, where laughter and celebration filled the air, reminding us that brotherhood and sisterhood is not just a concept but a living, breathing force that permeates every aspect of our lives.

The convention also provided a platform for recognizing the outstanding achievements and contributions of individuals within our fraternity. Awards ceremonies and special acknowledgments were a testament to the dedication and selflessness displayed by members who went above and beyond to make a difference in their communities. Witnessing these honorees and their inspiring stories served as a powerful reminder of the profound impact we can have when we live our lives guided by the principles of the Knights of Pythias. We also witnessed the superb charitable activities that our Fraternity have given to our community. A testament of our Benevolent spirit towards others.

In addition to the formal events, the convention fostered a spirit of celebration and camaraderie and these moments of collective enjoyment provided a refreshing break from the daily routine, allowing us to relax, connect, and revel in the shared bonds that brought us all together.

The convention was a demonstration to the extraordinary power of unity, reminding us that when we stand together, we are capable of monumental achievements. As I bid farewell to my brothers, I carry with me the electrifying energy, the enduring friendships, and the unwavering spirit of the Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters. With hearts ablaze and minds ignited, we will continue to make a difference, to uplift those in need, and to leave an indelible mark on the world.

The connections made and experiences shared during this gathering of like-minded individuals reinforced the notion that we are part of something greater than ourselves. I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended such a remarkable event, and I eagerly anticipate carrying the spirit of brotherhood into the world, inspired by the wonderful experiences and the extraordinary individuals I encountered at the convention. United with my newfound brothers, I am resolute in my commitment to embody the principles we hold dear, to be a beacon of light in a world that often feels consumed by darkness.

### **Indianapolis Indians Ballgame Reminder**

This is just a reminder that we are going to see the Indianapolis On Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 at beautiful Victory Field. I have 42 already reserved! If you need seats e-mail me at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net)!! Your deadline is August 1<sup>st</sup>!! Reserved are: Richard Arroyo(9), Billy Sanders(2), Jodi Goff(1), Denny Adams(1), Terry Brumley(2), Jerry Williams (3), Lowell Pruett(2 hdcp), Dave Roth (8), Jim Williams (2), Jim Smith(2), Wayne Hansen (1), Scott Sheffield (2), Bruce Cunningham (2), Richard Neal (1)Rusty Jarvis (3). This is the LAST CALL for ticket reservations or cancellations. You are financially responsible for tickets not cancelled by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Scenes From Your Grand Conventions – 2023**



The 2023-24 Grand Temple Officers: Front (L-R) GS Lori Loughmiller, GC Suzy Cyrus, GS Donna Ruetz, SPGC Dianne Miller. Back – (L-R) GT Kris Smith, GG Toniann Harris and GM Jessica Larson. Not shown GJ Jo Colgan & GP Rhonda Epperson



The 2023-24 Grand lodge Officers: Front (L-R) JPGC Michael Langdon, GC Jeffery Strahan, GVC Kenneth Norris, GP Donald Adams. Back (L-R) GS Dennis Adams, GIG Wayne Hansen, GT Richard Neal and GOG Gerald Murdock. Not shown GMA Gerald Griggs



Richard P. Neal of Crescens Lodge #33 is dubbed a Sir Knight of the Golden Spur



Grand Chancellor Langdon having fun lookin' for some lovin' on the "Love Bus"!



At left..... Supreme Secretary Allen Morris, an "Honorary Hoosier" addresses the Grand Convention Banquet



PGC Sir Gerald Randle served as MC as he welcomes the crowd to the Convention Banquet.



About 1/3 of our scholarship recipients were present to be introduced to the crowd at the Grand Convention Banquet... A highlight of the banquet!

GS Adams introduces Bella Matney, state Poster Champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher Daniel Vasquez both of Shelbyville HS



No one works harder for the Pythian Sisters! Bonnie Rose was honored as Volunteer of the Year from PSR Myrtle Davidson at the banquet.



Toniann Harris is selected District Deputy of the Year and accepts her award from GC Dianne Miller



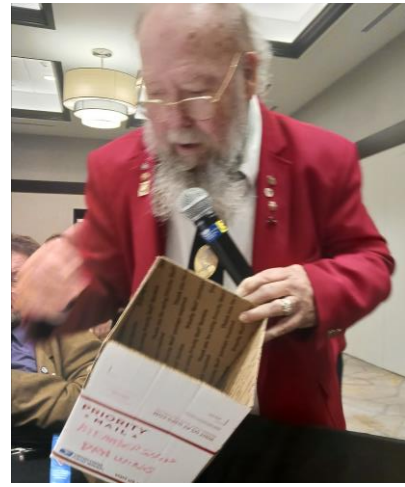
Sec'y Jill Unger-Moder, ST, accepts the "Temple of the Year" award for Olympia Temple #78 from GC Dianne Miller



Bob Murphy, Zack, Chad & Jamie Hartley receive the charter for Satterfield Lodge #576 from Grand Chancellor Langdon at the Grand Lodge Convention.



