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

*Please check this calendar to avoid major conflicts of events on the same dates...*

Dec 25, 2024 – Merry Christmas!!! NO DOKK Meeting in December.

Dec 31, 2024 – Crescens #33 – New Years Eve Party – 8pm - ??? – BYOB event – Open to all.

Feb 15, 2025 – 161<sup>st</sup> Rathbone Celebration Three Rank Day – Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 – Carmel – 11am

Mar 1, 2025 – Al Hilal #33, DOKK – Spring Ceremonial – New Castle

Mar 22, 2025 – DOKK outing to Indy Fuel Hockey game in Fishers – RSVP to Wayne Hansen- 317-650-2230

April 25-26, 2025 – State Bowling Tourney – MVP Lanes, Ft Wayne – Chad Hartley, Chm. – Info coming

July 10-13 , 2025 – Grand Lodge/Grand Temple Conventions – Courtyard by Marriott – Lafayette

**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

Stephanie Sanders (wife of Grand Outer Guard Billy Sanders) – 411 Gradle Dr, Carmel, IN 46032 – Needs Prayers

Jody Fedor – 1146 Fairway Dr – Indianapolis, IN 46260 – Pray for our Brother – Send him cards please!

**In Memory**

Past Chancellor John C. Fields, 90, of Crescens Lodge #33, passed away on November 13, 2024. Brother John had been in failing health and confined to a nursing facility the past two years. John joined the Order January 21, 1971 in Alquina Lodge #456. When Alquina closed, he transferred to Cambridge #9 in 1989. He then transferred

to Crescens #33 on 8/1/2003 when Cambridge merged. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Brother John's family and friends and to the officers and members of Crescens Lodge #33 at your loss.

### **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; 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.

### **Corrected Poster Contest Information**

The Supreme Lodge has once again announced the Poster Contest for students who wish to make a poster. The topics have once again been changed to a different format. This contest has been re-worked and now has basically four divisions! The hand drawn and computer-generated divisions will be for 6 to 8<sup>th</sup> graders and the same for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12 graders. Supreme pays \$1,000 to win in each division! Indiana, in 2024, had one national winner and one runner-up! \$1,500 was made by these students plus state and local prizes! Get involved with your local schools! A great way to get the Knights of Pythias name out! The topic for 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders is "You Have A Friend In Me". For 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders it will be "Together We Stand". New this year...the person that sponsors the student...i.e. Art teacher, Librarian, 4-H leader, Scout leader, etc. will receive \$250 if their student places in the top four in the Supreme contests. Poster literature is being re-made and will be sent to all Lodge Secretaries & District Deputies and is available from the Grand Secretary. Entry deadline is April 1, 2025. The new literature will soon be posted on indianapythias.org website!

### **SCHOLARSHIP FORMS NOW AVAILABLE!!**

The 2025 Knights of Pythias Academic Assistance Scholarship Forms are available on the indianapythias.org state website! If you are a High School senior and are NOT Pythian affiliated, use the PUBLIC form. If you are a Pythian or related to a Pythian, use the applicable PYTHIAN form. If you have already been in the Pythian program, and are maintaining a "B" GPA, you have 4 years of eligibility. You MUST re-file EACH year using the PYTHIAN COLLEGE form. Regardless, always remember to include your two essays **and your transcript** from either high school or college. The new system is PDF fillable and is done on-line. When finished, hit the submit button. The program will send it to the Grand Lodge office. If you have any questions, e-mail at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto:indianaglkop@att.net) or call 765-686-1735. Winners will be e-mailed and listed on the website when judging is completed around mid to late April. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS JANUARY 31,2025!!

