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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

March 27, 2024 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Supper @ 6 – Meeting @ 7 – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 - Carmel
April 13, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #1 Convention – Ashley Lodge #394
April 14, 2024 – Murphy-Cross #3737 Grand Celebration! – Cammack Station – 1pm – (see story)
April 20, 2024 – Pythian Sister District #2 Convention – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Muncie
April 27, 2024 – Knights Grand Council Meeting - 11:01 am – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center - Muncie
July 11, 12 & 13, 2024 – Annual Grand Lodge & Grand Temple Conventions
July 13, 2024 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Ceremonial at the Grand Lodge Convention – 7:30 pm

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
Knight Kyle Larson – trying to recover from Covid & cough

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we report the death of Brother Scott Rodgers on March 10, 2024. Brother Scott was a life member of Crescens Lodge #33. In his younger days he had resided in New Castle with his step parents, the late PGC Charles and Ruth Rodgers. The family later on moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico where Scott was living at his death. Brother Charlie passed away there on June 28, 2022. Ruth still lives there and survives. Scott's father, J. D. Lee resides in New Castle. Scott Joined the Knights on June 28, 1988. He had a total of almost 30 years of membership. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family and friends.

In Memoriam To Our Grand Trustee

Lowell James Pruett of Indianapolis passed away at age 77 on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at Wellbrooke Rehabilitation of Avon following a long illness. He was preceded in death by his twin sister, Lola Jane (Pruett) Levingston.

Lowell was born on April 3, 1946 in Crawfordsville, IN to the late Henerson Phillip Allen and Ida Caroline (Minnich) Allen. Lowell was a 1964 graduate of Ben Davis High School.

Lowell is survived by his wife of 31 years, Dawn A. (Cross-Bryan) Pruett; one daughter, Sherri Lynn (Thomas) Curl; one son, H. Allen (Heather) Pruett; five grandchildren, Alyssa Nicole, William Colby, Brianna Aileen, Nathanael M. Allen, and Liberty Esther; and three great-grandchildren, W. Jaxon, Scarlett E., and Juniper J.

Lowell served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. Lowell was a lifetime member of IVFA (IN Volunteer Firefighters Association), Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department and Tailboard Rider's Assoc. of the Wayne Township Fire Department, served as Deputy State Fire Marshal for Indiana and retired as Fire Marshal of the Brownsburg Fire Territory. Lowell was a member of Your Venture Church of Lizton as well as several benevolent organizations, American Legion Post #145, Avon. Lowell proudly served as a "Green Skittle" for Indy Honor Flight Plainfield, IN.

Lowell James Pruett joined the Order Knights of Pythias November 28, 1995 when he took his Rank of Page in Lizton Lodge #342. He received his Rank of Esquire December 12, 1995 and was Knighted April 11, 1996, just 8 days past his 50th birthday. Lowell's first office was Master at Arms which he filled in 1997. He served as Lodge Secretary in 2003, as Master of the Work in 2005. He first became Chancellor Commander January 21st 2008 and remained so thru 2009. He was again elected Chancellor Commander in 2012 and held that position thru 2019. Brother Lowell became a Grand Trustee when he was appointed by PGC Jerry Weilenman on May 2, 2017 upon the passing of Grand Trustee PGC LaRue Cross. Lowell served the Grand Trustee position honorably until his passing. He served the Knights of Pythias in any capacity he could and on July 14, 2022 he received his Highest Pythian Honor when he became a Sir Knight of the Golden Spur...an honor that can not be purchased but must be earned. Rest in peace Sir Knight!

Funeral services were held Monday, March 18, at Eric MD Bell Funeral Home, 220 N Maple Street, Pittsboro, IN, 46167. Calling was from 2-4 p.m. Knights of Pythias services held at 3:45 p.m. with funeral services immediately following. Honor Guard services were held at the conclusion of the services on Monday. Burial was on Tuesday, March 19, at 11 a.m. at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road, Madison, IN, 47250.

Please consider donations in lieu of flowers to: Indy Honor Flight, PO Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168, info@indyhonorflight.org for on-line donations.

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! We officially, as of today, have HALF of our rooms booked!! 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!! ROOM RATE - \$138.88 – INCLUDING TAX – NIGHTLY. *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 if on the expense account.** 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!!*

MEAL RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO MAKE!!

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.

Please remember that the support of these meals is what helps keep our rates lower!

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.

Attention Members of Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK

We will meet on March 27th at Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 in Carmel. with Supper 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.