Above Charter Members Francisco Villano, Jr.; Denny Adams, and Michael Duque receive the Charter for William McKinley Castle Lodge #1 in the Philippines.



Denny Adams shows his surprise when his name is drawn out for the \$500 get away weekend as part of the membership contest giveaway.



Brother Ryan Ours hauls in the Indy Colts Tickets, a \$250 value, on the membership contest giveaway. Brother Richard Arroyo also won dinner for two and Brother Alan Rossi picked up lifetime membership dues, a \$150 value. GIG Gary Griggs was named District Deputy of the Year. Robert Gonczy of Morocco Lodge #492 was named Chancellor of the Year.



GP Don Adams wins Dinner for two, a \$50 value, another membership contest prize.



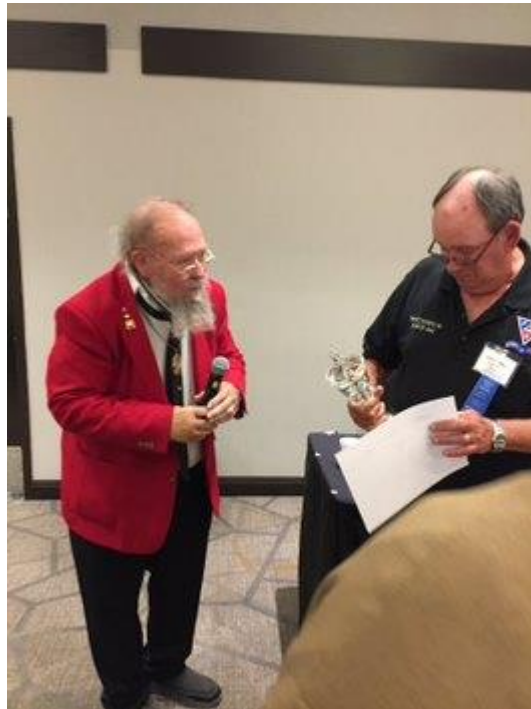
Morocco #492 Lodge of the Year as Bill Warne accepts the award.



Ken Livingston of Worthington #253 honored as Pythian of the Year!



Grand Chancellor Mike Langdon worked hard for his charities with the end result being \$2,400 for the Dementia Society of America, Church Trustee James Cross accepting \$3,750 for the Mooreland Friend's Church Food Pantry and God's Grain Bin Food Pantry in New Castle receiving \$3,700. A Total of \$9,850 was raised by the Grand Chancellor.



A very humble Pythian of the Year...Kenny Livingston ...accepting his award from GS Adams



DDGC#7 Steven Turner presents newly elected Grand Chief Suzy Cyrus with a \$300 check from Baden-Powell Lodge #1907 in London, England and a \$300 check from Banim Lodge #1798 in Sutton, Surrey for her charity which is Riley Children's Hospital. She hopes to be able to sponsor two red wagons. Brother Turner also donated \$600 to Grand Chancellor Strahan for his charity... Toys For Tots. It sounds like our leaders definitely have the kids at heart this year!

## **Donate Today!!**

**Grand Chancellor Jeff Strahan's charity... Toys For Tots! Contributions should be made out to the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and sent to 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, In 47362**

**Grand Chief Suzy Cyrus's Charity is Riley Children's Hospital. GC Suzy hopes to sponsor at least two little red wagons and needs your help to do so! Send your contributions to the Grand Temple Pythian Sisters, 1406 E 600 S, Brook, IN 47922**

**The Whos Who and the Proceedings will both be coming out on E-mail.  
If you want a hard copy, notify the Grand Lodge office. There will be a postage and handling fee.  
Anticipated print date on Whos Who – August 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Anticipated print date on Journal of Proceedings – Last week of August**

Scholarship Checks are being mailed to the colleges & universities July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Grand Secretary Adams will be attending the Imperial Palace DOKK convention. The Grand Lodge office will be closed from Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> thru Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Emergency calls/texts only to 765-686-1735.

**FYI** - I was released from the doctor Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>. I must "ween" out of the brace over a 12 day span, gradually increasing the time I am out of it until I totally take it off August 5<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all of your thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. But, especially thanks to a healing God who brought me through this accident unscathed! It sure is nice to be driving again!! Thanks to Jodi and my Brother Jesse for hauling me around! I love you both!