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*Headin' Toward Fall Edition!*

*"Look at The Stars"*

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

- 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  
Oct 21, 2023 – THREE RANK DAY – Crescens #33 – New Castle – 11am – Lunch after Rank of Esquire  
Oct 21, 2023 – Pythian Sister Inspection – Lucullus #142  
Oct 28, 2023 – Pythian Sister Inspection for Frankton#264/Venus#50 (Maybe 2 live candidates) at New Castle  
Nov 4, 2023 – Pythian Sister Inspection for Warsaw #1/Elkhart #14/Ruth #56/Olympia #78 & Damon #95 held  
at Ashley  
Nov 18, 2023 – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade – New Castle – 4 pm  
Dec 3, 2023 – Kris Kringle Run/Walk – Memorial Park – 2pm  
Dec 4, 2023 – Ashley #394/Ruth #50 – Family Christmas Party – 6:30 pm – Meat/Drink furnished  
Dec 7, 2023 – Christmas Walk – Downtown New Castle – Crescens Lodge Carriage Rides & Santa – 5-8pm  
Jan 1, 2024 – Your personal dues are due to your Lodge or Temple  
Jan 31, 2024 – All Lodge Annual Reports are due in TODAY. \$5 penalty per day after today.  
Jan 31, 2024 – Final day to submit Scholarship applications. NONE accepted after TODAY!  
Feb 17, 2024 – RATHBONE CELEBRATION THREE RANK DAY – New Castle – 11am  
April 13, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #1 Convention – Ashley, IN  
April 29, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #2 Convention – Location TBD

### **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

### **In Memory**

Another one of our Pythian Brothers from the old Lagrange Lodge #144 has gone on to be with the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. Past Chancellor Roger J. Olds passed away on May 27, 2023. I certainly apologize to Brother Gordon Olds, his only surviving Brother that I failed to include his passing in this newsletter until now. Their brother Jack passed away a month earlier on April 21<sup>st</sup>. What was so ironic about Brother Roger's death date was the fact that had he lived one more day it would have been his Pythian Anniversary! Brother Roger joined the Knights of Pythias May 28<sup>th</sup>, 1956...a 67 year Veteran. He lived in Sturgis, Michigan but faithfully made the trek to Lagrange to attend lodge along with his Brothers. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother Gordon Olds and the rest of his family and friends. Cards may be sent to Brother Gordon at 1645 E 150 N, Lagrange, IN 46761.

Seventy-three year Pythian Veteran Norris Dee Smith passed away on September 24<sup>th</sup>. October 3<sup>rd</sup> he would of celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Norris joined the Pythian order April 26<sup>th</sup>, 1950 in Lizton Lodge #342. Among others, he leaves three daughters to cherish his memory. Cards of condolence may be sent to the family at 8964 N CR 150 E, Pittsboro, IN 46267. Our sympathy goes out to the Officers and Members of Lizton Lodge #342 and Brother Norris' family.

### **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Our deepest sympathy goes out to PGC Tim Loughmiller, PGC/GS Lori Loughmiller and DDGC#1 Steve Loughmiller on the passing of Brother Tim's father James (Jim) Loughmiller of Indianapolis. He passed away at 9:06 am on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Memorial Services were held on August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Grace Pointe Church of the Nazarene in Indianapolis. Cards of condolence may be sent to the Loughmiller family at 1406 E 600 S, Brook, IN 47922. Grand Chancellor Strahan and the entire Grand Council sends our deepest sympathy.