A Card of Thanks

Thank you for your generous monetary gifts, cash match (matching funds for Morocco #492) and plant donations! We are so thankful for your generous support! Your gifts will allow us to expand programs through the New Year to aid those in need in Newton County. Thank you so much! Trisha Drain, Executive Director, Newton County Community Services

Thank you for your generous matching donation of \$250.00 (Ashley #394) for Sunny Meadows Assisted Living facility in Auburn. We are using the funds you have sent to the “Warm Heart Program” to provide equipment for their newly renovated game room for the residents. Your help in making their Christmas party fun and meaningful for the residents at this assisted living facility was truly heart warming! Sunny Meadows is one of (11) County Homes still in operation in the State of Indiana. This home operates as an assisted living facility for the mentally disabled men and women in our community. We currently have 22 residents. Your partners in caring - Becky Hoover – Spencerville Eastern Star.

It’s A Party And YOU Are Invited!!

Our newest Knights Lodge...Murphy-Cross Lodge #3737 of Muncie invites everyone to come and celebrate the start of this new lodge! It will be coming together for a BIG party at the Cammack Station, 9200 W Jackson St in Muncie (or Cammack) on Sunday, April 14th at 1pm. They are hoping the huge Sunday crowds will be clearing out by then so they can party together! They feature Sodas, Ice Cream and Sandwiches with Loaded Cheese Fries or Tots, Grilled Chicken Salad, Tenderloins, Philly Cheese Steaks, Sloppy Joes, Campfire Burgers, a Tiger Burger all listed as specialties on the delicious menu along with Shakes, Banana Splits, Strawberry Shortcakes and the Peanut Butter Explosion Sundae highlighting a multiple flavor hard ice cream bar. To cap off the day the lodge will also be honoring 57 year Veteran Denny Adams, Grand Secretary, as it will be his 75th birthday. So...come and join the party at the Cammack Station Sunday, April 14th at 1pm!!

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!

Duane Colgan – 3/21/81, Lloyd DePew – 3/30/87, Mike Hetrick – 3/15/21, Alan Rossi – 3/15/21, David Williams – 3/15/21, David Greger – 3/4/14, Tim Mace – 3/1/88, Michael Sovern – 3/38/78, John Wm. Spurgeon – 3/1/88, Neil Anger – 3/10/12, Steve Crago – 3/23/13, Wilfredo Geronimo – 3/23/13, Wayne Hansen – 3/23/13, Matt Hawkins – 3/10/12, Bill Sanders, Jr – 3/22/14, Brandon Schultz – 3/22/14, Myron Sharp – 3/10/75, Richard Long – 3/7/67, Gregory Lower – 3/21/81, Kim Willman – 3/8/88, Joe Anderson – 3/22/14, Jon Barnes – 3/9/89, Robert Burton – 3/22/14, David E. Johnson – 3/22/15, Verne Blon McCue – 3/12/12, Peter McKay – 3/22/14, Mike Morgan – 3/22/15, Dustin Murphy – 3/22/15, Steve Pfenninger – 3/7/78, Ronald Roysden – 3/10/12, Robert Roysden – 3/10/12, William Ted Stephens – 3/22/15, Randy Waddell – 3/22/15, Justin Brown – 3/23/21, Dave Chasey – 3/31/18, Robert Lee Clemence -3/31/18, Michael Grimes – 3/31/18, Brian Israel – 3/26/19, John Meredith – 3/26/10, Gerald Sandman – 3/31/18, Dave Scanlon – 3/31/18, Jason Smith – 3/31/18, Lee Tweedie – 3/31/18, Michael Vinson – 3/31/18, Jack Lewis – 3/23/81, Dylan Smith – 3/23/13, Larry Powell – 3/24/00, Larry Joe Vickrey – 3/6/73, Arthur Craig – 3/23/13, David Sell – 3/23/70, Lee Shirer – 3/21/60, Lloyd Vencel – 3/4/84, Ian Books – 3/10/12, Mitchell Bowdell – 3/10/12, Richard Beesley – 3/29/96, Doug Campbell – 3/29/96, James French – 3/7/01, Joe Martin – 3/7/01, Dan Moran – 3/7/01, Bill Parker – 3/29/96, Eric Ragsdale – 3/7/01, Garren Cullison – 3/2/17, Donald Fiscus – 3/22/65, Bob Keyes – 3/6/23, Rick Rossi – 3/6/23,

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!

A Thought to End This Edition With

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America ' for an amount of 'up to and including His life.' You may not always know the details of your journey or clearly see where the trail is leading, but God will always give you enough light to take the next step. Calling an illegal alien an 'undocumented immigrant' is like calling a drug dealer an 'unlicensed pharmacist'.

Thank God every day for the men and women that keep us safe and help us to live as free Americans! God Bless the USA!

Special Thanks to Dawn for sharing this thought from my Friend and Brother Forever Grand Trustee Lowell Pruett