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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

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
July 11, 12 & 13, 2024 – Annual Grand Lodge & Grand Temple Conventions

Remembering our list of Sick and Shut-ins:

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers or maybe a card:
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.
Gr. Trustee Lowell Pruett – 10318 E CR 200 N, Apt 102, Indianapolis, IN 46234 – In hospital...needs prayers 2/20
Dawn Pruett – has also been sick with all of this stuff going around
PGC – Jodi Goff – 2072 N CR 200 W, New Castle, IN 47362 – at home with Covid for the 5th time
GM – Jessica Larson – 923 McCormack Dr, New Castle, IN 47362 – getting over Covid – still coughing
Knight Kyle Larson – trying to recover from Covid.
GS – Denny Adams – 1480 W CR 300 N, New Castle, IN 47362 – Got the “100 Day Cough” – in week 6 – still going

In Memory of PSC Audrey Wetterwald

Sisters: By the order of Supreme Chief Yolanda Chatwood, this proclamation is to inform all Sisters of the passing of Audrey J. Wetterwald, Past Supreme Chief. Audrey J. (Cooper) Wetterwald, age 81, a longtime resident of Chelmsford, passed away peacefully at Lowell General Hospital on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Edmund E. Wetterwald, Jr. with whom she enjoyed almost 60 years of marriage. She was born in Medford on Mother's Day, May 10, 1942, the fifth child of the late Marjorie Thelma (Scolley) and Kenneth W. Cooper.

Audrey graduated from Salem State College in 1964. She taught elementary education and remedial reading in Tewksbury, Headstart for CTI, and the Chapter 188 Program in Lowell. Audrey was a very active church member at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Chelmsford as a Sunday School teacher, choir member, chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and member of the Outreach Committee, Worship Committee, and Fair Committee. She was a lifelong active member of the Pythian Sisters, a sister organization to the Knights of Pythias, the first fraternal organization chartered by Congress under President Lincoln. She served in every office and by age 28 became Grand Chief, the highest office in the state. In 2002, Audrey was proudly elected to the Supreme Office as Supreme Guard of the US, Canada, and Italy. She continued to hold every Supreme office, ultimately serving as Supreme Chief from 2011 to 2014. Audrey loved puzzles and doing word games with her husband. She cherished the time spent with her beloved grandchildren. Audrey is survived by her husband, Ed; her daughter, Audrey (Wetterwald) Dascomb and husband Chuck Dascomb, and their two children Audrey and Michael (Londonderry NH); her son, Stephen Wetterwald (Dracut) and his daughter, Kassandra (Manchester NH); her son, Edmund Wetterwald and his wife Phoebe Foley (Chelmsford); and her sister, Marjorie Anderson (Dracut). Audrey was preceded in death by her parents, Marjorie and Kenneth, and her siblings Kenneth Cooper, Claire Maguire, and Gary Cooper. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 3, 2024, at 11am at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 242 Boston Rd., Chelmsford followed by Interment in Pine Ridge Cemetery, Chelmsford. Cards can be sent to Ed Wetterwald. Ed Wetterwald's address is: 11 Moonbeam Avenue Chelmsford, MA 01824 Grand Secretaries please pass this on to your Temples, and to drape your Charters for a period of 30 days for Sister Audrey. In P.L.E.& F., Jona Cowell Jona Cowell, Supreme Secretary "Memories keep loved ones close to our hearts forever." Yolanda Chatwood, Supreme Chief

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of **Past Chief Deloris Morgan**, 94, a pillar of Damon Temple #95. Sister Deloris had been the Most Excellent Chief for 15 years and will be sadly missed. The love of her life, Gene Morgan, to whom she married April 12, 1953, passed away January 10, 2022. She was also preceded in death by a brother Curtis Meadows. Left to cherish Deloris' memory is a daughter Gloria (Donald) Jording and one granddaughter Amalia Jording. She was a hairdresser for 60 years and very active in her community belonging to numerous other clubs and groups besides the Pythian Sisters. Visitation is 10am til the noon funeral services on Wednesday, February 21st. at Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Burial will be in Sheldon Cemetery in Sheldon, IL. Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Darrow Church of Christ.

