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PARTIAL LISTING OF REPORTED UPCOMING EVENTS OF LODGES & TEMPLES

April 22, 2024 – Rank of Page & Esquire – Morocco \$492 – Supper at 7:30pm EST
April 24, 2024 – Al Hilal Temple #33, DOKK – Meeting District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Supper 6
April 27, 2024 – Knights Grand Council Meeting - 11:01 am – District #4 Pythian Welcome Center – Muncie
May 4, 2024 – Three Rank Day – Crescens #33 – New Castle – 10 am – Lunch after Esquire
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
Aug 18, 2024 – DOKK to Indianapolis Indians Ballgame – 1:35pm – 30 tickets - \$12 - FCFServed

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
PGC Cathy KleinKnight – PO Box 665, North Webster, IN 46555 – Accident – Broke foot, cracked wrist, sprained ankle
Stephanie Sanders (wife of Grand Tribune Billy Sanders) – 411 Gradle Dr, Carmel, IN 46032 – Needs the
Power of our prayers for healing from a very serious surgery & thinking of you cards.

FINAL CONVENTION ROOM PLANNING!!!

With the 2024 convention being a joint convention, we are now kicking into high gear on reservations! We officially, less than 30 rooms are left in our block!!!! 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 are about gone! 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!! You have SEVEN weeks left!! **YOUR DEADLINE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM AND RESERVE YOUR MEALS IS JUNE 1, 2024.** A room will NOT be guaranteed available for you as I release all rooms left in the block after this date!! ROOM RATE - \$138.88 – INCLUDING TAX – NIGHTLY. Call or e-mail me TODAY!!

*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** convention 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 and double rooms are about gone!!*

MAKE MEAL RESERVATIONS NOW!!

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 JUNE 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 JUNE 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 12, 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 JUNE 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 JUNE 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 JUNE 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 JUNE 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 April 24th at the District #4 Pythian Welcome Center in Muncie 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 convention ceremonial. Your Dokey Temple will also be going to the Indianapolis Indians baseball game on Sunday, August 18th at 1:35pm. Reserved tickets on the third base side are just \$12 for the group! We have 30 tickets reserved. They are open to anyone on a first come-first served basis. Send reservations to either Wayne Hansen or to Denny Adams. If you are thinking about joining the World’s largest Dokey Temple...contact any Dokey or get in contact with Drew Godby, Royal Vizier, Wayne Hansen, Secretary or Denny Adams, Treasurer. It is a Privilege to be Knight but a Pleasure to be a Dokey!

CONVENTION MEAL RESERVATION FORM

Thursday Evening Buffet Dinner @ \$23.00 each – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 1ST

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 BY JUNE 1ST

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

Past Grand Chancellors/Golden Spur Friday Luncheon @ \$24.00 each RESERVATIONS BY JUNE 1

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

Friday Joint Buffet Pork Loin Lunch @ \$20.00 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 1ST

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

Formal Friday Night Buffet @ \$35.00 RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 1ST

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

Saturday Joint Celebration Luncheon – RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY JUNE 1ST 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 JUNE 1, 2024. YOU MAY PAY BY CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD AT REGISTRATION ROOM.

Happy Pythian Anniversary!

(492) Albert McMaken – 4/10/1957; (60) Randy Forgey – 4/16/1991; (3-5-7) Joseph Cline – 4/23/2022; Merle Kranning – 4/23/2022; Jeff Moore – 4/23/2022; Jose “Carlo” Napomuceno – 4/23/2022; Paul Ritenour – 4/23/2022; Michael Salloum – 4/23/2022; (A) Cecil Key – 4/8/1975; Nickolas Nugent – 4/19/1975; (33) Mark Boatright – 4/10/2018; Michael Caldwell – 4/2/2019; James Jensma – 4/17/2010; Allan Pierce – 4/17/2010; Michael Ritter – 4/15/2007; Blake Shackelford – 4/15/2015; Matthew Sousa – 4/2/2019; Richard Stults – 4/7/2015; Terry Troxell – 4/17/1990; Ralph Willis – 4/7/1956; (828) Rick Blacker – 4/24/2018; Paul Haynes – 4/24/2018; John “Woody” Ricks – 4/24/2018; Ken Stanford – 4/24/2018; Richard Stoops – 4/24/2018; Joe Sutton, III – 4/24/2018; Wally Watts – 4/24/2018; (99) Keith Class – 4/6/1974; John Fuhs – 4/4/1977; Albert White – 4/6/1974; (315) Dale Baldwin – 4/5/1984; Terry George – 4/18/1968; Rick Granger – 4/24/1975; Jerry Hutson – 4/25/1991; Fred Quimby – 4/13/1978; (Lodge 2019 initiatory date for the lodge of 4/7/2019 for:) Joseph Allen, Edwin Board, David Cade, Douglas Fraker, Ivan Dean Lancaster, David Schroeder, Geoffrey Sutton; (342) Floyd Garland – 4/10/1957; (492) Barney Belt – 4/25/22; Bruce Cunningham – 4/1/1995; Robert Gonczy – 4/1/1995; Jim Large – 4/25/2022; Lewis Pleasant, Sr - 4/23/1983; Hartley Rowe – 4/18/1961; Mark Wuderink – 4/10/2023; (124) Benjamin Beesley – 4/14/2008; Brandon Beesley – 4/14/2008; Chad Glendening – 4/14/2008; Duane Lewellen – 4/14/2008; Eric Smith – 4/14/2008; Zachary Smith – 4/14/2008; Nicholas Threlkeld – 4/14/2008; (253) Kenneth Hart – 4/11/1985.

