

# Ohio Pythian News

*Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Domain of Ohio*

**CELEBRATING MORE THAN 150 YEARS OF PYTHIANISM!**

## Message from Grand Chancellor

April 2017

Founders Day! What a great day! Re-obligation of all Knights present. The Rathbone Bible and 14 new members. Lodge representation from all over the state. Good fellowship was at its best. Thanks to all who were there for their help in making this a great day.

Many thanks to Red Star Lodge #205 for use of their Lodge Hall and Grand Chief Judy Pennington for the delicious meal. Thanks to the Pythian Sisters who lent a hand on this busy day.

Thanks again to all for a great day,

Fraternally,

*John R. Morris, Jr.*

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Grand Chancellor

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## Grand Chancellor's Charity - HONOR FLIGHT

The program honors all men and women over 65 who served in the armed forces either stateside or overseas and provides free transportation and tours of the war memorials in Washington, D.C. All donations collected will be split between the 5 regional honor flight organizations in Findlay, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, & Cincinnati).



### **THANK YOU!**

**Champion Lodge No. 581 - \$250.00**

**Valley Lodge No. 169 - \$100.00**

Make checks payable to "K of P Grand Lodge of Ohio" and send ALL Grand Chancellor Charity Donations to the Grand Secretary at the following address:

K of P Grand Lodge of Ohio, c/o Martin Trent, 4267 S. Xenia Dr., Enon, OH 45323

**Another great way you and your Lodge can support Honor Flight and honor our veterans is to be at the airport and cheer on the returning vets at the conclusion of their flight. For instance, the next honor flight in the Dayton area is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the Welcome Home for the vets at the airport will be between 10:45pm and 11:15pm that night (meet at the ticket counter). Find your nearest Honor Flight organization on the Internet and get their upcoming tour schedules and details about their Welcome Home gatherings. What a great community project for a Lodge and what a great way for the Fraternity to honor our vets!**

## Pythian Historical Marker Dedication – April 21, 2017 at 1:00pm

*Miami Valley Lodge No. 703 was chartered in 1897 and located in South Lebanon, Ohio (Warren County). It ceased to exist as a Lodge prior to 1945. A community group in South Lebanon has been working on restoring/preserving the building in which the Lodge used to meet. They have arranged for an Ohio Historical Site marker to be placed at the building and have asked the Grand Lodge of Ohio Knights of Pythias to participate in the unveiling and dedication of this historical marker. Details are as follows:*

**Friday, April 21, 2017 – 1:00pm**

**83 Section Street (corner of Section and Broadway)**

**South Lebanon, Ohio 45065**

**Park in back or at side.**

**A Dedication Ceremony will be accompanied by light appetizers.**

**The Grand Chancellor and Grand Secretary will make comments**

**on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.**

**We will then process to 100 E. McKinley Street for the unveiling of the marker.**

**All Pythians are welcome and encouraged to attend this unique event.**

**Wear a Pythian shirt or jewel to proudly display your Pythian membership.**

## Grand Secretary Needs Your Help!

Over the years, the Grand Secretary's Office has changed location a number of times and records have been lost. As a historical record of the official actions of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary should have a complete set of the Journals from the inception of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to present.

Unfortunately, the Grand Secretary is lacking many years of Journals. Please look through the archives in your Lodge and if you have old Grand Lodge Journals, please contact the Grand Secretary at 937-864-5603 or standrews619@yahoo.com. He is particularly interested in locating the following:

### Journals Needed:

Pre-1901

1902-1913

1915-1925

1927

1933

1935-1939

1941-1944

## 2017 Grand Lodge Convention – Make Lodging Reservations

*The Grand Lodge and Grand Temple Convention will be August 30 through September 2, 2017 in Fairborn, Ohio. We have booked the convention at a very nice Holiday Inn that was recently remodeled. It is a beautiful facility and their service and food are excellent. The room rates are a little higher than in the past, but they include a full breakfast buffet each day – not the usual cheapo “free” hotel breakfast – a full restaurant breakfast buffet! I’m confident you will be impressed with this hotel and enjoy your stay there during Convention. Details for making room reservations are below.*

**Holiday Inn Fairborn  
2800 Presidential Dr.  
Fairborn, OH 45324  
937-426-7800**

**Room Rate = \$104.00 plus tax**

**Mention “Knights of Pythias” to receive the special rate including breakfast.**

*If you are viewing this newsletter electronically on your computer, you can make reservations using the following on-line booking link: [Holiday Inn – K of P](#) Simply manually enter the check in and check out dates in mm/dd/yyyy format and the special rate will automatically appear. If you have any trouble, call the hotel and they will be happy to assist.*

## Grand Lodge 3-Rank Classes in April and May!

Brother Knights – There are two 3-Rank Classes sponsored by the Grand Lodge of Ohio in April and May. The Grand Lodge officers are expected to be there, but they will need help to fill in parts and support the initiation of new Knights. There will be the usual free meal following each of the events. Details are below. Please attend and support these important Pythian events if you are able.

### **Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1pm**

Cheviot Lodge #755 (our GC’s home lodge!)  
Cheviot Eagles Hall  
3807 Glenmore Avenue  
Cheviot, Ohio 45211

### **Sunday, May 7, 2017**

Valley Lodge #169  
Logan Masonic Hall  
1295 East Front Street  
Logan, Ohio 43138

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*"If brotherly love held all men bound,  
what a beautiful world this would be."*

J.H. Rathbone

We're on the Web!  
[www.seekinglight.com](http://www.seekinglight.com)

## Reminder

### POSTER CONTEST

Note Below – The Grand Lodge Poster Contest Judging and Award Announcement will be on SATURDAY MORNING of Ohio Society, immediately following the Joint Opening and Memorial Service. This is a change from previous years. All posters must be physically present at the judging location no later than 9:30am on Saturday, May 6, 2017.

Work with your local schools and be sure your local judging is complete in time to bring the posters to Mansfield for State-Level Judging in May!

### Calendar of Events

**Durward Lodge #153 Fish Fry – Apr 22**

**Talmadge Lodge #194 Fish Fry Dates at Vets Field in Mt. Sterling  
11am – 7pm on Apr 27&28, May 25&26, Jun 29-Jul 1, Jul 27&28,  
Aug 25&26, and Sep 28&29**

**3-Ranks – Apr 23 and May 7 – See 3<sup>rd</sup> page for details**

**May 5-6, 2017 – OHIO SOCIETY (DOKK & NofA) AND GRAND LODGE  
POSTER CONTEST JUDGING**

**Best Western – Richland Inn, 180 E. Haney Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903  
(419) 756-6670 - Located at Exit 169 on Interstate 71**

**Mention "Ohio Society" to get reduced group rate on room**

**Friday evening – Pizza Party - \$10 – RSVP to Shirley McAlister (740) 262-6438**

**\*\*\* NOTE CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER FOR SHIRLEY MCALISTER\*\*\***

**Saturday 10am – Joint Opening, Memorial, POSTER CONTEST  
Lunch at Der Dutchman (four miles from hotel)**

**June 24-25, 2017 – Ray Snarr Memorial Golf Tournament @ Rocky Lakes  
Golf Course, Springfield, Ohio**

**July 30, 2017 – Pythian Picnic NORTH @ Cleveland (more details to follow)  
Pythian Picnic SOUTH will be announced soon**

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