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BROTHERS!**

(394) Kurt Begue – 9/28/2014; Joshua Kessler – 9/28/2014; (60) Cathleen Trueblood – 9/6/2022; (3-5-7) Richard Arroyo – 9/16/2018; Drew MacDonald – 9/18/2016; Jack Moorman – 9/18/2016; Adam Nisley – 9/18/2016; Dave Philpott – 9/18/2016; Dave Wilkins – 9/18/2016; (Carnahan A) Leland Gamson – 9/5/90; Oram Ott – 9/24/84; Richard Wampler – 9/30/1989; Donald Timberlake, II – 9/15/1984; Forrest Timberlake, Jr – 9/15/1984; (33) Christian Adams – 9/29/1996; Delmar Clontz – 9/16/2018; Curtis Clontz – 9/19/2009; Roger Conyers – 9/29/1996; Michael Fulton – 9/16/2018; Russell Dean Goldsberry – 9/4/2007; Clifford Henderson – 9/28/2014; Richard Neal – 9/7/2004; Dennis Rigsby - 9/14/1997; Wendell Rogers – 9/16/2018; Stuart Sinclair – 9/2/1986 – (342) Austin Randle – 9/9/2017; Taylor Randle – 9/9/2017; Daniel Blaney – 9/20/1976; King Clark – 9/25/2004; Steven Loughmiller – 9/19/2009; Lewis Pleasant, Jr – 9/6/1986; Bill Warne – 9/18/2010; (124) Ora Kincaid, III – 9/20/1980; (36) Warner Freeze – 9/30/1978; E.J. Martin – 9/30/1976; John Shamback – 9/30/1976; (253) Kenneth Sebastian – 9/15/1983

### **Three Rank Coming!**

The Jeffery Strahan Honorary Three Rank Day on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at Crescens Lodge #33 beginning at 11am. The new chairlift is in operation which will assist any brother up to the second floor. Come and enjoy a great day of Pythian fellowship. The Brothers of Crescens Lodge invite you to come and see some of the latest remodeling to the Castle Hall. Rank work will begin at 11 am with the Ranks of Page and Esquire followed by a

fried chicken dinner from Mrs. Kroger. The Rank of Knight will conclude the day. If you have candidates, you are encouraged to bring them along as this class is in honor of Grand Chancellor Jeffery Strahan. Crescens Lodge #33, Brotherhood #3-5-7 and General Lewis Wallace Lodge #2019 have all committed candidates for the day. We hope to see you there also!

### **Car Show and Chili Cook-Off Coming Soon!**

Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle will be starting its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Festival on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Car, Truck & Motorcycle show and 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off. It will all be staged at the W.G. Smith building in Memorial Park north of New Castle. The lodge will begin serving a Sausage Gravy & Biscuit breakfast from 8am to 11 am. Following will be the chili cook-off, sandwiches, nachos, drink lunch from 11 to 3pm. The car show registration goes from 10 am to 12 noon with the show from 12 to 3pm. Cookoff fee is \$5 to enter a 1 gallon crockpot. Day of car show entry is \$15. The Veterans Museum will have special hours for us from 12 to 3 that day. Proceeds that day are for the Firefighters Children's Christmas Fund.

### **Festival of the Turning Leaves**

The Brothers of Thorntown Lodge #124 work hard on the weekend of September 23 & 24 to put on the Festival of the Turning Leaves. It draws hundreds of folks to Thorntown for this annual event that is certainly a must see event on your fall calendar! Also, Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 again sold those awesome Bar-B-Q sandwiches, snow cones and cotton candy, which guarantees you some good eats while you are there. There is food galore and tons of entertainment, a parade and even fireworks...something for everyone! Hope you make it over to Thorntown in 2024! I was there and it was an absolute blast to be with my 3-5-7 Brothers!!

### **Al Hilal Temple #33 Holding Family Cookout!**

Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK will be holding its annual Family Cookout on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the District #4 Pythian Welcome Center, 2405 E 29<sup>th</sup> St in Muncie. It all starts at 6pm as the bonfire get going to cook the dogs and marshmallows. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish to share and bring a lawn chair to be comfy around the fire! The Temple is celebrating becoming the largest Dokey Temple. It will furnish the dogs, marshmallows and drink. We hope to see you for this annual fun filled family evening. Who will dominate on the corn hole boards??

### **State Golf Tournament Is Coming!**

Attention all golfers! This is your last call to get entered into the 2023 State Golf Tournament presented by the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias and hosted annually by Worthington Lodge #253. Chairman Gerry Murdock invites all golfers to come to the beautiful Rolling Hills Golf Club in Spencer, IN for a great day of relaxation and enjoyment of southern Indiana in the fall. Several special prizes will be given and everyone goes home with a little cash in their pocket! Come, relax and enjoy 18 holes of best ball golf hosted by one of Indiana's finest southern lodges...Worthington #253! See you there! Call Gerry Murdock – 812-875-2105 to enter