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 Card of Thanks

Thank you for choosing me as your scholarship recipient. This scholarship will help me achieve my goals. Thank you for believing in me.

Sincerely, Lily Farmer, New Castle, IN – a Dist #4 Winner

Crescens Lodge Holds Table Lodge

One of the favorite meetings of the year was held at Crescens Lodge #33 on 19th, It was time to re-configure the lodge room, set up tables into a triangle around the altar and get ready for table lodge. A regular lodge meeting is held until it is time for dinner. Then lodge is moved from labor to refreshment and it is time to enjoy our dinner...this year being lasagna, salad, bread and brownies. After the 14 members in attendance got their fill, the lodge came from refreshment to labor and finished our business. The meeting concluded with standard toasts being made by all of the officers. It is truly a fun night and certainly a different lodge meeting. Crescens Lodge started doing Table Lodge the year that the late PGC James Lund was Grand Chancellor and has continued that tradition ever since that first one in 2007.

Eclipse Day April 8th, 2024!

This was certainly an event that many of us will remember forever! To witness the happenings in your community and the total darkness was awesome and worth telling about. If you have any pictures and/or just thoughts that you would like to share, please send them to the Grand Lodge Office e-mail at indianaglkop@att.net for inclusion in the May copy of the PSN!

JUST IN!

Your deadline for ALL meal reservations for the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Convention is JUNE 1st!! The Hotel is requesting an earlier than normal deadline to make sure that the supply chain can deliver on time for us. If you are going...if you have already reserved your room...reserve your meals TODAY!!! A REMINDER...Both MEALS and ROOMS MUST be reserved by JUNE 1st!!!!

Almost A World Championship And Doing A Lot Of Donating!



Angie Moody, representing the Sugar Creek Arts Center of Thorntown, is all smiles which is kind of hard to do standing between these two characters!! Angie is the proud recipient of \$1,915 from a fundraiser conducted for the center.

The event featured a chili cook-off in which Thorntown Lodge placed 3rd and received \$50 for their efforts, which they donated back to the Center! Brother Mark Jones (L) and Brother Nick Threlkeld proudly display the 3rd place trophy from the chili cook-off. I understand that they came real close to winning the “World Championship” trophy!! Maybe...just maybe they can bring their chili over to the 34th annual Knights of Pythias Chili Cook-off & Car Show on October 13th at Memorial Park’s Smith Auditorium in NC and place 3rd again!! Consider this an official challenge!! Also...Our Brothers from #124 recently voted to DOUBLE their annual Scholarship donations to worthy students who are children of #124 members who apply to them. Instead of the normal \$1,000 they gave \$2,000...4-\$500 Scholarships to Mackenzie Schick, Adelaide Jones, Wyatt Barnett and Stefanie Dickerson! Congratulations to the winners and to Thorntown #124 for an awesome program benefitting our youth and the lodge!!

It Was NOT Lost Only Forgotten, But Now It IS FOUND!!!!

The Brothers of Murphy-Cross Lodge #3737 of Muncie met for their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd. In the process of doing some clean-up, they discovered an old scrapbook. In this scrapbook was a picture of some of the Welcome #37 Brothers laying a wreath at this monument which was erected by Welcome Lodge #37 many years ago. The picture was dated May of 1968, some 56 years ago!! We are not sure how long that practice was continued. The Brothers at #3737 came away determined to find the monument. Secretary James Smith, Jr located it within 24 hours!! Now the #3737 membership is determined to clean the monument and this Memorial Day salute the memory of all of those Brothers who made Welcome Lodge #37 the lodge that it was and have laid the groundwork to help make Murphy-Cross #3737 into a great lodge once again in the Muncie community.

In commemoration of the memory of those Brothers who have gone on to be with the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, the Officers and Members of Murphy-Cross Lodge #3737 will be re-dedicating this monument to the memory of our Brothers by laying a wreath at the monument on Wednesday, May 22nd at 12 noon. It is hoped that many members of Murphy-Cross Lodge #3737 and many former members of Welcome Lodge #37 will be in attendance for this historic and what is hoped to be annual occasion.

Andy Harry, Chancellor Commander
Murphy-Cross Lodge #3737
Muncie, Indiana