Attention Members of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK

We will meet on February 28th at the District 4 Pythian Welcome Center in Muncie. with Chili at 6 and the meeting at 7. Dues of \$30 were due by January 1st. Please mail them to DOKK, PO Box 365, New Castle, IN 47362. Royal Vizier Drew Godby invites you to your Dokey meeting as we begin to plan for the year.

All Members of the Pythian Order

Attention all members. Please keep in mind that your membership dues for your various Lodge(s) or Temples were 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.

IMPORTANT 2024 CONVENTION INFORMATION

The work and planning for our annual conventions never stops. Such is the case with the 2024 Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Joint Convention. Here is what I DO know! There are 114 sleeping rooms in the hotel and 8 suites. I have now blocked 83 sleeping rooms and 2 suites for hospitality rooms. With the 2024 convention being a joint convention, we are now kicking into high gear on reservations! PLEASE, if you are thinking about attending the 2024 convention on July 11, 12 & 13, 2024 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** who attend the convention who are **NOT** on the expense account, the Grand Lodge will pay you \$100 toward your expenses. Any 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. \$100 to all Knights registering for the Grand Lodge Convention who answer roll call and who are not on the expense account All other expenses will be on you. **In all cases, scheduled meals must be reserved and paid for and then 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!!** Handicap rooms about gone!!

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 and are going quickly!!!

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION INFORMATION!!!!

PAST GRAND CHIEF'S LUNCHEON

Thursday, July 11, 2024 - 12 noon – You will be served and have your meeting in the Boilermaker room by the front lobby. You will enjoy Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Crisp green salad made from Mixed greens, Romaine, Tomatoes, Croutons, Cucumbers, Peppers, Onions, Cheeses, Ham, Turkey, Chicken with assorted dressings, a Baked Potato Bar including: Shredded Cheeses, Bacon, Broccoli, Green Onions, Sour Cream & Butter, topped off with cheesecake, lemonade and iced tea. COST - \$19.00 per person including tax & gratuity.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2024. 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 Past Grand Chief's Association dues of \$5.00 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 11th from 4:30pm until 5:45pm in Ballroom A-B! They will be serving us House Salad with 3 dressings, Penne Pasta, Marinara Meat sauce, Alfredo, Garlic Bread Sticks, Peach & Apple Cobbler, Iced Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade & Coffee. 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 \$23 including tax and gratuity. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED** through Grand Secretary Denny Adams. **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2024.** 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, 2024 - 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 12, 2024 – 12 noon – You will be served in the Boilermaker Room in the Lobby. You will enjoy Italian Beef, and Hamburgers. It includes coleslaw, potato salad, baked beans, kettle chips, assorted breads sliced tomatoes, lettuce, cheeses and condiments and Rainbow Sherbet plus lemonade or iced tea. COST – \$ 24.00 per person including tax & gratuity. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2024.** 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 12th - 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 \$20 including all taxes and gratuity.

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED through Grand Secretary Denny Adams. **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2024.** 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 12, 2024 – 6:30pm – It will be a delicious buffet in Ballroom A, B & C. IF you desire a reserved table, notify the GRAND LODGE OFFICE. You will have awesome three meat buffet of Fried Chicken, Meat Loaf with Brown Gravy and Pork Loin, Garlic Roasted Red Potatoes, Corn, Honey Glazed Carrots, Dinner Rolls & Butter, A House Salad with 3 assorted dressings, Assorted Cheesecakes and ice water, lemonade, iced tea or coffee. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!!** Reservation **DEADLINE is JULY 1, 2024.** ALL reservations are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. Cost is only \$35 for this great buffet. Make checks payable to the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

SATURDAY JOINT CELEBRATION LUNCHEON

Saturday, July 13, 2024 – 12 noon – Let us join together again for a “Backyard Bar-B-Q” as we celebrate our two leader’s years with a Celebration Luncheon! You will be served in Ballroom A & B. You will enjoy a buffet of Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Assorted Cheesecake plus Ice Water, Lemonade and Ice Tea and coffee. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!! RESERVATION DEADLINE is July 1, 2024.** ALL reservations are to be sent to the Grand Lodge Office, 1204 Broad Street, New Castle, IN 47362. NO MONEY REQUIRED...JUST RESERVATIONS!!!