### **Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade Is Set!**

Crescens Lodge #33 has announced that the plans are now set for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Pythias All American Christmas Parade in New Castle. It will be held as usual on the third Saturday in November...the 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. It will form in Baker Park as usual and travel to Broad Street when it turns left and goes to the Pythian Building where Santa arrives at his headquarters. The theme for this year's parade is "Believe in the Miracle of Christmas"! Former Henry County Sheriff Butch Baker will lead the parade as Grand Marshal honoring him for his years of service to New Castle and Henry County. Marching bands, floats, giant balloons and of course Santa Claus are all parts of the parade. Crescens Lodge would especially like to invite other lodges and temples to put an entry in. This may be one of the only Knights of Pythias sponsored parades in the country! Lets make this special in 2023! Show the public the Knights of Pythias is alive and well in Indiana! We hope to see you on November 18<sup>th</sup> in New Castle!!

### **Ashley Thanksmas Dinner/Party Scheduled!**

Ashley Lodge #394 and Ruth Temple #56 invites you and your family to join with them and their families as they celebrate the Holidays with their annual Thanksmas Dinner on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the lodge hall. There will be a pitch-in supper with the meat and drink furnished. You are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Following the fellowship and meal, there will be entertainment in the lodge room followed possibly by a visit by the 'ole rascal himself... "Santa of the North"!! This should be on your must attend calendar for the holidays!!

### **Kris Kringle Run/Walk Event Now Set!**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tom Hiner Memorial Kris Kringle 4 Mile Run and 3 Mile Walk is set for Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 2pm in Memorial Park in New Castle. Registration will be at the WG Smith Auditorium. Info and Registration forms can be obtained from Denny Adams at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net) or 765-686-1735.

### **A Card of Thanks**

I want to thank you for selecting me for your scholarship. I'm very honored and grateful. It will help me more than you know and allow me to concentrate on my education.

Grant Hoagland

### **Your Grand Lodge Money and Our Crescens Lodge Money At Work!**

Crescens Lodge #33 is very proud of Our Castle Hall...one of only three remaining original Castle Halls in the Grand Domain of Indiana that is dedicated to Pythian work. Everyone knows the amount of blood, sweat and work that goes into to keeping our Castles up. Thanks to the vote of the membership at the latest convention, Crescens Lodge was able to do some much needed renovation to the building. New rain gutters and overhang were installed as the old was falling off due to age. Extra downspouts were installed. Emergency tuck point was done on the brick, a cover installed over back stairwell and new steps & railings installed to replace the dangerous ones that were there. A new state of the art chair lift has been installed to take members upstairs with no problem. Brother Rusty Jarvis, a double amputee, was able to attend lodge the very first night it was installed. \$6,500 of Grand Lodge funds well spent! The façade board across the entire front of the building was replaced and the peeling blue paint that was put on just five years ago replaced with a beautiful rust color which blends with the brick. It looks awesome! The work is not quite finished for this fix –up as Crescens is having some emergency brick tuck pointing done...about \$11,000 worth! Crescens is looking forward to the Three Rank Day coming on October 21<sup>st</sup> and the Brothers coming to see the building. Here is a sneak peek with the pictures on page 5. 1) Grand Lodge paid for the new cover over the back stairwell, which will help keep out a lot of water. Under the enclosed back porch, Andy Harry construction also blocked in an old double door, which further tightens the building from water. 2) Crescens bought new cement steps and Brother Harry donated the railings replacing 2 old wooden steps with no railings where the Grand secretary broke his neck. A good move!! 3) The west side, right below the stone, ½ way up, Crescens is having emergency tuck pointing will be taking place on the brick shortly as mortar is missing. 4) Looking up on the west side at the top of the column you see light colored mortar where we did emergency work. Also, the new gutter & overhang, which have been screwed on are visible along with a new downspout. There was never one on the west side before. 5) The new cement board on the front façade of the building above the front windows. 6) The all new cement board below all of the show windows, replacing the materials that were falling apart. 7) Downtown Mascot "Floppy" keeps an eye on all of the goings on in the Grand Lodge office window. I am sure he will be glad when all of the racket is done so he can get a good nap in! 8) Crescens Lodge #33 is proud of this new façade. They just received the new panels for their sign. It should be rewired and up and running soon. The lodge has already received several nice comments from folks on how nice the building looks. Crescens Lodge Members would like to once again thank the Grand Lodge membership for its support and for Brother Andy Harry and Harry and Sons Construction of Shirley, IN for the outstanding job they did to help preserve this Pythian Castle Hall!