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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

- Jan 1, 2024 – Your personal dues are PAST 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!
Applications are on indianapythias.org (everything is done on-line)
Feb 17, 2024 - Grand Council Meeting – Grand Lodge Office – New Castle – 10:31am
Feb 17, 2024 – 160th RATHBONE CELEBRATION THREE RANK DAY – New Castle – Lunch Noon
Work starts when lunch ends.
April 13, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #1 Convention – Ashley Lodge #394
April 20, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #2 Convention – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center - Muncie

Remembering our list of Sick and Shut-ins:

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers or maybe a card:
Sue Hutson, PGC – 305 Church St, Frankton, IN 46044 – Fell 9/29 – broke arm & wrist – recovering at home
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 20th St – New Castle, IN 47362
Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 10318 E CR 200 N, Apt 102 , Indianapolis, IN 46234 - Doing Better

Our Deepest Sympathy

Ruth Ann Willis, 89, wife of Past Grand Chancellor Ralph L. Willis passed away on November 20th unexpectedly at Ball Memorial Hospital following a stroke earlier in the day. Ruth Ann retired from Trans World Airlines after 42 years of service, where she served as Administrative Assistant to the General Manager of the Indianapolis station. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. After retirement she authored and published three novels, Broken Promises, Small Town Girl and The Concert Tour, all after age 82.

Left to cherish her memory, her husband of over 68 years PGC Ralph L. Willis, whom she married August 14, 1955; two daughters Martha (Brother Evan) McGrew and Rita Gill; grandchildren Krista Gill, Tyler Gill, Emily McGrew; three great grandchildren, Lily Sumerfield, Theo Gill and Frankie Gill and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, November 28th at 10:30 am. Burial followed in Forest Hill Cemetery in Shelbyville, IN.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the First United Methodist Church of New Castle or the Raintree Habitat for Humanity. Cards of condolence may be sent to Ralph Willis and family at 1217 Tuscan Dr, New Castle, IN 47362

Happy Pythian Anniversary!

(394) Howard Beams – 12/3/1958; (1907) Edoardo El-Attrache – 12/10/2022; Leonard George Hayward – 12/9/2017; Jean Marie Micciche – 12/10/2022; Edward Terry – 12/10/2022; Derek Williamson – 12/9/2017; (60) Charles Darkis – 12/10/2010; (A) John A Cheesewright – 12/1/1958; Keith Prater – 12/4/1961; (33) Thomas Jeff Bennett – 12/29/1981; Randal Fox – 12/4/2012; Randy Gray – 12/31/1987; Danny Gregory – 12/18/1973 (50 YEARS!); Bruce Petty – 12/29/1981; Ron Russell – 12/15/1986; David Siggers – 12/31/1987; (99) Wally DeFord – 12/31/1993; Troy Denney – 12/31/1993; Mike Edwards – 12/31/1993; Greg Melton – 12/9/2021; Tim Thacker – 12/15/1996; (51) Bill Fitzgerald – 12/10/2005; Bob Kochert – 12/10/2005; Steve Kochert – 12/10/2005; Doug Unger – 12/22/1980; Jeff Unger – 12/22/1980; (342) Richard Patterson – 12/9/1986; (492) Jerry Hatagan – 12/31/1991; (124) Clifford Beesley – 12/7/1975; David Dye – 12/4/2004; Barry Gilian – 12/4/2004; Chris Jordan – 12/4/2004; Matt Shepherd – 12/4/2004; Ed Smith – 12/4/2004; (253) Dustin Collins – 12/19/2019; Adam Dotterer – 12/19/2019; Delbert Driscoll – 12/16/2021.

Pythian Scholarship Announcement!!!