### **GRAND LODGE/GRAND TEMPLE ROOM RESERVATIONS NOW OPEN!!**

The work and planning for our annual conventions never stops. Such is the case with the 2025 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 2025 convention being a joint convention again, we are now kicking into high gear on reservations! PLEASE, if you are thinking about attending the 2025 convention on July 10, 11 & 12, 2025 at the Courtyard by Marriott in Lafayette...PLEASE send me an e-mail at [indianaglkop@att.net](mailto: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](mailto: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!!*

### **161<sup>st</sup> Rathbone Celebration Is Coming!!**

The 161<sup>st</sup> Rathbone Celebration is coming to Brotherhood Lodge #3-5-7 on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 11 am. All three Ranks of Knighthood will be conferred. Your challenge is to learn your ritualistic part by memory. Let us show the Supreme Domain that Indiana is the leader in ritualistic work and does not need rituals to conduct rank work! Remember, top line signers are still eligible to win \$1,000 at the convention. You must sign up at least five new Knights to be eligible. The Eligible Brother who signs up the most will be the Membership Champion for 2025! Sign up four new Knights and receive an awesome embroidered jacket. If you sign up at least one new Knight, you will be eligible for a \$500 get away weekend, a pair of Colt tickets (\$250 value), new this year...a pair of either Pacer or Fever basketball tickets (\$200 value) and a Lifetime Membership (value \$150). Your lodge will receive \$100 if shows a gain in membership! Will we see an increase in membership in Indiana for the fourth consecutive year??? Your lodge is either growing or failing. Will you help continue the Knights of Pythias in your community??? The gauntlet has been laid down! Will YOU pick it up?? Who will be Lodge of the year? **WE ARE THE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS!**

### **Crescens Lodge Hosting Statewide New Years Eve Celebration!**

Crescens Lodge #33 of New Castle invites the state of Indiana to come and help celebrate the arrival of 2025 with a big New Year's Eve celebration! This is open to everyone and no reservations are required! It will be held in the Historic Church Street Gymnasium, 1201 Church Street in New Castle. This part of the old YMCA which is located 3 blocks directly south of the Crescens Lodge hall. No steps to climb!

It starts at 9pm and will run until we celebrate the new year arriving! Bring your favorite board games or your best boogie shoes as DJ Karl Niles will be there to help us with the party atmosphere! Bring your favorite finger food and snacks to share on the snack table and what ever you want to drink for the evening. And remember...this is a BYOB affair! One nice thing about being in the Church Street Gym is the fact that the kids will have their own upper gym to party in so they don't have to put up with us ""seniors"! It has been several years since we all got together on New Years Eve, so bring your NYE party favors...bring it all to make this on big party to bring in 2025 as we start off a new year with a bang! That is literally....as we are bound to shoot a few fireworks at midnight!! Hope to see you there!!

At  
this  
time of  
the year, we  
like to pause and  
remember all of our Pythian  
Brothers and Sisters that hold a special  
place in our hearts. May Friendship never leave  
your thoughts about another, may Charity always be  
what drives us to help those who are less fortunate and may  
**Benevolence** be the kindness that is the spark of our everyday life!  
Let the Purity of your life be a shining example to those you come in contact  
with on a daily basis, where they see your Love for mankind and for them as you  
do your good works! Let us all treat those we come in contact with without judgement  
and with Equality and  
let us show our Fidelity  
for our Beloved Pythian  
Orders this Christmas!  
Merry Christmas to you  
and your families from  
all of us and our family!

Grand Chancellor Ken Norris  
Grand Vice Chancellor Don Adams  
Grand Prelate Gary Griggs  
Grand Secretary Denny Adams  
Grand Treasurer Richard Neal  
Grand Master at Arms Wayne Hansen  
Grand Inner Guard Gerald Murdock  
Grand Outer Guard Billy Sanders  
Jr. Past Grand Chancellor Jeff Strahan

Grand Chief Donna Ruetz  
Grand Senior Jo Colgan  
Grand Junior Jessica Larson  
Grand Secretary Lori Loughmiller  
Grand Treasurer Kris Smith  
Grand Manager Rhonda Epperson  
Grand Protector Cassie Willis  
Grand Guard Debbie Michael  
Sitting Past Grand Chief Suzy Cyrus