SUNDAY MORNING FAREWELL BREAKFAST – Time Moved Up One Hour By Request!!

Sunday, July 14, 2022 – **8:00am** – 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.

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Thursday Evening Buffet Dinner @ \$23.00 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 Soup, Salad & Potato Bar Luncheon @ \$ 19.00 each RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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

Past Grand Chancellors/Golden Spur Friday Luncheon @ \$24.00 each RESERVATIONS REQD.

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

Friday Joint Buffet Pork Loin Lunch @ \$20.00 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

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

Formal Friday Night Buffet – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED @ \$35.00 each

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

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 IF YOU WISH. YOU ARE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL RESERVATIONS THAT ARE NOT CANCELLED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024. YOU MAY PAY BY CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD AT REGISTRATION ROOM.

Happy Pythian Anniversary Brothers!

(#394) Enrique Cuenca – 2/20/21; Richard Gaff – 2/8/1993; Rodney Kitchen – 2/21/1987; Robert Murphy – 2/16/2019; (#1907) 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;;(#60) Michael Deaton – 2/17/2001; Tony C Johnson – 2/10/1976; Paul E (Bo) Killey – 2/24/2007; John Mace – 2/18/2017; Jeff Miller – 2/17/2024; Lloyd James (Sonny) Sullivan – 2/20/2018; Timothy J Warren – 2/21/1987; (#3-5-7) Dennis Anness – 2/16/1997; Kenneth J Blancett – 2/11/2007; Terry Bonnet – 2/16/2019; James A Buckhorn – 2/18/2017; John Eric Corn – 2/17/2024; 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 – (#33)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;(#315) 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; (#51) Richard Pflanzler – 2/14/1999; Jeremy Russell – 2/20/2007; Kevin Russell – 2/20/2007; Christopher J Kell – 2/19/2005; (#342)Gerald J Randle – 2/23/1972; Charles Hendricks – 2/23/1972; Daniel Randle – 2/17/1990; Katherine Snider – 2/19/2022; (#492)Rick Massig – 2/21/2004; John Roche – 2/17/2002; Ethan Miller – 2/24/2014; Harold Wayne Williams – 2/13/2010; (#576) Casey Hartley – 2/13/2010; Zack Hartley – 2/18/2006;(#124) 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; (#253) 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; (“A”) 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; (#3737) Janson Tharp – 2/17/2024. If you are feeling alone, He says “Remember that I am always near you, closer than the air you breathe.”

Thank you for being a Knight of Pythias!

*160th Rathbone Celebration in commemoration
Of the Founding of the Order Knights of Pythias!*



*The new Knights of the 160th Rathbone Celebration Class!
Welcome (L-R) Janson Tharp of Murphy-Cross #3737,
John Eric Corn of Brotherhood #3-5-7 and
Jeff Miller of Brownstown #60 as they
proudly display the Rathbone Bible!*

To borrow the famous motto from the mailman... "neither rain nor snow nor the gloom of night can deter them from their"... That is kind of how the Brothers of Indiana felt as Mother Nature threw 4-5 inches of snow at the state on Friday afternoon and evening before the Rathbone Celebration on Saturday, February 17th. But, thanks to some great road crews across the state, most of our brothers were able to make it from long distance for what turned out to be a very enjoyable day of Pythian fellowship. We were not to be deterred from holding one of the most important meetings of the year! The day started off with a Grand Council meeting at 10:31 am. Business was conducted in an efficient manner with the highlight being the awarding of \$24,000 worth of Grand Chancellor's Grants to 8 lodges. A delicious fried chicken lunch was served to nearly 25 Brothers and candidates in attendance with the Ranks beginning at 1:15 pm. The Ranks were portrayed in full with a complete senate and everyone was on the way home by 4:45pm. There were 6 Grand Lodge officers in attendance, 4 Past Grand Chancellors and 2 District Deputies. Brothers represented the following Lodges: Crescens #33, Brownstown #60, Frankton #315, Lizton #342, Brotherhood #3-5-7 and Ashley #394. Grand Chancellor Jeffery Strahan was presented at the close of the meeting and given Grand Honors. He welcomed the new Knights and all in attendance. He thanked Crescens Lodge #33 for being the host for this special day.