Brothers and Sisters All! The Pythian Scholarship program has been modernized this season. The entire registration program will now be done ONLINE!!! Your link can be found on the GRAND LODGE WEBSITE at indianapythias.org That link should lead you through the entire process of filing for the first time or re-filing if you are already in college. MAKE SURE you check the appropriate box as the new system will change your registration form automatically. Your essays will be done ONLINE and you will download your transcript ONLINE. When you finish...look it over...make sure everything is correct...then you MUST SUBMIT your application!! You should get a copy sent to your e-mail as well. Your NEW DEADLINE is JANUARY 31ST. There is no longer a postmark. The system will NOT accept applications after this date!! The system will automatically submit your application to the appropriate judge. If you have ANY questions, PLEASE E-MAIL the chairman Denny Adams at indianaglkop@att.net. THIS IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN SUBMIT AN APPLICATION!!



Ashley Lodge #394 and Ruth Temple #56 held their annual Thanksmas dinner at the lodge hall on Monday, December 4th. A delicious pitch-in meal was enjoyed by the nice crowd on hand. Entertainment followed which was enjoyed by the crowd. The highlight of the evening was a visit by Mr & Mrs Claus “of the North”! At left they are shown having a real good time with all in attendance. On the right, “Santa of the North” sends a special Merry Christmas wish to everyone...LOL! Very special thanks go out to PGC Dale and Brenda Baldwin for contacting the Clauses to get them to travel down from the North Pole for their special visit! It would not be a Christmas party without them!

The Rathbone Celebration Is Coming!

Attention all Lodges and attention all Knights! What should be our largest Three Rank Day of the entire year will be coming to Crescens Lodge #33 in New Castle on Saturday, February 17, 2024 (weather permitting). This will be in celebration of the 160th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Order Knights of Pythias. The Rathbone Bible will be present for the candidates to take their obligations on. The BIG bonus giveaways are still available for helping to rebuild the Knights of Pythias. \$1,000 in cash!, Get Away weekend! Colt Tickets! Lifetime membership!, Cash for signing up younger members! Other incentives! Embroidered Jackets! Work for the Pythian Order and receive your rewards!! Lets have a huge class for February! Every lodge should be represented!

Attention Venus Temple #50 Pythian Sister Members

Venus Temple #50 will be holding its final meeting of the year on Thursday, December 28th at 7:30 pm. This will be the election of Officers. This will be the final meeting prior to going dark until the end of March 2024, due to winter weather. We would like to welcome our newest members Kathy Brumley and Mae Fulton! We hope to see all of you at the December meeting! This is a good time to pay your dues for 2024, which are \$20.

Attention Members of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK

Due to the proximity of two major holidays to our December meeting, the Temple will not meet in the month of December. We will meet on January 31st at the District 4 Pythian Welcome Center in Muncie with Chili at 6 at

the meeting at 7. Dues of \$30 are due by January 1st. Please mail them to DOKK, PO Box 365, New Castle, IN 47362. Installation of Officers will take place with Votary Drew Godby taking the leadership as Royal Vizier.

All Members of the Pythian Order

Attention all members. Please keep in mind that your membership dues for your various Lodge(s) or Temples are due and payable by January 1st of 2024. Please do not procrastinate. We NEED you and value your membership! The Pythian Order is the BEST deal going for your membership dollars. You will not find any other organizations that offer you as much for such low membership dues.

Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year!

From Our Families To Yours...Happy Holidays!

Grand Chancellor Jeffrey L. Strahan

Grand Vice Chancellor Kenneth F Norris

Grand Prelate Donald L. Adams

Grand Secretary Dennis O. Adams

Grand Treasurer Richard P. Neal

Grand Master at Arms Gerald L. Griggs

Grand Inner Guard Wayne N. Hansen

Grand Outer Guard Gerald D. Murdock

Jr. Past Grand Chancellor Michael Langdon

Grand Chief Suzy Cyrus

Grand Senior Donna Ruetz

Grand Junior Jo Colgan

Grand Secretary Lori Loughmiller

Grand Treasurer Kris Smith

Grand Manager Jessica Larson

Grand Protector Rhonda Epperson

Grand Guard Toriann Harris

Sit. Past Grand Chief Dianne Miller

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Grand Trustee James W Smith, Jr

Grand Trustee Linda Randle

Grand Trustee Melissa Wilson

Grand Trustee Stephanie McKee

Grand Photographer Donald L. Adams

Grand Musician Sue Hendricks

This Christmas...
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